



President R.Downing

Minutes of the Swimming Committee held on Thursday 1st October 2020 Via Zoom

<u>Present:</u>	R.Margetts	(RM)	Finance Officer and Chairman
	C.Vickery	(CV)	Admin & Events Co-ordinator
	S.Haigh	(SH)	Masters Secretary
	N.Vause	(NV)	Officials Secretary
	J.John	(JJ)	Coaches Representative
	L.Leffers	(LL)	Licensing Officer
	P.Robbins	(PR)	Board Representative
	C.Elliott	(CE)	Cornwall Representative
	D.Avery	(DA)	Devon Representative
	K.Podbury	(KP)	Somerset Representative
	A.Smart	(AS)	Dorset Representative
	A.Osborne	(AO)	Gloucs Representative
	S.Yeoman	(SY)	Wilts Representative
	C.Robinson	(CR)	Board Chairman
	G.Griffen	GG)	Finance Officer
	C.Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Secretary

Apologies: R.Downing

D Avery was welcomed to the meeting as the new representative for Devon

20/26 **The way forward for Competition**

As competitions could not take place as normal, SE had devised plans to enable swimmers to have some competitive experience whilst staying within the rules of Covid 19. Plans had to be approved by the DCMS and were subject to change as the situation changed.

The main (Level X) plan as follows:

- * Launch likely to be in mid to end of October with data base going live in November.
- * Level X is a time trial activity and takes place within club training sessions – only swimmers who train in that session. It is not a gala but a training session with a racing focus. All Government and facility Covid 19 regulations must be adhered to.
- * Ages as at midnight 31st December
- * SE license not required.
- * All events shall be short course format
- * Results will be placed on SE rankings as Level X times providing submitted file is correct. If any inaccuracies file will not be accepted.
- * Level X rankings shall be in usual age groups.
- * SE will publish leader boards for some Level X events.
- * 11 pilot schemes running – one at Taunton Dean.
- * Sportssystem will make software available for all clubs to download

Level X times can be used to enter County and Regional events.

Noted that the Coaches committee had discussed the plan for level X. They were concerned that the distance for competition should be longer and that it was not a level playing field as pools would not have the same facilities. Under the present circumstance the plan would give swimmers an opportunity to experience racing but they would not have the same standing as normal as the races would be judged with very limited officials.

20/27 Counties had been invited to attend one of 2 SE meetings to obtain information regarding the running their Championships. Wilts, Cornwall, Devon, Gloucs and Somerset attending next Sunday. Dorset previous Sunday.

20/28 Taunton Deane's pilot running until 12th October with feedback by 15th.

20/29 **Resumption of training sessions & pool time**

Gloucs: No club has all their previous water time

Cornwall: all pools will be open by 12th October except Launceston (maintenance work) but club return is unknown

Devon: Life Centre due to reopen by end of March – poss now June.

Clubs have found it difficult to get water time and what they do manage is often on different days and at different times.

20/30 Clubs urged to return the **Return to Pools survey** asap and for those who have completed it to update it.

20/31 **Officials Report**

Next meeting 12th October

31.1 Online training of J1s – 43 completed

31.2 November Referees exam now cancelled

31.3 County Co-ordinators judging of J2 & J2s can be virtual. Power points have been re-issued

20/32 **Appointments**

Licensing Officer	Lesley Leffers
Finance Officer	Rob Margetts
Officials Secretary	Nicky Vause
Masters Secretary	Sue Haigh
ROTDC	Jill Beard
Events Manager	Vacant

County Reps requested to talk to people in their counties who run open meets regarding the vacancy of Events Manager. Vacancy to be circulated to all clubs and open meet organisers.

Date of next meeting left open until we have more information on the situation.

Signed _____
R Margetts Chairman