

**Minutes of the Regional Swimming Committee held on
Wednesday 16th October 2019 at the Regional Offices**

<u>Present:</u>	M. Coles	(MC)	President
	R.Margetts	(RM)	TSC Finance Coordinator & Chairman
	G.Cockill	(GC)	Board Representative
	C.Robinson	(CR)	Finance Officer
	C.Vickery	(CV)	Admin & Events Co-ordinator
	L.Leffers	(LL)	RLO
	S.Haigh	(SH)	Masters Officer
	J.John	(JJ)	Coaches rep
	K.Podbury	(KP)	Somerset
	A.Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	S.Yeoman	(SY)	Wiltshire
	A.Osborne	(AO)	Gloucs
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary
	M.Parker	(MP)	SE Talent Officer

Apologies C.Elliott, J.Stoneman, N.Vause

19/25 M.Parker from SE Talent Team was welcomed to the meeting.

19/26 **Minutes of previous meeting** signed as correct record.

19/27 **Matters arising**

- 27.1 13.3 JDs Updated all now complete
- 27.2 15.2 Length of sessions in Licensed meets – no change
- 27.3 16.4 Personnel on Coaches committee - updated
- 27.4 20.2 costumes – CT raised with RSM meeting – advised we are unable to control

19/28 **Licensing**

- 28.1 Notes from the Licensing working party – RM stated his concern that these had been widely circulated prior to the TSC meeting causing considerable confusion as many thought these contained new rules. Noted that many of the ideas are beyond our remit - LL to take to National meeting.
- 28.2 MP gave an overview of SE's requirement for open meets especially L1 meets and the requirement and support for performance clubs.
- 28.3 It was agreed that the Region could not impose restrictions of the number of meets a club could run in a year but we would stick to the 4 meets per County per month of 2 x L1 or L2 and 2 x L3 & LL4 (excl L4)
- 28.4 Now that all Counties except Somerset have co-ordinators it was agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss their roles and the issues they face.
- 28.5 LL reported that there had been two problem meets. (i) – lack of sufficient qualified officials on the Sunday, therefore times could not go to rankings. No problem with Saturday. Club had to return fees to swimmers. Agreed to only charge levy for those events held on the Saturday.

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(ii) this meet had many problems through lack of expertise in running meets especially timing. Thanks to J.Bead for checking all times. Meet downgraded to L4. No further meets allowed until club has run successful L4.

- 28.6 RM noted that in future if a club appeals against a Licensing panel decision he would appoint independent people to deal with appeal.

19/29 Minutes of the Coaches Committee

- 29.1 Lindsay Trimmings moving role within SE. M.Parker is new Talent Officer.
29.2 National forum – various topics discussed but no decisions. Will meet again at Winter Championships.
29.3 Item 24.2 – concern that statement may be controversial. To be removed and added to these minutes as confidential minute.

19/30 Overseas meet

- 30.1 Team now attending Lisbon International meet as pool better and flights easier.
30.2 Dates 6th - 10th February 2020, departure from Bristol
30.3 Selected swimmers list now posted on the website.
30.4 Reported that some swimmers (?6) are part of DISE and will be travelling to Dubai on Monday 10th from Heathrow. Unfortunately we were not aware of this prior to selection. Investigating the possibility of getting those who chose to do both back in time, possibly to Gatwick. Parents will have to bear the cost of extra flight if necessary.

19/31 Officials Secretary's Report

- 31.1 All competitions well supported. Using social media to recruit officials.
31.2 New swim-meet online sign up for officials has been trialled successfully. Easy to use and reduced admin hours.
31.3 Polo shirts, bottles and clip boards well received.
31.4 SW officials attended many National events.
31.5 Funding – request to increase funding to pay for J1 fees. Candidates are now using the new on-line training, the fee for which is £20 which includes license fee. This would require a large increase in support with no guarantee that the candidate would complete the training and continue to officiate. There were considerable reservations and suggested that clubs should pay as they will benefit most from the J1 qualification.

19/32 Masters Secretary's report

- 32.1 Competition went well although entries low (117).
32.2 SH requested age adjusted points be used for awards.
32.3 Query received re medals. Medals used were in stock from previous years – men had silver, ladies bronze which some found confusing.
32.4 SH suggested a change of pool to increase numbers as Hutton Moor not popular – limited swim down. However in previous years we have used Millfield both long & short course but numbers still poor.
32.5 CT requested date of 2020 inter county gala.
32.6 Training camp – SH looking for speakers
32.7 Next Masters meeting 11th January.

19/33 Swimming Finance Officers Report

- 33.1 Admin and competition finances to date circulated.
33.2 Development plan and budget sent to Finance committee.

19/34 Event Management Report

- 34.1 CT stated that as no-one had come forward to take over the role she would continue with present arrangement for the current season and KP had agreed to take on role next year.
- 34.2 FAST 5 – gala was successful but there are several issues with GL1 and therefore it would be held at Millfield in 2020.
- 34.3 Winter Championships – all in order.
- 34.4 2020 – venues all booked.

19/35 Competition

- 35.1 Winter Championships – delayed closing date till 23rd October to allow for qualification. Have included a mixed mystery relay as final event on Saturday night. Entry on day – no fee- no awards.
- 35.2 Will require 2 wifi codes.
- 35.3 2020 programme ready – relay gala removed from programme.
- 35.4 Conditions – some changes made which deal with entries and withdrawals.
- 35.5 Masters Inter-County - lanes drawn

19/36 Swimming Secretary's report

- 36.1 Congratulations to Devon who won the Inter-County Championships at Sheffield for first time.
- 36.2 Email from Helen Akers re coaches passes for Region – were Regions happy to allow those with teachers qualification to have pass at Regionals? Committee agreed. Discussion followed over who has passes and how to deal with them poolside. Events Committee to discuss.
- 36.3 Swimpath will now provide swimshop at our meets as SRS disbanded. Swimpath have agreed to same support as SRS plus some added kit. Will be attending Winter Championships but wont have Regional kit to sell.

19/37 Swimmer of Year

No nominations received. Nominations by email to CT by 15th November.

19/39 County Reps reports

- 39.1 Gloucs - reviewing the success of the past 3yrs of pathway camps
- 39.2 Somerset - development competition still to be held
- 39.3 Wilts - 1 more talent camp to run
- 39.4 Devon running talent camps. All in place for County Champs 2020.

19/40 Dates of future meetings

February 26th, June 10th & October 14th all at 6.30pm.

19/41 AOB

- 41.1 Start lists will be published live to the web before the event after deletions have been made, where deletions are required.

Signed _____
R.Margetts Chairmanⁱ

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Confidential Minute
From Coaches Committee Minutes

Coaches/Teachers register was launched earlier this year. Currently nearly 9000 coaches and teachers on the register. Aim to get all coaches and teachers from all affiliated clubs to engage with the register. Appears to be a large number of coaches and teachers who either do not have a DBS or their DBS has expired. This needs to be addressed by 31st October as these coaches and teachers are not currently complying to Swim England's safeguarding standards.