



GLoucester County ASA



President
Mrs Sue Jones

Opening:

Minutes of Gloucester County ASA Annual General Meeting held Monday 13 May 2013
at The Gables, Falfield, Gloucestershire

Present:

Sue Jones **President**, David Bishop **Treasurer**, Keith Smith **Secretary**,

Past Presidents Philip Jones, Cheltenham, Ian Stuart, Cheltenham, Sheila Bryant, Severnside Tritons, Frank Keeble, Brian Dunning Bristol North

Clubs delegates -: Bristol Central (Nicky Booth), Bristol Henleaze (Brian Guy), Bristol North (Gerald Staddon, Janet Staddon), Bristol Penguin Olympic (Jeremy Dudley), Brockworth (Sharon Tuck, Nick Young), Cheltenham S & WP Club (Phil Jones, Ian Stuart), Cinderford & District (Brian Bradley), City of Bristol (Nicky Booth), Dursley Dolphins (Michael Aldridge), Gloucester City (Marcus Lee, J Pattison, S Marlow), Harlequins WPC (G E Staddon), Severnside Tritons (S Salmon), Southwold (Keith Smith, Juliet Jones), Tewkesbury (Jenny Sheppard), United Bristol (Jeremy Dudley).

13/05 1. Apologies. Past Presidents. Herbie Adams Southwold, Pauline Adams Southwold, Marion Britton Bristol Central, Neil Harper Bristol Central Officials Organiser,

Others: Alan Clift Tewkesbury, Mike Pierce Bishopsworth, Rachel Roberts Severnside Tritons

CLUBS NOT REPRESENTED Bishopsworth, Bristol Hengrove Masters, Bristol Masters, Chipping Campden, Cirencester, Gloucester Masters, Lydney, Portway, Stroud Masters, Soundwell, University of Bristol, University of the West of England

13/05 2. Approval of Minutes 14 May 2013

The minutes of the AGM held 14 May 2012 were approved as distributed.

13/05. 3. Matters Arising

None.

13/05 4. Annual Reports

Secretary – Keith Smith

During this year Gloucester County ASA has provided the County Swimming Championships, County Open Water Swimming Championships and Masters Swimming events to its members. The County has also sent representative swimming teams to the 3-Counties Gala in Worcester and the ASA Inter County Championships at Sheffield. The

County was not able to provide any more development opportunities again through lack of volunteer effort to spend the time to organise any extra activity.

We have throughout the year been active in training officials and team managers and thanks go out to Marion Britton and Neil Harper. GCASA has also awarded £1800+ in bursaries for members to undertake UKCC Teacher and Coach training.

The County Association has operated this year without a full Secretary or President, which has been difficult. Finding time for general admin has been very hard but we have found the time to agree and then employ a part-time paid administrator who took up post in early May 13. This I hope will enable the County Association to run much more effectively and develop the range of activities it can provide and support.

Times are now changing significantly with the ASA Centre organisation. There is no longer a Regional Director or a responsibility for the South West Region (SWR) ASA to deliver ASA Centre business targets. The SWR Chair no longer has line management responsibility for ASA Centre staff.

The SWR is now more autonomous and is developing a new strategy which will rely on strong County Associations to deliver in the future. The County ASA now has a change to significantly influence and support the Region's activity to provide a better overall environment for our Clubs.

We have made some progress in fostering the debate on improving the efficiency of County Management but as yet no material decisions have been made and we are still operating with "an "executive" governance arrangement. I would still encourage the County to change to a smaller annually elected "Management Board" with the power to manage in year, and an associated "Members Forum" to ensure the membership is made aware of the Management Board's progress.

Swimming – Will Nicholson

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who helped at the County Championships for 2013 as without all of the various helpers (Technical and Non-Technical) the blocks would not be as successful as they are. However it was disappointing that at the distance events some took the wrong attitude when it came to helping out and in some of the latter sessions there were qualified officials filling some of the roles!

Entries this year increased by £756 (189 entries) but unfortunately Team entries were down by £820 (82 teams), 30 of these entries were from 3 clubs not taking part and several were from the third teams no longer being able to compete. The other contributing factor is that the last weekend clashed with the beginning of the Easter Holidays.

Qualifying time failures were up by 53 (289) compared to 236 failures in 2012. This figure is also up by 14 compared to (275) failures in 2010. Last year I reported that income was up and DQMs were down, I would say that the Income was stable but DQMs have gone the wrong way! Hopefully in 2014 we will see better figures.

This year there were 40 boys and 17 girls Age Group Best Times, 5 boys and 5 girls Competition Best Times and 2 Male and 4 Female County Records. One of these records was long-standing going back to 1987. In short another very good year, even better than 2012.

