



OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2014
at the Regional Offices, Wellington.

Present:

Chris Tremellen (CT)	ASA SW Swimming Committee Secretary
Robert Margetts (RM)	ASA SW Swimming Secretary
Chris Elliott (CE)	Substitute Cornwall
Mel Jeynes (MJ)	Representative Devon
Jill Beard (JB)	“ Dorset/Officials Exams Organiser
Neil Harper (NH)	“ Gloucestershire
Graham Cockill (GC)	“ Somerset
Paul Robbins (PR)	“ Wiltshire
Les Debenham (LD)	“ Services
Lynne Elliott (LE)	ASA SW SOC Secretary

Paul Robbins took the Chair.

1/14-1 Apologies for Absence:
Maureen Davies, Ben Batley.

2/14-1 Minutes of meeting held 2nd October 2013:
These were accepted and signed as a true record.

3/14-1 Matters arising:
5/13-2 Officials attendance at galas - 3yr comparison. Report was requested to go on Web site. Updated report will be discussed under Events 2013. Kelly have had some Officials in training.
6/13-2 Disability Seminar was well attended - 33.
8/13-2 Referee questions - MD sent to JB, & 3 questions were put forward to SOG.
9/13-2 Provision of bells for Distance events has been well received. Young Officials Scheme - GC was appointed to mentor 2 young officials & met them, then criteria changed by British Swimming to 16-18yrs (previously 18-25yrs), nominated 3, some difficulties about attending the weekend proposed due to lateness of notice to them, believe 1 may have attended but not confirmed. **JB - try to get feedback.**

Regional Events 2013/2014.

Report sent to everyone for 2013, and the comparison of the officials at galas over 3 years.

2013 - Overall last year we had enough officials at events - though always Sundays and last day at Youths there are fewer, and generally the Masters events. Those clubs with no help - Bournemouth College, Chippenham, Keynsham, Penzance, Severnside, Newton Abbott. Kelly College - an official at Championships who is a parent from the Midlands. Others a mixed attendance - Aquae Sullis, United Bristol, Yeovil, Soundwell, Millfield. Kingsbridge & Poole was mixed but both have officials at events where they had no requirements to help.

Comparison over 3 years - noting those who failed at events where required.

Aquae Sullis - mixed, did improve 2013.

Barnstaple - none until 2013.

Bodmin - only 1 event in 3 years where provided help.

Bournemouth College - new club 2013, no help.

Bradford on Avon - 1 event where helped.

Bristol Henleaze - no entries 2013.

Carn Brea Helston - Mixed, but do provide a lot of help at some events.

Chard - Mixed.

Cheltenham - Help regularly, only 1 event when no help.

Chippenham - Last 2 years no help.

Cinderford - Mixed.

Clevedon - Only 1 event when 1 official instead of 2, but provide a lot of help overall.

CO Bristol - None 3 years ago, now help regularly.

Dinnaton - 2 years no help, but now not enough swimmers entered.

Exeter City - Some occasions 2012 no help, but do provide help overall.

Kelly College - None until Championships 2013.

Keynsham - none 2013 when required.

Kingsbridge - Mixed but often provide help at events when not a requirement.

Millfield - Mixed but generally improved.

Penzance - Mixed but not so good 2013.

Plymouth Leander - Have helped & 2013 improved.

Poole - Some occasions none but over the year provide a lot of help.

Salisbury - Some help 2013 but seem to have fewer swimmers.

Seagulls - Rarely helped 2013.

Severnside - Mixed but little help 2013.

Soundwell - Little help 2013.

Southwold - Improved with help in 2013.

St Austell - Mixed but no help 2013.

St Ives Bay - none in 2012, but much more in 2013.

Street - Mixed

Taunton Deane - Improved except for Championships 2013.

Tewkesbury - Mixed.

Torquay - None where required.

Trowbridge - Mixed.

Truro City - 2011/12 2 events where required no help, but provide a lot of help overall.

United Bristol - New club 2013 but little help.

Weston Super Mare - Mixed but do provide help overall.

Yeovil - Less help 2013.

Overall it is fairly mixed, it is disappointing that the clubs with large entries don't provide more help, there are a lot of smaller clubs on the list who may well find it more difficult. There are clubs who provide a great deal of help even with few swimmers entered and these tend to be consistent over the years.

Please would County reps encourage those listed.

2014 - Zonal Meet

Our 2 young officials who were originally nominated to the ASA (but then disappointed due to changes) were invited but only 1 able to attend. Generally went well, positive comments received from visiting officials, and a message of thanks from one. As usual on the Sunday could have done with more help. Discussed next year - should be held at the Olympic pool. As visitors this year were due to nominate 6 officials we would certainly do this next year.

LE & JB to consider list early.

2014 - Regional Events

Will be sending out request in next 2 weeks.

5/14-1 Seminars/Update FINA Rules:

All counties have run Rules Update, Region running at 48% of Licensed officials attended which is good.

Further dates scheduled -

Dorset - 9th March Canford School, 29th March Dorchester (Contemporary Issues)
25th March Canford School, 11th March Dorchester)

Gloucestershire - Will arrange.

Cornwall - 16th February (including Contemporary Issues)

Somerset - Probably March

Devon - Will look at further.

Wiltshire - Date booked.

Reminder to notify JB of dates & those attending.

Consider Regional Mentoring Seminar in the Autumn.

LE/JB to discuss.

6/14-1 Officials Training:

JB produced analysis of report Jan- Dec 2013. Generally training overall is keeping up, only not sure about the Timekeeper figures, likely to be the young volunteers but would like to know figures. Reminder that the quarterly figures sent in March, June, September, December - so is helpful to notify JB then.

Some discussion on why losing quite a percentage after J1, but this does seem likely as many parents stop when children stop swimming.

7/14-1 SOG Report:

Circulated report which at present is for comments not general circulation. SW Region hold up well with the figures particularly on the percentage of Licensed Officials.

Asked to provide information on how License fees are paid for the Membership Dept. -

Wiltshire - initial license paid by official (club may reimburse) re-license by County, box on form ticked for ASA to invoice.

Dorset - as above for those who work at County Championships.

Gloucestershire - Pay for both new and renewals, ASA to invoice.

Cornwall - Do not pay any (some clubs may reimburse).

Devon - do not pay any (some clubs may reimburse)

Somerset - Pay for both new & renewals, forms sent through GC, ASA invoice.

LE - Has asked about updating for Race Results for the trainee Referees.
Next SOG meeting is in May.

8/14-1 Any Other Business;

RM - Regarding records Bath & Millfield have now found the certificates re pool measurement, though still seems some difficulty with all lanes at Bath. Plymouth & Hengrove have certificates.

- Handbook, query from Management Board whether we discussed the requirements for listing officials. LE to notify David Flack of Minutes where noted.

CT - Youths event at Plymouth has confirmed with the pool and also the refreshments should be a much better standard this time.

Meeting closed - 8.10pm.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 1st October 2014

SignedChairman Date

.....Secretary

