



# Swim England South West

## SWIM ENGLAND SOUTH WEST REGION

**PRESIDENT: SUE DORS**

### **SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING STANDING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of meeting held on Saturday 2 September 2017 Holiday Inn Taunton.

1. Apologies.

Viv Ebbs, Jean Pitfield, Marina Davies , Team Bath Illa

Attendees: Mary Hooper, Christine Merrifield, Lou Collings, Georgie Coombs, Roger Downing, Emily Taylor, Sarah Pullen, Ian Stuart, Paula Brand, Alyson Bashford,

2. April Committee minutes.

The minutes were read and approved.

3. Matters arising not covered by the Agenda.

No matters were arising.

4. Forum meeting minutes

The forum meeting minutes were discussed. A new logo is now agreed for all the region, it is now being used on the website. The ASA will probably become an incorporated body. (First steps at Annual Council Meeting in October) Most fees for the Region stay the same. South West Region is now employing those employees that were made redundant to facilitate the Region's administration.

The synchro results have not yet been added to the website and Roger asked that the results be forwarded to Stacey Millet or Chris Vickery.

There was discussion regarding Club development to assess what is happening in relation to training of Officials and volunteers.

Mary advised the committee which logo is to be used for documentation.

5. ASASW Unaudited accounts

Mary requested for clarification for the ASA South West; is bank account name to change -Roger responded that it is staying the same.

Roger advised that there are several funding routes for swimmers, networks and bursaries. These can be found on the Region's website.

6. 2018 Calendar (inc)

It was agreed that this was a useful spreadsheet. A discussion was had and it was agreed that Mary is to ask where Nationals are to be held and also the proposed date for next year's Combo Cup as the clubs would like it to be held in July.

A discussion was then had regarding the distances to travel and the days for competitions or travelling specifically Fridays as club coaches and support team would then need to take time off work to support the swimmers. Also the children would have to take time off school. There was discussion that for those of us in the South West the costs to hire a coach and 2 drivers would be very high, it might be worth looking into flying.

7. Club Contacts

Mary to update the contacts for clubs and emails will only go to those on the agreed contact list.

8. Artistic Swimming.

FINA have directed that we call Synchronised Swimming Artistic Swimming from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. The committee is looking for guidance and training at the National Conference in January.

9. National Conference January 13/14 January 2018.

As yet the committee do not know if the Conference is for Judges and Coaches or Administrators. Committee members that go can get their expenses reimbursed when they feed back to this committee.

#### 10. Multi Regional Competition.

Unfortunately there is a severe lack of officials as most of them are either in hospital or having operations. Any details of Officials that can support are to be sent to Mary and Sarah. Expenses for Officials can be organised.

#### 11. Grade day Skills

Lou had sent out an email requesting if the clubs would like just grades and or routines, the response is that grades only required.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> July grade day was busy but went well apart from a small hitch in the spreadsheet. This was resolved and the day progressed.

Few glitches spread sheet now updated and added Grade 6 which was not previously. The New swimmer logbooks also need to include the changes.

There was a discussion regarding writing in both split scores and the Judges will need to work out the average, the new booklets have been updated and the spread sheet changes for Grade 4 have now been updated to match FINA..

There were some questions regarding the booklets and it was agreed to use the booklets already printed for the next grading day and the new ones would be printed as required.

It was agreed that Lou would email updates to Georgie, Sarah P. Mary to also check Lynne and Claire Judge's qualifications. For grading days and competitions we need an up to date record of the Official's qualifications; they are kept in Integra. Roger agreed to check who is qualified especially from out of Region.

Georgie is the Senior Judge Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and a reasonable number of swimmers are expected. Portsmouth also asked if they can attend the Grade Day, this is to be expected as the figures change in January.

Mary advised that the September Level 2 Judge's course has been cancelled due to lack of attendees.

A question was put forward that a swimmer had received 1.8 for a figure was this a mistake? A discussion was then had on the checks that are in place with Sarah pre checking the booklets prior to the swimmers taking them to the desk for assessment, this is to ensure the swimmers have completed all the figures before they get changed. Sarah would also explain their scores and gave them feedback once the scores had been input.

The view was that the day went well and was calmer than skills.

No update on Certificates yet, Mary to look into designing our own certificates.

Sarah suggested we acknowledge those swimmers who achieve Gold to have a bell rung for Gold achievement or a Gold Swimming hat.

## 12. Emily Taylor

Monthly Regional Newsletter forward onto anyone wishing to have it direct can sign up on regional website.

Stacey Millet is managing the new website, please send to the office any items to be added to site. e.g. report from competitions. Stacey is our contact for communications we can send anything to her to increase the profile of Synchro. The contacts are Chris Vickery and Stacey Millet.

Training organised by the local centre e.g. Cornwall by GLL are acceptable for courses like Team manager or Safeguarding.

Competition equipment is to be stored in the container at SASP.

## 13. Walsall Trophy.

The pool has been booked for 19<sup>th</sup> May Cheltenham. Still researching the best format.

## 14. Recreational Competition.

4 clubs taking part Cheltenham, Taunton, Chippenham, Bristol.

Chippenham – the last information we have is that Emma is to oversee the club when she is back at weekends..

Very short of Judges if Calne do not enter. There are 6 teams, 46 figures entered at the moment with a large number of 12 and under. Mary requested a list of swimmers in which grade and age.

There was a discussion on accessing the pool and parking as there are Road works around GL1.

Paula to remind Maria trophies to be engraved and brought to Multiregional Competition

15. Any other Business.

Suggestion that we need a sub-committee for competitions to discuss. To make it easier for documents to be shared Google docs was proposed as common area for editing, there needs to be guidelines on who has access to view and edit.

Georgie agreed to email a report from Bath Synchronisation Club.

16. Date of next meeting 2nd December.