- Competition Dates Secondary Competition – Development Meet November 23/24th 2013

- County Championships 2014
 - January 19th 2014
 - February 2nd 2014
 - February 15/16th 2014
 - March 8/9th 2014
 - March 29/30th 2014

Officials – Neil Harper

Currently, the County is blessed with a dedicated group of volunteers who are licensed officials. Without them, the County would not be able to hold its Blocks each year. For the past couple of years, numbers joining the list have been greater than those who have left. To all those on the list I give my heartfelt thanks – you make a difficult job a lot easier.

In saying that though, we should not be complacent! There is one area especially where we are woefully short of numbers – and that is in the ranks of our referees. We currently have six in the County. To run a successful session at the Blocks I need four. It doesn't take a lot of working out to see the stress that can be placed on that group of people, so all you J2S's out there, we need you to take the plunge and become refs, otherwise the County could be in difficulty over the next couple of years!

With relation to licensed officials, we are now getting to the stage where many of you will be coming to the end of your first licensing period. You should have a reminder sent to you by the ASA, prior to your current one expiring. This means you will have had to have completed to mandatory CPD elements, i.e. FINA up – date and contemporary issues. If you have not, please contact me and we can make arrangements to address that issue.

Finally, the County should be very proud of the fact that we have one of the youngest (if not the youngest) officials in the Country and hopefully we will encourage more youngsters into continuing in the sport within this arena.

Synchro – Ian Stuart

After the Olympic year we have seen an increased interest in synchro, with many youngsters making inquiries and taking it up. Hopefully they will stay with their clubs and progress within the recreational and competitive streams.

The Walsall Trophy, a SWR competition with seven clubs taking part, will take place at Cheltenham on 18th May 2013 with Cheltenham entering an U12 duet and team and an U19 duet and team.

Other future competitions are the Novice Figures competition, which gives many swimmers their first competition experience, on 29th July 2013 at Cheltenham and the Multi-Regional recreational strand competition on 28th September 2013 at Plymouth. The competitive strand competition will be held at GL1 on 12th October 2013.

The final competition of the year will be the National Age Groups on 29th November - 1st December 2013 at GL1 in Gloucester when swimmers from Bristol Central and Cheltenham compete in the figures, solos, duets and team events in all the age groups.

The British Championships were held at Sheffield on 13th/14th April 2013, with Bristol Central entering competitors in a number of events and had a very successful competition. The full results are at <http://www.swimming.org/assets/uploads/library/BritishSynchroChamps2013.pdf>.

The Multi-Regional competition was held at the Plymouth Life Centre on 29th September 2012, and the National Age Group competition was held at GL1 on December 1st / 2nd 2012, the competitive results being at <http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/library/document/nag-synchro-2012-results> and the recreational results at <http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/library/document/nag-synchro-2012-recreational-results>.

The ASASWR Synchro Standing Committee met on 8th September 2012 and on 2nd March 2013 at the ASA Regional Office, and will meet again on 7th September 2013.

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. More assessment and development days will be held during the year, using Honiton Leisure Centre and Marlborough School as venues.

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

Masters - Herbie Adams

Masters' Swimming in the County revolves mainly around 2 activities, the annual Masters' Championships, in September, and the National Annual Inter County Masters' Competition, in November. In both the County continues to make steady, if slow, progress.

The Championships in 2013 were run, as usual, in connection with Somerset ASA at Horfield LC. Entries, and thus receipts, showed an encouraging upturn. However, we still fail to attract swimmers in the 18 – 24 age group. Competitors in this group are not technically master swimmers but all masters' events run this section for two major reasons: to cater for swimmers who have outgrown age-group swimming and its demands, and to introduce younger adult swimmers to the masters' side of the Sport.

In the Inter county, we gained our best ever result, ranked 7th in the Country with, undoubtedly, the best team we have ever put out. Much of the team's success may be attributed to its strength in depth and its resulting performances in the team races.

Masters' swimming is greatly indebted to the support it receives from a small, but dedicated, bunch of Technical Officials who grace our meets with their expertise. We cannot thank them enough but are cheered by the fact that they seem to enjoy being with us for the day. On this note, we would be overjoyed to swell their ranks.

We are equally indebted to the County administration and are aware that, as a minority branch of the Sport, we require support. Capitalism promotes economies of scale and, thus, acts against small scale operations; and modern swimming seems to be embracing hard-line capitalist theory. We do have a deficit, but we do have a deficit-reduction plan and one that worked rather better in the past year than similar, more publicised, undertakings. It continues in 2013/14.

Open Water Report – Alan Giles

Open Water training and familiarisation sessions were held at Henleaze Lake in preparation for the Open Water County Championships on Sunday 8 July 2012.

