

GLoucester County ASA

President: Mr Andy Liddle



GCASA Executive Meeting

Monday 9th January 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

Attendees

Honorary County Posts:

Keith Smith (Secretary), Andy Liddle (President) Alexander Scott (Administrator), Brian Guy (Treasurer), Brian Armstrong (Masters/Open Water), Neil Harper (Officials), Ian Stuart (Synchro), Phil Jones (Water Polo), Marion Britton (ASA SWR Swimming Committee Rep)

Club Delegates:

Club	Delegate 1	Delegate 2
Bristol Henleaze SC	Brian Guy	
Bristol Masters SC	Herbie Adams	
Bristol North SC	Gerald Staddon	Janet Staddon
Bristol Penguin Olympic SC	Jeremy Dudley	
Bristol South SC		
Brockworth SC		
Cheltenham S&WP Club	Ian Stuart	Phil Jones
Cinderford & District SC	Alexander Scott	
Cirencester SC	Peter Bennet	
City of Bristol	Nicky Booth	
Dursley Dolphins	Michael Aldridge	Paul Tuffin
Gloucester City SC	Andy Osborne	
Gloucester Masters SC	Brian Armstrong	
Lydney SC		
Portway SC		
Sevenside Tritons	Keith Smith	Andy Liddle
Soundwell SC	Rhona Phelps	
Southwold SC	Shaun Pellow	
South Glos Water Polo Club	Gerald Staddon	
Stroud Masters SC		
Tewkesbury SC	Allan Clift	
United Bristol Swimming Club	Brian Guy	

Past Presidents:

Herbie Adams, Pauline Adams, Marion Britton, Brian Guy, Neil Harper, Ian Stuart, Phil Jones

Agenda

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Steve Bramwell (Brockworth SC), Sheila Bryant (Past President), Dean Stephens (Cheltenham S&WP Club), Gavin Phillips (Gloucester City), Matt Rogers (Cinderford & District), Mark Collins (City of Bristol)</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the 14th November 2016 meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of 14th November 2016 were approved with 1 amendment. President signs them off as true record.</p>	<p>Minutes of November 2016 Exec Meeting to be amended to list Jeremy Dudley as present and representing Bristol Penguins</p>
<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <p>Brian Armstrong still to follow-up Clubs for contact information of medalists of European Masters Championships</p> <p>Minutes from 12th September 2016 successfully amended to read 'retrospective awards' rather than 'retrospective trophy'</p> <p>No suggestions on how South West Region ASA surplus funds can be spent have been sent to County Secretary or any of the ASA SWR County Representatives.</p> <p>County Treasurer Brian Guy will present examined accounts during 9th January 2017 SGM</p> <p>County Administrator Alexander Scott successfully uploaded County Championship entry information and files to County Website</p> <p>County Secretary Keith Smith supplied the County Water Polo Manager Phil Jones County shirts with county badges for players and team officials who have not played for County before.</p> <p>County Secretary Keith Smith successfully sent out a presentation and extended explanation of new ASA proposed programme for County Development Pathway to County Members. He also contacted the ASA and indicated the County would be interested in running the programme in 2017.</p> <p>Minutes closed.</p>	<p>Brian Armstrong to contact clubs for information Secretary and / or President to draft letter from County</p>
<p>4. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>A full presentation and explanation of budgets and accounts are left</p>	

to SGM.

5. Activity & Reports

a) County Swimming

2017 County Championships

- Organisation of 2017 County Championships is running smoothly
- There is a significant increase in the number of entries from last year; subsequently oversubscribed!
- All consideration times are accepted except for 50m freestyle for Girls (qualifying times only)
- County welcomes decision of GL1 Leisure Centre to buy new starting device and hopes that old one is serviced and used as a back up before being used for County Championships (used for all events except those taking place on 22nd January 2017)

Development Camps

- GCASA will require approximately £2,000 of funds to support being a pilot programme for County Development Camps.
- However, with full details of scheme only released mid-December, full incorporation of all elements may be limited to those that are logistically possible for 2017
- James Richards has been identified as lead coach for any development camps being run
- Marion Britton will provide administrative support to the running of these camps
- The County will incorporate all that it can this year with a view to expanding to full programme next year if all goes well
- Plans to be finalized on 14th January 2017
- County confirms that this programme is orientated towards coach development for coaches on the camps to incorporate coaching practices learned back to their own clubs improving their training environments.

b) County Masters Swimming

- County Discipline Manager Brian Armstrong has nothing to add to his report
- GCASA Executive praise how comprehensive the report is
- Only action point previously detailed in 'Section 3. Matters Arising'
- Brian Armstrong to attend South West Region Meeting for County Reps

c) County Open Water

- County Discipline Manager Brian Armstrong adds to his report that – in addition to winning his age group and finishing 11th overall in the 1000m British Championships – Jon Coe of Gloucester Masters won the 1000m 2nd Ice Swimming Aqua Sphere World Championships in Germany

