

GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA

President: Mr Andy Liddle



GCASA Executive Meeting

Monday 14th November 2016 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Berkley Suite, Best Western Gables Hotel, Falfield (GL12 8DL, 01454 260502)

Attendees

Honorary County Posts:

Keith Smith (Secretary), Alexander Scott (Administrator), Brian Guy (Treasurer), Brian Armstrong (Masters/Open Water), Neil Harper (Officials), Ian Stuart (Synchro), Phil Jones (Water Polo), Sara Part (Championship Manager), Marion Britton (Welfare Officer)

Club Delegates:

Club	Delegate 1	Delegate 2
Bishopworth SC		
Bristol Central	Nicky Booth	
Bristol Henleaze SC	Brian Guy	
Bristol Masters SC		
Bristol North SC	Gerald Staddon	Janet Staddon
Bristol Penguin Olympic SC	Jeremy Dudley	
Bristol South SC		
Brockworth SC		
Cheltenham S&WP Club	Ian Stuart Dean Stephen	Phil Jones
Cinderford & District SC	Alexander Scott	
Cirencester SC	Peter Bennett	
City of Bristol	Nicky Booth	
Dursley Dolphins	Michael Aldridge	
Gloucester City SC		
Gloucester Masters SC	Brian Armstrong	
Harlequins WPC		
Lydney SC		
Portway SC		
Sevenside Tritons	Sara Part	Keith Smith
Soundwell SC		
Southwold SC	Shaun Pellow	
South Glos Water Polo Club	Gerald Staddon	
Stroud Masters SC		
Tewkesbury SC	Allan Swift	
United Bristol Swimming Club	Brian Guy	

Past Presidents:

Marion Britton, Brian Guy, Phil Jones, Ian Stuart, Neil Harper, Mike Hynd

Agenda

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Tamzin Howard (Harlequins), Matt Rogers (Cinderford & District), Mike Bretnall (Lydney), Mark Collins (CoB), Gavin Phillips (Gloucester City), Andy Liddle (President - Severnside Tritons)</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the 12th September 2016 meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of 21st March were approved.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising from 12th September 2016 meeting</p> <p><i>Item 3 [Para 2]: Licensed Meet Quotas</i> The Meet Calendar for 2017 is now complete and online at http://www.glosasa.com/files/documents/County-Meet-Calendar.pdf</p> <p><i>Item 4 [Para 1]: Treasurer's Report</i> Brian Guy presents executive with treasurer's report as item 4 of this executive meeting.</p> <p><i>Item 5a [Para 1]: Gloucester County ASA Competitions 2017</i> An alternative solution was found for Southwold SC which facilitated swimmers to register times for 800m and 1500m events in the Severnside club championships.</p> <p><i>Item 5a [Paras 2-3]: GCASA Championships & Age Group Conditions 2017</i> Sara Part has made all requested changes and times have been published and distributed.</p> <p><i>Item 5b [Para 1]: County Masters Swimming</i> No clubs have yet to provide contact information of medallists of European Masters Championships and subsequently no County letter has been drafted.</p> <p><i>Item 5c [Para 2]: County Open Water</i> Results of South West Region Championships have been included in Discipline Report of this Exec Meeting. While there will be no retrospective County Awards, future individual medalists will be presented with awards. Brian Armstrong to consider OW awards for 2017.</p> <p>Brian Armstrong awaiting response from Wiltshire on potential for a joint event next year. See minutes from this meeting Item 6c for more details.</p> <p><i>Item 5f [Para 1]: County Water Polo</i> Phil Jones has incorporated information relevant to the previous missing report in the report to this executive meeting.</p> <p><i>Item 5h [Para 1]: South West Regional Updates</i></p>	<p>Brian Armstrong to follow-up with Clubs</p> <p>Minutes from 12th September 2016 amended to read 'retrospective awards' rather than 'retrospective trophy'</p>