The ASA South West Open water championships were held at Bradley Stoke Water Park, Bristol on Sunday 1 July 2012 – this venue was used as Weymouth was not available due to London 2012 Olympic sailing events being held at Weymouth.

I attended the ASA South West Open Water committee on behalf of GCASA – this committee meets twice a year in March and September, with representatives from the region's Counties.

For 2013

GCASA OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HENLEAZE LAKE Sunday 14 July 2013 – Championships events are anticipated to be

11/12 years	600m
13 – 16 years (age group split 13/14 and 15/16)	1,500m

17 years+ (age groups 17-24, 25–34, 35-44, 45- 54 years, 55+ etc 2,000m and 1,200m*
(Nb *The new 1,200m event is intended for those new to Open Water swimming, and / or whose anticipated time will predetermine that the 1,200m event is appropriate for them - details to follow

Some Clubs are always regulars at the OW Championships, with good numbers of swimmers but some County Clubs have only sent a few swimmers if any. The championships could run with say 100+ swimmers. Information and applications forms will be available on County website shortly

Open water familiarisation at Henleaze Lake On Saturdays 22 June, 6July and 13 July 2013 from 10am to 11am

These are primarily for swimmers from Gloucester County Clubs, prior to County Open Water championships (intended to be helpful for those new to open water swimming)

OPEN WATER TRAINING AT HENLEAZE LAKE - Do Gloucester County Clubs want open water time at Henleaze Lake? – if so please contact Alan Giles

2013 OTHER OPEN WATER EVENTS

Details advised John Helme, ASA SWR.Hon Secretary Open Water Committee

- **An introduction to Open Water Swimming and Sea training**
Residential Weekend at Weymouth 31May, 1 and 2 June 2013
Age Group 12 to 22 years Swimmers need to have some distance swimming ability
- **Training Course OWater Swimming Officials** (Beginners & Advanced) 1 &2 June, Weymouth
- **ASA West Championships 29 / 30 June 2013** at Preston Beach, Weymouth
Distances include: 10K, 5K, 3K, 2K, 1.5K and a taster event of 750m.

- **ASA National championships** at Rother Valley Lake near Sheffield., Swimmer eligibility subject to pool times achieved and / or winning at ASA South West Open Water championships

Open Water and your Clubs participation. If your Club has not yet been involved with Open Water but your swimmers want to know more please contact me.

Water Polo– Phillip Jones

Seniors – Gloucester had two representatives at the 2012 Olympics – Craig Fidges (Bristol Central) captain of the mens tea and Rob Parker (Cheltenham) top goal scorer for the GB Mens team.

On the club side Gloucester had an exceptional year Cheltenham SWPC winning the British means league and Bristol Central winning the British Mens Championship.

Junior – Both Cheltenham and Bristol are progressing well with mini polo projects using ASA development funding. A mini polo tournament was held at Cheltenham, 34 children taking part and was reported in the local news. Two development sessions were run at Cheltenham for the Boys u/13 and girls u/17 County age groups.

Results for 2012 S.W County Championships

U/13 mixed – 3rd

U/15 mixed – 2nd

U/17 girls – 3rd

U/19 boys – 2nd

Women 1st

International Honours

Will Rayon (Cheltenham) has been selected to play for GB Youth team in European championships in May. Jack Arthur (Cheltenham) was selected for the GB Junior mens team 2012.

Kate Read and Becky Thomas (both Cheltenham) and Rudi Polster, Iain Greig (both Cheltenham) in the GB Training squads.

Disability – Josh Pattison

Disability swimming is largely based around Gloucester City Swimming club. Gloucester County swimmers were the most successful SW Region County at the National disability championships.

13/05 5. Treasurer Report and Accounts – David Bishop

The accounts and report had been circulated prior to the meeting. They have been yet to be approved by The Independent Examiner Millener Davies, Chartered Accountants.

The accounts were approved and a vote of thanks given for the excellent work carried out by the Treasurer

13/05 6. Budget

The Treasurer has taken into account any increase in expenditure which may occur e.g. pool hire transport and further development projects.

Proposed County levy to stay the same £1.70 - **Approved**

13/05 7. Election of President. - Mike Hynd, the President Elect took his position as President.

13/05 8. Election of Officers, Administrators/Managers.

See appendix,

13/05 9. Election of Representatives to ASA/SW Region.

