



**Minutes of the Regional Swimming Committee held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018  
at the Regional Offices , Wellington**

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	P. Robbins	(PR)	President
	R.Margetts	(RM)	Competition Secretary & Chairman
	G.Cockill	(GC)	Board Representative
	J.John	(JJ)	Coach Committee representative
	S.Haigh	(SH)	Masters Secretary
	A.Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	P.Gonsalves	(PG)	Somerset
	C.Elliott	(CE)	Cornwall
	S.Yeoman	(SY)	Wilts
	Y.Stead	(S)	Club Development Officer
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary

**Apologies:** N.Vause, J.Stoneman, L.Leffers, M.Britton

The committee held a minutes silence for John Hamblett and Jean Holland who had both died recently.

**18/13 Minutes of previous meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February** signed as accurate record

**18/14 Matters arising**

- 14.1 3.1 Coach advisors – information received was circulated to committee after last Meeting.
- 14.2 7.2 RM computer – now working satisfactorily and Rob Hart working on system for computers to talk to each other.

**18/15 Minutes of the Coaches Committee**

- 15.1 Backstroke ledges – suggestion to borrow from Millfield was not practical. CT to chase up Hengrove/City of Bristol to see if they will now have a set.
- 15.2 Competition – discussed changing Youth programme to align with Nationals – now agreed.
- 15.3 Overseas meet – all arrangements in hand  
There have been issues with country of representation as well as up to date DBS certificates.
- 15.4 SRS once again have been very helpful with kit.
- 15.5 SY queried why there were 8 lane finals when in a 10 lane pool.

**18/16 Masters Report**

- 16.1 Development day –was all booked but unfortunately had to be cancelled. RN rescheduled their competition due to snow which then clashed with Development Day and numbers therefore too low.
- 16.2 2019 Development Day set for 13<sup>th</sup> Jan at Bath with Jane Asher, Karen Howard & Sharon Locke attending

**18/17 Officials report**

- 17.1 Nicky Vause has now taken up position.
- 17.2 Summer Championships well supported although requiring a plea for the long distance events at Plymouth and the age groups at Hengrove.
- 17.3 British Masters at Plymouth was well supported by SW officials.
- 17.4 GC noted that Referees exam paper had errors in questions and results section. Candidates who passed now needed suitable galas to do practical at unfamiliar pool.
- 17.5 YS noted that clubs are still asking for officials training. Stacey M to put contact names and emails in the newsletter

**18/18 Licensing Officers report**

- 18.1 Increased number of licenses issued on last year.
- 18.2 Four Counties has supplied their dates. Team Bath AS have requested to run a L1 meet during County period 15/16/17 February. Agreed by a majority with the proviso that entries from Counties with Championships that weekend have to be very close to British Championships QTs.
- 18.3 Setting dates to run meets at Hengrove still a problem. Lindsay Dunn meeting all interested parties but some Gloucester clubs are not included in talks.
- 18.4 Current limits on meets within a County working quite well. LL queried whether LL4 /L4 should have no restriction. Counties to decide.
- 18.5 In view of the difficulty in getting officials for some Regional Championship dates it was agreed to have a black out for the Summer and Winter Championships starting in 2019.
- 18.6 Payments from clubs still an issue. Promoters requested to send LL a snapshot of payment but many do not. Can the Finance Officer help with information?
- 18.7 Some clubs still requesting licenses less than 2 months prior to the meets. Agreed they must stick to the rules.

**18/19 Events Secretary's report**

- 19.1 Para Gala ran well with a lot of officials. Low numbers of swimmers.
- 19.2 Summer Championship galas all ran well. Hengrove had new timing pads. Parents talk held at Hengrove – good venue. Millfield – one incident of fouling in boys toilets (not just happening in Regional events)
- 19.3 FAST 5 in 2 weeks. All in hand. Entries close on 25<sup>th</sup> June
- 19.4 Request received for flash for deaf swimmers – AOE company have ordered one.
- 19.5 CT stated that she could no longer cope with meet managing the galas especially with 3 weekends following each other in May. Unless the committee wished /were able to appoint someone as Events Secretary CT stated that Jenni Henry had offered to meet manage but not to do all the other work. CT happy to continue with all organising. Agreed.