<p>As of this executive meeting, no ideas have been presented on how South West Region ASA surplus funds can be spent (estimated at £50,000 per annum). Initial ideas included cutting entry fees to regional meets.</p> <p><i>Item 6f [Para 1]: Regional qualifying times for 1500m event</i> Regional qualifying times for 1500m event was looked into. No anomaly was found and no further action was required or requested.</p> <p><i>Item 6g [Para 1]: Club Grants</i> Club Grants are on the agenda of this executive meeting.</p>	<p>All members are invited to email SWR Board Member with suggestions at keith.smith@blueyonder.co.uk</p>
<p>4. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Brian Guy presented his report to the executive and highlighted the following points:</p> <p>Difficulties of the Treasury Role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working towards having accounts in order for March 2017 has been difficult due to addressing the urgent need of several delayed payments as well as cheques not being paid and / or sent and / or lost and payments therefore straddling two financial years - Discrepancies therefore appear between 2015 and 2016 accounts - However, all outstanding payments have now been paid - Furthermore, electronic banking is already in place <p>Accounts Ready for Examination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Accounts for March 31st 2015 & 2016 have not yet been examined by an accountant - Executive agrees that a professional is needed to qualify accounts - Accounts will therefore be examined this Wednesday to ensure all discrepancies have been ironed out - Accounts will be ready within next few weeks, well in time for distribution to the executive and a presentation of them in January executive meeting and acceptance at an EGM attached to the next Executive meeting. 	<p>Brian Guy will submit accounts for qualification and summarize outcomes in a report to be distributed before 9th January Executive Meeting.</p>
<p>5. Activity & Reports</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. County Swimming</p> <p>A brief update by County Championships Swimming Manager Sara Part:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All County Champs have been licensed - Steve Jones (Entry Manager) will publish entry information and forms via County Administrator uploading them to County Website - Entry closing date is 19th December 2016 - Once number of participants per club is known, payment will be via BACS rather than cheques. - Small note that County Championships (Blocks) are this year in January/February (unlike previous years where traditionally held in Feb/March) <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. County Masters Swimming</p> <p>Brian Armstrong presented his report to the executive and highlighted the</p>	<p>County Administrator to upload entry information and files to County Website</p>

following points:

- The County will defend its Intercounties regional title in Dorchester on November 20th 2016. While a team is selected and confirmed, the County has yet to meet the mandatory number of officials needed to take to the meet
- British Swimming has issued a public apology over many elements of the 2016 European Masters Championships and pledged to do all they can to ensure better experiences at future events
- Dates for the Fina World Master Championships will be confirmed by the end of November

c. County Open Water

Brian Armstrong presented his report to the executive and highlighted the following points:

- Congratulations to the many Gloucester County swimmers who achieved top 3 positions at the ASA South West Regional Championships (June 25th) and ASA Nationals at Rother Valley County Park
- Special praise to Jessica Wooddisse (Stroud Masters) for her Silver Medal at the European Masters Open Water Championship in Rijeka, Croatia on September 9th
- Next year's regional events have provisional dates (mostly secured)
- Waiting for an expression of interest from Wiltshire on potential for a combined event. Brian will keep us updated on progress and need for officials.
- If Wiltshire is not available, there are a number of non-ASA governed swims happening around the County. See Brian's report for further details.
- The new FINA wetsuit regulations were discussed.

d. County Swimming Officials

Neil Harper presents his report and highlights the following points:

- Requests permission from Executive to hire Suite at Best Western Gables Hotel for the purpose of organizing a Contemporary Issues Modules (about safeguarding awareness). All agreed.
- CoB Bristol running a J2 course on 1st December 2016 and 5th January 2017

e. County Synchronized Swimming

Ian Stuart states that he has nothing to add to his report other than friendly advice for interested members to book your seats early for the National Age Groups competition taking place at GL1 from 2nd – 4th December 2016.

f. County Water Polo

Phil Jones offers apologies for providing his report late but explained he was waiting for names of selected water polo players for the inter-regional championships and inter-national championships.