See appendix

13/05 10. County Trophy Presentations

Delancy Cup	Performance in Championship Events	Gloucester City
Elkington Cup	Performance & Participation in Age Group Events	Gloucester City

Heron Shield	Performance in Relay Event	Gloucester City
Brian Harrison Cup	Ind 200m Age Group Events	Alexander Seymour

Presidents Cup (1) For outstanding performances	Craig Figes – London 2012 Water Polo
Presidents Cup (2) For outstanding performances	Katie Dawkins – London 2012 Synchronised Swimming

See web site for full list of points awarded to clubs for the performance trophies

13/05 11. Dates of Executive Meetings

16th September 2013
18th November 2013
6th January 2014
10th March 2014
15th September 2014
17th November 2014

Annual General Meetings

12th May 2014

ALL CLUBS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THESE MEETINGS SO YOUR CLUB CAN BE KEPT UP TO DATE WITH DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTY.

Thanks to all the officers of the County for their work during the year.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed

Dated

President

Secretary

GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES 2013 / 2014	
Officers:	
President	<i>Mike Hynd</i>
Hon Secretary	<i>Keith Smith</i>
Hon Treasurer	<i>David Bishop</i>
Representatives:	
President Elect	<i>Brian Guy</i>
Hon Administrator	<i>Jenny Sheppard (by appointment)</i>
Hon Manager for Development	<i>Vacant</i>
Hon Legal Advisor	<i>Julie Hughes</i>
Independent Financial Advisor	
County Welfare Officer	<i>Rachel Roberts</i>
Trophy Controller	<i>Sheila Bryant</i>
Hon Manager for Swimming Age Groups and Championships	<i>Richard Tomlinson</i>
Hon Manager for Water Polo	<i>Phillip Jones</i>
Hon Manager for Open water	<i>Alan Giles</i>
Hon Manager for Synchronized Swimming	<i>Ian Stuart</i>
Hon Secretary for Swimming Officials	<i>Neil Harper</i>
Webmaster	<i>Jenny Sheppard (by appointment)</i>
Handbook Editor	<i>Herbie Adams</i>
Emergency Committee	
President	<i>Mike Hynd</i>
Hon Secretary	<i>Keith Smith</i>
Hon Treasurer	<i>David Bishop</i>
(1)	<i>Sheila Bryant</i>
(2)	<i>Rachel Roberts</i>
Rules Committee	
	<i>Sheila Bryant</i>
	<i>Herbie Adams</i>

County Championship Management Group	
Officers	
Meet Manager	<i>Richard Tomlinson</i>
Officials Rep	<i>Neil Harper</i>
Coaches Rep	<i>TBC</i>
Club Admin Rep	<i>TBC</i>
Disability Rep	<i>Josh Pattison</i>
President	<i>Mike Hynd</i>

ASA South West Region

Gloucester ASA Nominations 2013

Post	Nomination
President Elect	
Administration Officer	
Finance Officer	
ASA Swimming Officials Organiser	<i>Lynn Elliott</i>
Handbook Editor	<i>Julie Airlie</i>
Medical Advisor	
Welfare Officer	<i>Marion Britton</i>
Health & Safety Officer	
Emergency Committee	
Elected Member (1)	<i>Paul Dudley</i>
Elected Member (2)	<i>Phil Jones</i>
ASA SWR Annual Council	
County Representatives (1)	<i>Frank Keeble</i>
County Representatives (2)	<i>Ian Stuart</i>
Management Board	
County Rep	<i>Keith Smith</i>
Members Forum (in addition to County Sec & Treasurer)	
County Elected Representative 1	<i>Ian Stuart</i>
County Elected Representative 2	<i>Frank Keeble</i>
Disabilities Committee	
County Representative	<i>Under review</i>
Diving Committee	
Secretary	
England West School of Swimming	
Secretary	<i>Neil Harper</i>
Open Water Committee	
Secretary	<i>John Helm</i>

County Representative	<i>Alan Giles</i>
Swimming Committee	
Secretary	<i>Chris Tremelen</i>
County Representative	<i>Marion Britton</i>
Masters Committee – County Representative	<i>Herbie Adams</i>
Swimming Officials Committee – County Representative	<i>Neil Harper</i>
County Assistant Exams Organiser	<i>Neil Harper</i>
Synchro Swimming Committee	
Secretary	<i>Janice Walters</i>
County Representative	<i>Ian Stuart</i>
Water Polo Committee	
Secretary	<i>James Baker</i>
County Representative	<i>John Spicer</i>
Regional Representatives to ASA Committees'	
ASA Board (2 year appointment) Next 2013	<i>Phil Jones</i>
ASA Board Substitute (2 year appointment) Next 2013	<i>John Bird</i>
ASA Council - County Nomination	<i>Phil Jones</i>
ASA Council – Regional Elected Rep 1	<i>Vacant</i>
ASA Council – Regional Elected Rep 2	<i>Vacant</i>
ASA Masters	<i>Vacant</i>
ASA Medical Advisory	<i>Vacant</i>
ASA Judicial Appointments Panel	<i>Malcolm Hopes</i>