**18/20 Competition Secretary's report**

- 20.1 Winter championships 2018 – to include 100m IM and reverse 800/1500m event with 1500m for both sexes on Friday night and the mixed 800 to be interspersed in 3 x 2 heat blocks throughout the weekend.
- 20.2 RM has included a sentence allowing him to reject swimmers with QT's if necessary to keep within time limits.
- 20.3 Data Protection statement added to information sheet.
- 20.4 Summer Championships - Youth programme will now follow National programme with morning and afternoon heats followed by all finals.
- 20.5 Query regarding whether we should have 10 lane finals at Hengrove or keep to 8 for continuity. CT to ask at RSM meeting
- 20.6 FAST 5 & relays gala – no change
- 20.7 RM proposed increase in entry fee from £8 to £8.25
- 20.8 RM informed the committee that he would not be seeking re-election to Competition Secretary's post next year. Advert post to go in the newsletter.

**18/21 Swimming Secretary's Report**

- 21.1 RSM meeting on Saturday at Loughborough
- 21.2 Para swimming – RM & CT have meeting tomorrow with Martin Lees and YS to go through draft development plan put together by Carl Cooper.

**18/22 Talent Pathway**

- 22.1 Some parents still very slow at returning paperwork and paying. Causing a lot of extra work but seems difficult to resolve.
- 22.2 CT suggested that Stacey Millett takes over next year as she is now full time – agreed
- 22.3 Regional conference on Saturday – fairly good numbers.

**18/23 Secretarial appointments & Allowances**

<u>Appointments</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	
Swimming Committee Secretary	C. Tremellen	20%
Competition Secretary	R.Margetts	30%
Officials Secretary	N.Vause	20%
Events Secretary/Events Manager	C.Tremellen/J.Henry	15%
Masters Secretary	S.Haigh	5%
Licensing Officer	L.Leffers	10% ( from License fees)
Exams Officer	J.Bead	10%

CT to discuss with J Henry re sharing allowance.

**18/24 County Reps Reports**

- 24.1 **Wilts:** Reverse distance events included in Championships. Starting planning for 2019 soon. Talent pathway starting in July, delayed due to illness head coach
- 24.2 **Somerset:** AGM held recently, Development meet in autumn, talent pathway running. Accepted proposal to allow clubs outside the County to compete in Somerset. Ruling states -

‘ For the purposes of competition, members of any ASA affiliated club paying a membership fee to SASA through a recognised network can apply to take part in SASA competitions. At the time of submitting entries the club must certify that the swimmer is attending development sessions with that network and the swimmer must pay the £1 affiliation fee if not already a SASA member’.

Team Bath network problems – under discussion with clubs.

- 24.3 **Dorset** : 11/12 yrs reverse in 2019 championships. Development gala shortly, Talent pathway running
- 24.4 **Cornwall**: intermediate and development galas in Nov. Meeting soon with GLL. Still to decide if including 800/1550 reverse events in 2019  
Using Regional open water competition for own championships.
- 24.5 **Devon**; Sprint & Development galas start in June, entries slightly down due to more in Championships. Masters & Seniors gala on July 1<sup>st</sup>. 3 Counties invited to participate but only 1 entry received. Still waiting for the Life Centre to confirm 2019 dates. Talent camp going well. Officials training – numbers up plus 2 referee candidates.

### 18/25 **AOB**

- 25.1 Date of next meeting – NV can't make Thursdays so meeting changed to Wed 10<sup>th</sup> October
- 25.2 PL & Exeter submitted bids for performance clubs.
- 25.3 Training courses – YS stated massive number of requests from all counties – no replies to survey from Devon.
- 25.4 Date of FAST 5 2019 has been changed to June 30th

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Tremellen Secretary

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R. Margetts Chairman

**NEXT MEETING WED 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**