



# GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA

President: Brian Guy



## MINUTES OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA SPECIAL EXECUTIVE HELD AT THE GABLES, FALFIELD, GLOS ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016

### **Attendees:**

#### **Honorary County Posts:**

Keith Smith (Secretary)

#### **Club Delegate Attendees:**

<b>Club</b>	
Bishopsworth SC	Mark Collins Mike Pearce
Bristol Central SC	John Sissons
Bristol North SC	Gerald Staddon Janet Staddon
Bristol Penguin Olympic SC	Nicky Booth Jeremy Dudley
Cinderford & District SC	Matt Rogers
Cirencester SC	Peter Bennett
City of Bristol SC	Mick Shortman Dave Beament Matt Puddy
Gloucester City SC	Andy Osborne
Sevenside Tritons	Sara Part
Soundwell SC	Jon Wills

#### **Other Attendees:**

Emily Taylor – ASA Club Development Officer

Lindsay Dunn – ASA England Programmes

<b>Agenda Item</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies:</b> Neil Harper, Brian Guy, Andy Liddle, Ian Stuart, Marion Britton, Herbie Adams, Pauline Adams</p>
<p><b>2. Introduction:</b></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the meeting and apologized for the clash with the ASA SWR Forum. He stated that the purpose was to gain GCASA approval for the formation of the new City of Bristol “one club” arrangements which incorporates the existing Bishopsworth and Bristol Central Clubs which will be dissolved. This needed to be done in advance of the next GCASA Executive Meeting planned for the 12th. September. He invited COB and the ASA to present the new arrangements for the club to the meeting.</p>
<p><b>3. Presentation of the New Club COB Structure:</b></p> <p>Dave Beament gave an introduction to the new COB structure and governance and outlined the next step that needed to be taken. Key points were that there was an SGM planned for September with a transition to the new arrangements by Jan 2017.</p> <p>He then handed over to Emily Taylor and Lindsay Dunn to describe why the ASA have been involved and how Hengrove and the COB are seen as key to the ASA vision for swimming in Bristol. They explained the monetary investment already put into Bristol Aquatics and their view that Bristol should have a single club with 3 performance disciplines operating at the Hengrove location.</p>
<p><b>4. GCASA Rules Committee Statement:</b></p> <p>Although Herbie Adams was not present, the meeting was informed that Dave Beament had worked with the GCASA Rules Committee to ensure the new constitution was suitable. COB had amended the constitution in line with Herbie’s recommendations. A draft constitution was distributed prior to the meeting to all clubs and a further constitution clause had been agreed between GCASA which had still to be added.</p> <p>Agreed Clause:</p> <p>“All Swimmers joining COB from a Participating Network Swimming Discipline Club shall be fee paying Members of the ASA, as described in ASA regulation 47.4.3, for that or any other Participating Network Swimming Discipline Club (their Home Club), for the duration of their COB Membership.”</p>
<p><b>5. Exec Discussion:</b></p> <p>The floor was opened for members of the exec to ask questions on the workings of COB and their constitution. All questions from clubs were addressed by COB and ASA representatives.</p> <p>From the GCASA point of view the main issue was representation of COB members from network clubs in County Events. COB assured the County that it was the intent for Network club based swimmers to remain members of their Network Affiliated club and represent them in their “home” County Championships. The agreed additional clause enables swimmers from Participating Network clubs to be identified.</p>
<p><b>6. Executive Vote:</b></p> <p>The meeting took a vote on whether to accept the COB as an Affiliated member of Gloucester County ASA. All voted in favour with the proviso that the agreed clause was inserted and the GCASA Rules Committee endorsed the final constitution.</p>