

Secretary's Report AGM 2017 (inc Swimming)

Administration has been more efficient and easier this year as we welcomed Alexander Scott taking on an administration role to support the County. He has been involved in updating the contacts, updating the County handbook, supporting Exec meetings and performing web updates.

We have also secured the services of James Richards to run the County Swimming Development Camps and manage the County teams for the 3-Counties (July) and the ASA Inter County Championships (Oct).

This year the County organised the County Swimming Age Group and Championship Events, Masters Swimming events to its members as well as the County Open Water Championships which were held in conjunction with the ASA SWR Open Water Championships.

In 2016 the County took a team to Stafford for the annual 3-Counties meet hosted by Staffordshire County ASA. Unfortunately, the County was not able to send a team to the ASA Inter County Team event in October 16 due to a clash with school holidays and a large number of swimmers being away on warm weather training.

This year the County has supported the Swim England Development pathway for 11 Year olds. This involves swimmers, coaches and team managers from across the County. There are three one day camps involved led by James Richards from Gloucester City Swimming Club. One camp has already been held and a further two are planned.

For 2017, Gloucester County ASA are hosts for the 3- Counties which is at GL1 on Sunday the 9th July. We also intend to send a Swimming team to the ASA Inter County Team Championships this year.

2017 saw new organisers take over the planning and running of the County Swimming and Age Group Championships; Sara Part ably assisted by Steve Jones and a host of other volunteers. The Championships had to be significantly reorganised again to meet the format required by the ASA. In particular, it saw the reintroduction of Age Group Finals. The event ran extremely smoothly and a review has been held to plan for next year's Championships.

Marion Britton and Neil Harper have been active in delivering Team Manager and Officials Training as efficiently as always.

The County has had a successful year but we still need more representation from people across all clubs to step forward and improve engagement with the Region.

Keith Smith

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