Open invitation to Club County representatives to suggest agenda items to be put forward

d) County Swimming Officials

- County Discipline Manager Neil Harper adds to his report that he is concerned over the number of officials for the County Championships
- Most notably in need are the distance events (800m & 1500m) taking place on 22nd January 2017

e) County Synchronized Swimming

- County Discipline Manager Ian Stuart declares there is nothing to add to County reported
- Notes that discipline's season is traditionally begins in March and peaks around November / December

f) County Water Polo

- County Discipline Manager Phil Jones reports that Gloucester County recorded good performance at Intercounty championships:
 - o Senior Gentlemen came third.
 - o Seniors Ladies came first.
 - o Under 16 Boys and Girls both won
 - o Under 12s came second
- Phil Jones adds that, despite the quality being present at County level, there are not enough competitions to enter
- GCASA Executive move to officially record thanks to John Spicer who coaches several of the teams

g) County Para Swimming

No attendance or report to note.

h) SW Regional Updates

- ASA SWR Swimming Committee Rep Marion Britton attended ASA SWR Strategy meeting on 8th January 2017
- Meeting outlined their plans to focus on development work through investing in the following three areas:
 - o Communication and Marketing
 - o Financial Transparency
 - o Volunteers
- SW Region made the point that there was no swimming representative in attendance to the opening launch of Bristol as the European City of Sport despite the Lord Mayor having invited several sports clubs to send representatives.
- SW Region proposal to address this is to employ part time communications / press officer
- GCASA Executive discuss why information on this event did not make it through to County Body. It is established that the information would be thought to have come from ASA Divisional Business Manager

- GCASA Club representatives asked to return to their clubs and ask for more officials
- GCASA Executive to send email to clubs to same effect.

County Secretary to write to ASA Alan Green and event organiser Bristol City Council to ask why GCASA were not

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief update details how Sport England are now funding projects through grants applied for online - With regards to finance and transparency, SWR are to produce regular newsletter for Counties and Clubs - SWR to employ part-time employee Stacey Vickery in a as Club Development role who will be in addition to Jackie Hilliard who works for ASA SWR and is employed by WESPORT - Concerns have been raised that SWR Water Polo does not have a finance officer and – despite asking SW regional office to take it on board – have been told they must find a way to do it themselves - County notes that there is no direct representation for any discipline on the Regional Management Board. However Chris Elliott is the Regional Board Representative who acts as the link to the SWR Water Poli Committee - With regards to volunteers, investment will be directed at mentoring support - Idea is to make welcome those who want to get involved but know nobody through mentoring new volunteers - This is to be implemented at club level and the SWR will publish a volunteering charter, restart the young volunteers programmes as well as look at new ways for rewarding and recognizing volunteers - This new Strategy will be published at SWR Council meeting in September with a view to having it signed off shortly afterwards <p><i>ASA ‘Incorporated’</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ASA are sending down four representatives to talk to SWR board and two County representatives (secretary and treasurer) about becoming ‘incorporated’ - Swimming is only “major” sport governing body not incorporated. - Becoming incorporated removes liability from individuals - Current situation is that all club members are potentially personally liable actions of the club. With the officers of the club most at risk. This risk is mitigated by the ASA Club Insurance. 	<p>informed County Executive to explore ways of signposting Sport England funding structure</p>
<p>6. A.O.B</p> <p>a) County Grants 2016/17</p> <p>Application forms have been launched online: http://gcasa.jigsy.com/grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There have been several applications so far - There is no closing date - Need information on what Clubs have spent the money on since last March (anything done this financial year eligible to be supported by County funds) <p>b) COB Disability Grant Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Bristol Aquatics is preferred name of legally named City of 	

<p>Bristol Swimming Club)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marion Britton present background and proposal to Exec (Links to documents provided below) - Notable points during the presentation and subsequent discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A good coach and volunteer has been identified in Louise Johnson o Visibility of opportunities in para-swimming is limited and not developed o An aim of the proposal includes lobbying towards disability swimming included in swimming teacher courses o ASA are coordinated with COB to establish a comprehensive 'signpositng' scheme o There is a lack of funding to be able to capitalize on the above strengths, tackle the above challenges, and achieve the ultimate aims of the proposal o GCASA should support both clubs that aspire to provide swimming opportunities to disabled peoples - A special County Grant of £1,000 is requested by COB to contribute to the realization of the proposal - The Exec decided that it would need to support any club aiming to establish regular disability swimming not just a single club. Therefore the Exec agreed to award a grant of £500 to COB and to Gloucester City Swimming Club to support disability swimming. 	<p>Passed motion to be followed up by County Secretary and Treasurer</p>
<p>Dates of next meetings: 13 March 2017, 15 May 2017 (AGM)</p>	

Links to County Reports

[Masters' Swimming](#)

[Open Water Swimming](#)

[Swimming Officials](#)

[Synchronized Swimming](#)

Other Links

[CoB Para Swimming Vision, Aims, Objectives and Plans](#)

[Swift Inclusive Sport / City of Bristol Aquatics Inclusive Swimming Pathway Proposal](#)