



GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA

President: Brian Guy



MINUTES OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA EXECUTIVE HELD AT THE GABLES, FALFIELD, GLOS ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016

Attendees:

Honorary County Posts:

Brian Guy (President), Keith Smith (Secretary), Neil Harper (Officials)

Club Delegates:

Club	Delegate 1	Delegate 2
Bishopsworth SC	Grace Williams	
Bristol Central SC	Marion Britton	
Bristol Henleaze SC	Brian Guy	
Bristol Masters SC	Herbie Adams	
Bristol North SC	Janet Staddon	Gerald Staddon
Bristol Penguin Olympic SC	Jeremy Dudley	
Bristol South SC		
Brockworth SC	Steve Bramwell	
Cheltenham S&WP Club	Phillip Jones	Ian Stuart
Cinderford & District SC	Rob Cleal	Alexander Scott
Cirencester SC	Peter Bennett	
City of Bristol SC		
Dursley Dolphins	Mike Aldridge	
Gloucester City SC	Gavin Phillips	Josh Pattison
Gloucester Masters SC	Brian Armstrong	
Harlequins WPC		
Lydney SC		
Portway SC		
Sevenside Tritons	Andrew Liddle	
Soundwell SC	Rhona Phelps	
Southwold SC	Shaun Pellow	
South Glos Water Polo Club	Gerald Staddon	
Stroud Masters SC		
Tewkesbury SC	Ken Jollans	
United Bristol Swimming Club	Brian Guy	

Past Presidents
Marion Britton
Herbie Adams
Pauline Adams
Neil Harper
Mike Hynd
Ian Stuart
Phil Jones

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies: Sheila Bryant (Severnside/PP), Dave Beament (CoB), Alan Clift (Tewkesbury), Alan Giles (Open Water), Nicky Booth (COB)</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Meeting 11th January 2016: Minutes of the meeting of the 11th January were approved.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising from 11th January 2016: There were no Matters arising</p>	
<p>4. Correspondence There was no relevant correspondence to report</p>	
<p>5. Treasurers Report Brian Guy reported that he had now taken control of the GCASA accounts. He had set up the on-line Lloyds Bank Account and could now make electronic payments. The accounts appeared in order but he was still processing data and would report for the AGM.</p>	
<p>6. Activity and Reports</p> <p>a. Swimming – Blocks 2016 Richard Tomlinson was not present but he reported that the County Swimming Championships had completed and ran smoothly. There was an estimate of £9k surplus against expenditure. All monies would be handed over to the Treasurer.</p> <p>b. Masters – Brian Armstrong Brian distributed a report prior to the meeting. There were no queries on the report.</p> <p>c. Open Water – Alan Giles Alan Giles provided an email giving his apologies for non-attendance. He re-iterated the willingness of Henleaze Swimming Club (HSC) to offer GCASA clubs use of the lake for fun sessions through July and August or sessions at other times for Open Water training. HSC intend to contact clubs direct to see what can be established or what interest can be</p>	

generated in open water swimming.

d. Swimming Officials – Neil Harper

Neil provided a report which was distributed prior to the meeting. The only comments were that Cirencester and Bishopsworth were not happy about being named for not providing officials for the 1500m event in the County Championships. The report was however factually correct.

e. Synchronized Swimming – Ian Stuart

Ian Stuart had nothing to report on County Synchro matters.

f. Water Polo – Phil Jones

No report was provided but Phil Jones reported that individual Gloucester Club teams were doing well but there were no County water polo championships.

g. County Para Swimming – Josh Pattison

Josh reported that was a Regional Training day held at Horfield which attracted many swimmers from across the Region.

h. SWR Regional Matters

Marion Britton provided a short update on Regional matters. Nothing significant to affect County operation.

7. A.O.B.

a. County Positions

County Treasurer – Brian Guy stated that he was prepared to take over formally as Treasurer as he stepped down as President.

County Administrator – A number of expressions of interest had been received. The Secretary stated that there may not be a need to engage an “all encompassing” Administrator role on the same basis as before. And that it may be better to break the support role down into a number of smaller specific tasks.

2017 Swimming Championships Manager – The meeting was informed again that Richard Tomlinson would not be continuing in this role and that the County needed to find someone to take on the role. Discussions were had about

Secretary to contact the potential candidate and explore possibilities.

the vital nature of the Swimming Championships and Approval sought to fund someone to perform this role. The proposal was made by Phil Jones and seconded by Shaun Pellow that that a sum of £1500 be made available to support that role. The meeting was unanimously in favour. Both the Secretary and Officials Secretary were aware of interest from someone at Gloucester to take on the role.

