



Minutes from the Swimming Committee meeting of 14.10.2021

Present:

C Robinson, P Robbins, G Griffin, S Yeoman, A Osborne, J John, L Leffers, N Vause, S Haigh, C Vickery

Apologies:

A Smart, C Elliott, D Avery.

Chrissie welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies. Nothing had been heard from Kelly Podbury.

There are just two points for discussion at this meeting:

1. Competition the way forward
2. Masters Inter Counties 14 Nov 2021

1. Sandra Yeoman has sent in her suggestions on a way forward based on her knowledge from Wiltshire county work.

Comments were welcomed but there were none.

CR stated there were the other documents which had been circulated; CV Admin and Events Co-Ordinator amendment of Job Description and the new position of Meet Pool Lead.

The Meet pool lead role can be either a person or a club.

SY stated she felt these two roles were still too much for two people. CR replied it is not actually 2 people, one is a regionally employed person office based and then the Meet Pool Lead could be a person or a club.

AO stated there is expertise out there but people are not coming forward to volunteer.

CR also suggested that perhaps the Swimming Committee needs re-vamping as we need to attract people to undertake jobs required at events.

CR informed the committee that a proper plan is needed for the way forward.

Discussion followed:

Plymouth should not be a problem for holding events and Millfield should also be ok.

Hengrove potentially could have issues with people willing to come forward although LL stated Wiltshire has people willing to help, LL also feels people need to be familiar with the venue to help. Also people need to be approached and asked to help rather than expecting people to put themselves forward.

JJ said that whichever club leads at the event they need to have contacts and links for support.

CR responded that clubs and contacts emails will be made available.

PR stated that the number of volunteers from clubs depends on the number of entries from that club.

CR: The Admin and Events role prepares everything for the event and then whoever is running the meet goes to the office and collects their packages and runs the event at the venue. There is no need for CV to attend the event.

Suggestion was made for AO SY CR and CV to have a face to face meeting to work on the plan further. Tentative booking on 08.11.2021

Concerns from JJ are we are calling on the same volunteers/clubs repeatedly to undertake the tasks.

SY asked if there would be financial benefit to the clubs taking on the running of the meet and CR responded that would be a decision for the Swimming Committee to make. PR reinforced CR on this and a discussion followed around the payment question.

Volunteers are vital to all of the above and CV also suggested the use of the Young Volunteers following their work with Jackie Hilleard in their training.

To date the entries are low for the Winter Champs and NV also informed the committee that Officials numbers are also low. Hopefully this will improve once the closing date has passed.

There are J1 trainees who also need to mentor officials and this is an ideal time to do so. AO stated that unless people stand up and volunteer these events will not be able to happen.

2. Masters Inter Counties 14.11.2021

SH informed the committee that the pool has been booked, AOE booked, 12 midday warm up with a 1245 start time.

2 Referees required plus two officials from each county.

All counties have responded and are taking part except Wiltshire who SV has not heard from. SY will contact them.

NV informed the committee the Region pays for 4 lead officials.

SH requested information from NV to send to the counties.

The County reps send their team entries to CV and the deadline for submission is one week prior to the event. Amendments can be made on the day.

Who is going to be available on the day to run the meet? SH has asked Martin Walters but nothing confirmed. No other suggestions.

Results need to go to the National Co-ordinator.

Draw for lanes done on this meeting:

Cornwall L1

Somerset L2

Devon L3

Dorset L4

Gloucs L5

Wilts if they join will be L6

SH to send an email to county co-ordinators to encourage officials to sign up for the event.

Is there a PA at Millfield – PR is at Millfield this weekend and will find out.

Suggestions were asked for re Announcers and recorders – none received from the committee.

There will need to be an email to appeal for help from the office, add to Regional Website and Social media too.

CR thanked everyone for their time.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

