Synchro report to the Gloucestershire County ASA AGM meeting Best Western Gables hotel, Falfield, Glos 8th May 2017

The year has been competitively busy starting with the Reading Novice competition being held on 18th June 2016, which Cheltenham entered. The results are here -

http://readingroyalssynchro.btck.co.uk/Results/NoviceComp2016

The Regional Figure and Routines competition took place at Plymouth on 24th September 2016.

The Multi Regional competition took place on 8th October 2016 at GL1, the results are here -

http://www.swimming.org/synchro/synchro-results/

The National Age Groups competition took place on 2nd - 4th December 2016 at GL1, where City of Bristol and Cheltenham had very good results in the parts of the competition they entered, see -

http://www.swimming.org/synchro/synchro-results/

The next competitions are the Walsall Trophy, to be held in Cheltenham on 13th May 2017, the Combo Cup to be held on 16th - 17th September 2017 in London or Manchester, and the National Age Groups to be held in November.

The ASASWR Synchro Standing Committee met on 7th May 2016, 10th December 2016 and 28th January 2017 at Wellington and during this last meeting the Committee was advised that the ASA would be rebranded as Swim England on 1st April 2017 to bring it into line with Swim Scotland and Swim Wales. The Committee also met on 25th February 2017 at Wellington, together with Maria Ramos (Chair of ASA Synchronised Swimming Group) and Sarah Darragh (National Synchronised Swimming Development Officer) to discuss the major changes to synchro which came into effect in 2017.

The minutes can be viewed at -

http://www.swimwest.org.uk/swim/index.php/document-library/cat_view/26-minutes/28-synchro

Numerous skill assessment days have been arranged around the country which Gloucestershire swimmers attended, and development days have been held locally and regionally for swimmers, coaches and officials, some of these days being qualification courses for volunteers wishing to be more involved in synchro, the next being for Level 1 Judges on 21st May 2017.

I would like to thank Alyson Bashford, Mary Hooper and Viv Ebbs for organising and publicising these days and their involvement in the organisation of competitions, and to thank all the coaches, officials and volunteers for their time and dedication.

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