2016-18 President – The Secretary informed the meeting that Brian Guy was stepping down as President and we had no President elect. Andy Liddle from Severnside had indicated he would be prepared to take on the role from the AGM. Andy Liddle was proposed by Steve Bramwell and seconded by Brian Guy to become President Elect and take over as President from the AGM. All present voted in favour.

b. County Grant

The Secretary presented data from the County Grant 2015/6 indicating that £8800 had been allocated to club grants from a total budgeted amount of £12000. The percentage split of expenditure is shown at Annex A. The Secretary suggested that a similar Grant scheme is put in place for 2016/7.

c. Licensed Meet quotas

The Secretary informed all clubs at the meeting that the Region was imposing quotas on licensed meets held by GCASA clubs. There will be a maximum of 2 x L1/2 and 2 x L3/4 meets allowed in any one calendar month. Single club Level 4 meets eg club championships do not count towards the quota.

The Region will be looking for Counties to adjudicate on any conflicts with the criteria. The Secretary will create a County Meet calendar and publish on the GCASA website. Any club wishing to hold a licensed L1-4 meet need to confirm with the County that holding the meet will not breach the quota. The Secretary will then add the meet to the Calendar.

d. County Swimming Records

At the previous meeting the Exec agreed to the criteria for County records. Subsequent to that meeting questions were raised again on the criteria and the validity of some of the old records. The meeting agreed the criteria should remain as agreed and previously recorded records should remain even if they do not meet the new criteria.

Secretary to maintain a County Meet Calendar and publish on the website.

All clubs to ensure the County is consulted when setting dates for licensed meets.

e. GL1 Air Quality

There was poor air quality at GL1 for one weekend of the County Championships. There had been numerous complaints and reports of at least 1 swimmer hospitalized with an asthma attack. The Secretary had contacted GL1 to complain and was informed that checks were done and the air conditioning company called out to try to trace the problem. The Secretary sent a formal email to GL1 management expressing concern over the issue.

f. ASA Inter County Team Competition

The Secretary informed the meeting that the ASA Inter County Team event was due to be held on the 23rd October 2016. He pointed out that this was the first weekend of the School holidays and many County clubs were away on overseas training camps. Discussion was had as to whether the County could field a team and if a volunteer could be found to organise the team. The meeting felt we had to keep trying to find an organiser and field whatever team we could muster.

g. Three Counties Gala

The 3 Counties gala was due to be sum on the 10th July at Stafford Leisure Centre. The Secretary informed the meeting that he would organize the team for this event.

h. County Constitution and GCASA Membership Rules

Herbie Adams had proposed some rule changes to be agreed at the AGM. These proposals were sent out prior to the meeting and are at Annex C. A discussion was held on the type of majority that should be required for Club acceptance to the Association. Ken Jollans proposed and was seconded by Peter Bennett that a simple majority would suffice. A counter proposal was made by Phil Jones and Marion Britton for a 2/3 majority. The meeting voted in favour of a simple majority.

Secretary to explore the options to find an organizer for the Inter County Team Championships

Secretary to organize the 3 Counties Team

Secretary to arrange for the Exec proposed rule change to be put forward at the AGM.

Annexes:

- A. Swimming Officials Manager Report
- B. Masters Manager Report
- C. Proposed Rule Changes
- D. County Grant Funding Usage Chart

ANNEX A

Swimming Officials Managers Report - March 2016

As yet another County Blocks have drawn to a close, I would like to thank all those who have volunteered their services this year. Sessions 3 - 14 were extremely well supported. Unfortunately, that was not the case with the distance events at Hengrove. Whilst we just had enough to meet licensing requirements for the girls 800 meter event, the boys 1500 meter event was restricted to using only 8 of the 10 lanes due to insufficient officials being available. What made it even more frustrating, was there were three clubs, namely Bishopsworth, Cheltenham and Cirencester who had swimmers competing, but did not supply an official. Had those three clubs stepped up to the plate, all 10 lanes could have been employed!

During the blocks we had six officials pass their J2 qualification and eleven their J1.

This now gives the following numbers of practicing officials: -

Referees; 7

J2S; 14

J2;47

J1; 58

A J1 course has recently been completed at Cinderford, and a timekeepers (young volunteers) at Gloucester. Currently there are no more courses booked in the immediate future.