<p>Phil Jones then presented his report and highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County Water Polo is thriving! With men and women teams fielded in all South West Championships, the County hope to see it return to other traditional places such as Cirencester and Gloucester as well as to other County Clubs - The County is represented in the interregional championships in the South West squads - The executive approves the purchase of County Tee Shirts with badges for players and team officials whom have not played for the County before - The County records a note of thanks to Water Polo Coach John Spicer for all the hard work put into training sessions and selection of the teams. <p style="text-align: center;">g. County Para Swimming</p> <p>Discipline Manager Josh Pattison was not in attendance and no report had been submitted to the executive.</p> <p>All discipline reports made were then approved by the County Executive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">h. SW Regional Updates</p> <p>Marion Britton attended the 13th October Swimming Committee Meeting. Noteworthy items included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Out of 270 event licenses issued 10 failed to be recognized due lack of officials despite being run (mostly level 4 competitions) - Some clubs at Regional competitions have swimmers but failed to provide any officials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Southwold, UBSC, Cheltenham, Gloucester and Soundwell had no officials - Future rules may include that clubs organizing licenced meets must prove that they have a certain number of their own officials. - The ASA are trying to come up with suitable wording to be out into competition conditions that let parents know that photography may be taking place and they must raise this if they have any objections. There is no requirement any longer to keep a photography or video register at meets and galas. <p>Keith Smith and Marion Britton also attended the South West Regional Annual Council Meeting. They report that attendance is decreasing each year. County feels clubs should be sending representatives to this annual meeting to show their support.</p>	<p>County Secretary to follow-up with County Water Polo Manager</p>
<p>6. A.O.B.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a. County Grants 2016/17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County reemphasizes that £12,000 will be distributed across County Clubs for development from April 2016 – April 2017 - County Secretary setting up online application forms for January 2017 - Applications will detail what monies clubs have proportioned - Reminder to Clubs to apply as last year, some clubs didn't ask - A discussion then established that clubs merging into CoB (Bishopsworth and Central) will still be existing and should apply for grant for the development work they've done since April 2016. 	

CoB (primarily a development squad for most of 2016) will not apply in 2016/2017 but will apply for a club grant for the development grant period April 2017 – April 2018.

- Marion Britton asked whether CoB could apply for development grants for its setting up of a developmental 'disability to para-squad' group, the County advised CoB to put a separate application jointly to Gloucester County as well as South West Region as a network project. They recommended bringing it to the County Executive meeting at January 2017
- Marion Britton (on behalf of this CoB enquiry) thanks the County for their advice and encouragement given the difficulty they are experiencing in establishing a pathway for disabled youngsters to enter the sport

b. ASA County Conference

Keith Smith attended the event at Leicester which was held by England Programmes (ASA owners of performance pathway). Noteworthy items included:

- A presentation on domestic competitions review for England Swimming
- The new system is part of common current County Championship structure to be aligned across the home nations. Advice includes:
 - o Preference to run county events Long course
 - o Differentiating between age groups 16+ in terms of times and awards (currently, competitions group 16 and over together)
- They also want to trial structures for county training camps for 11-year-old group (hopefully medaling at 2024 Olympics) to be put in place by end of year.
- All proposals apply just to swimming, not other disciplines
- Discussion: Would be want to implement this within our County?
 - o They would like 132 coaches and 800 swimmers across country (divided by 33 counties across England)
 - o Swimmers to be selected from County Championship results
 - o Would need a team manager, lead coach to run camps, skills coaches to support camp
- With the Executive keen on what they've initially heard, a request for volunteers to be involved in setting up and delivering work camps will be distributed along with further information on the proposed structure
- Executive agrees for Keith to contact the England programmes and say we'd be interested in becoming a pilot county for this scheme
- A full cost analysis will be made with the more detailed information (due by end of November 2016) before allocating any County money including the costs of lead coach, skills coaches and the logistical costs of running camps.
- While England Programme offers support, they won't help with organizing of camps.
- A brief discussion also discussed where these recommendations fell in relation to the Long Term Athlete Development Reports
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County Secretary to send out:

- A presentation as well as extended explanation of new proposed structures to County Members
- An invitation for expressions of interest in volunteering towards realizing these Camps

Note: Dates of next meetings: 9 Jan 2017, 13 March 2017, 15th May 2017 (AGM)

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