



Minutes of the Regional Swimming Committee held on
Wednesday 12th June 2019 at the Regional Offices

Present:	B.Holman	(BH)	President
	R.Margetts	(RM)	Competition Secretary & Chairman
	G.Cockill	(GC)	Board Representative
	C.Robinson	(CR)	Finance Officer
	C.Vickery	(CV)	Admin & Events Co-ordinator
	L.Leffers	(LL)	RLO
	N.Vause	(NV)	Officials Secretary
	A.Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	S.Yeoman	(SY)	Wiltshire
	C.Elliott	(CE)	Cornwall
	A.Osborne	(AO)	Gloucs
	J.Stoneman	(JS)	Devon
	K.Podbury	(KP)	Somerset
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary

Apologies: S.Haigh

Minutes of meeting held on 20th February 2019 approved and signed.

19/12 Matters arising:

- 12.1 Correct titles for Committee members – C.V - Admin and Events Co-ordinator & S.Millett - Regional Development Officer
- 12.2 7.3 JS agreed to cover Plymouth if Meet Manager ill.

19/13 Revised Job descriptions.

- 13.1 The Board has been examining all JD s to ensure they are up to date.
- 13.2 Agreed to change appointments from June meeting to October meeting for all as from 2020
- 13.3 Many were unchanged, others had small adjustments. All agreed with exception of Officials Sec and Technical Officials Training Officer who are to consult on theirs.

19/14 Nominations

- 14.1 Nominations received for Regional Licensing Officer (RLO), Officials Secretary, Regional Technical Officials Training & Development Co-ordinator (ROTDC) & Swimming Committee Finance Officer
- 14.2 Appointments as follows -
 - RLO : Lesley Leffers
 - Officials Secretary: Nicky Vause
 - Masters Secretary: Sue Haigh
 - ROTDC: Jill Beard
 - Committee Finance officer: Robert Margetts
 - Meet Manager: unfilled

- 14.3 Secretarial Allowances - CR explained that these were under review and advice was being sought.

19/15 Licensing Officer's Report

- 15.1 To date 235 meets have been licensed for 2019
- 15.2 SE have removed the restriction of 7.5 hours per day for meets but with the caveat that officials are not to work for more than 3 hours without a 15 minutes break. Some complaints received that a recent meet ran for almost 12 hour day. CT to raise at RSM meeting
- 15.3 SE need closing dates for County Championships.
- 15.4 Still an issue over programming with some clubs hogging pools and many meets not held being held at right time of year. CT to convene a meeting to discuss issue.

19/16 Minutes of Coaches Meeting

- 16.1 National programmes – Pathway coach – applications open 1st July, Senior coach applications open 10th June.
- 16.2 Olympic trials QTs to be published by end June.
- 16.3 Winter Championship withdrawals -if from all events over weekend refund given
- 16.4 Changes to rules : 1.2 National to read GB and SE Summer Championships
4. Need to reword who is eligible to sit on committee

19/17 Overseas meet

- 17.1 Agreed that Oporto was best option. Organisers helpful so far but need date.
- 17.2 Applications for Coaches and Team Managers circulated.
- 17.3 JJ, CT to finalise selection criteria and when Lead TM appointed will meet and start making arrangements.

19/18 Masters report

- 18.1 Training camp for 2020 booked at Bath.

19/19 Officials Sec Report

- 19.1 All sessions were covered but a struggle at times.
- 19.2 Polo Shirts, bottles and clip boards distributed. Thank you cards trial– agreed to abandon
- 19.3 CT noted that trainee officials not always listed which caused a problem with claims forms.
- 19.4 NV explained that a new programme was available which had been trialled by J.Beard. It simplifies the organisation of officials. This would cost £79 per year. Agreed to purchase.

19/20 Events Sec Report.

- 20.1 Summer Championships went well. President thanked everyone for their efforts and said how much he had enjoyed watching.
- 20.2 Costumes. The costumes many of the girls are wearing in warm up are inappropriate and leading to complaints. CV sent a message to clubs advising that these were not appropriate. Mixed reaction from parents. National SOG sent the following message -
Costume modesty – increasing issues with costumes which push the bounds of what could be considered decent. Under the FINA rules for swimsuit approval “Decency: the wearing of the swimsuit shall not offend morality and good taste (in particular, but not exclusively, because of the cut of the suit and body parts exposure whether covered or not).
CT to discuss at SE Regional Swimming Managers meeting on 22nd June
- 20.3 The Government has announced a change to May Bank holiday 2020 from Monday 4th to Friday 8th. This has implications for our Youth championships. Plymouth contacted re moving the Youths to the weekend 8/9/10th. This will probably be OK. Age groups would then move to 2/3rd at Hengrove although there were other options if necessary. Hengrove currently planning for 2020 but should be OK too. Still to be confirmed.
- 20/4 Swim Shop. Millfield want to use a different supplier. SRS, our current supplier are very good to us. Agreed that unless we are forced to change we should keep SRS.

- 20/5 CT reminded the Committee that she was standing down as Meet Manager and would finish after the FAST 5. No one has yet come forward to take on the role. Members asked to discuss with suitable people in their Counties.
- 20.6 All pools booked for 2020

19/21 Competition Secretary's report.

- 21.1 Winter prog changed to 2 heat sessions followed by finals session with A & B finals.
- 21.2 Change to conditions required - agreed
(b) A Junior Champion shall be declared in all events. In events with a final the Champion shall be selected from the fastest times in either Open Finals A& B, if there are no Juniors in the finals A or B they shall be selected from the heats. If a junior withdraws from an Open A or B Final, they cannot be considered for any awards
- 21.3 Additional condition – agreed
Swimmers with an S Para code shall be eligible to compete in the finals if their time would place them in the top number of swimmers selected for a final. Results will only be declared on times recorded in the final.

19/22 Swimming Secretary's Report

- 22.1 K Smith sent funding request for replacing timing equipment at GL1. RM explained that we were unable to assist with this large request especially as it was possible that this situation would arise in many other pools. Counties should be aware of this.
- 22.2 Development budget – CT circulate the plan for 2020 – 2021. Need to add cost for polos etc for any officials attending for first time.

19/23 County Reps reports

- 23.1 Cornwall: have had a meeting with company running all pools in the County. They want to increase pool hire costs by 90% but have been informed that many clubs would fold as unable to meet this increase. They plan a meeting with all clubs.
- 23.2 Devon: Lots of new officials in training. Approx 50% more girls competing than boys. Open water comp on August 10th – open event. Recent AGM – many new personnel.
- 23.3 Somerset: Recent AGM. County Championships were run L/C. Will be meeting soon to decide 2020 programme
- 23.4 Dorset: Development meet in 2 weeks. Open water will be held at Weymouth.
- 23.5 Gloucs: Recent AGM. FAST 5 clashes with Inter-county gala. Controversy over which comp swimmers should choose.
- 23.6 Wilts: Have just completed Sprint Championships. Half way through talent programme
- 22.7 All Counties now participating in Talent pathway programme.

19/24 AOB

- 24.1 Relay gala – agreed should be age on day.

Signed _____
R. Margetts Chairman

Date of next meeting – October 16th