I would remind clubs, that if they have candidates wishing to undertake their final assessment, regardless of the level of qualification, they need to attend a meet at which I'm present. Additionally if they do wish to avail themselves of that facility, they should contact me prior to the meet, and not the person organising the officials from the host club.

Neil Harper

Manager Swimming Officials GCASA

Annex B

Report on Master Activities – March 2016

The competition cycle has started in earnest with the run-in to the European Championships at the end of May

Decathlon

The decathlon competition for 2015 is now complete and Gloucestershire swimmers performed well.

The highest placed male from Gloucestershire was Colin Stephenson from Gloucester Masters who was placed 27th with 5279 points. Helen Kula-Przewanski, also from Gloucester Masters reached 13th position in the women's competition with 5546 points. Gloucester Masters were again the best placed teams in both the women's (7th place) and the men's (10th place) competitions.

T-30

Gloucester Masters again came away with a considerable haul of medals and records in this year's T30 event.

Of the 25 individual entries (12 men & 13 women), the team achieved 5 Gold; 3 Silver and 4 Bronze. 11 teams were also entered (3 men; 3 women; 5 mixed) and resulted in 7 Gold (**5 Age Group Records**); 1 Silver and 1 Bronze.

Also, in what I believe is a first in T30 history, special congratulations go to the first ever T30 280+ mixed relay team – Tony Cherrington, John Shephard, Esther Murray and Janet Gwilt.

Ice mile

John Coe, 63, a member of both Tewkesbury & Gloucester Masters has become one of the few swimmers in the world to complete an "ice-mile" under the International Ice Swimming Association rules. That is only regular swim trunks one swim hat and goggles and water temperature at 5 degrees or lower. He now part of a select group of 170 worldwide swimmers, and only 44 English swimmers, to have completed this feat.

Upcoming Events

British Masters Championships @ Sheffield, April 1-3

Last big LC competition before Euros with all the events available for entry. Entries this year restricted to 6 events and have now closed.

Gloucester Masters Meet – May 8th

This well attended annual meet has been booked for GL1 on the above date and is designed to be a sharpener for the Euros later in the month. Entries are now open.

European Championships – London, May 25-30

The big one this year and the main focus of many of the county's Masters Clubs will be the Euros in London and some hard training will be done between now and the competition.

Several issues have been experienced by all swimmers with respect to the entry process (which is now closed) due to the staggering demand for swims – it is likely the event will see nearly twice as many swimmers as the last event in Eindhoven, despite there being no open water races. Initially the capacity of 14000 swims sold out in 50 hours leaving many UK and overseas swimmers with flight/hotel bookings and no swim! The event was reopened and swimmers were restricted to 3 (from 5) events/swims, but this was still too many people and early entrants have now be told to reduce to 3 events. In addition the warm up pool is going to be co-opted into use and

it is possible that some swimmers may not get their chance to race in the main pool and it is likely that the 400 and 800 freestyle events will be swum two to a lane.

As a consequence, there is a high level of animosity generated towards the organisers (LEN and the LOC) in social media and indeed many swimmers are actively considering withdrawing altogether.

Brian Armstrong
Hon. Master Manager

Annex C

Suggestions for Rule Change GCASA AGM, May 2016

The following are put to the County Executive as suggestions for rule change which may be presented at the forthcoming AGM; deletions are struck out, additions are in italic script, matters to be a subject for opinion are bracketed.

Rule 2

Name and Constitution (1)

The Association shall be called the Gloucester County Amateur Swimming Association and it shall consist of Clubs based in the County *which shall have been directed to the County by ASA South West Region (or its predecessor) and which have been accepted by (?majority) vote of the County Executive Meeting*

Rule 11

11.2 The Executive Committee shall comprise :

1. The Officers (The President, The Honorary Secretary, The Honorary Treasurer)
2. The President Elect
3. All Discipline Managers
4. The Trophy Controller
5. Hon Manager for Swimming Officials
6. All representatives of the Association to ASA South West Standing Committees,
7. Past Presidents of the Association
8. ~~1 delegate from each Club having not more than 100 members~~ *2 delegates appointed by each Club who shall be notified to the County Hon Secretary within 28 days following that year's election of posts at the AGM. Such delegates shall stand until the following AGM and may be substituted (temporarily or permanently) only by the management of the delegating club.*
9. 1 delegate from each affiliated association that is not a Club
10. ~~2 delegates from each Club having more than 100 members~~
11. The Administrator of ASA South West shall be an ex officio member
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Annex D

