



# GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA

President: Mr Mike Hynd, President Elect: Mr Brian Guy

## MINUTES OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA EXECUTIVE HELD AT THE GABLES, FALFIELD, GLOS ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014

### Attendees:

#### **Hon County Posts:**

Mike Hynd - President, Brian Guy – President Elect, David Bishop – Treasurer, Keith Smith – Secretary, Neil Harper - Officials

#### **Past Presidents:**

Philip Jones, Marion Britton

#### **Club Delegates:**

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Delegate 1</b>	<b>Delegate 2</b>
Bishopsworth SC	Grace Williams	
Bristol Central SC	Nicky Booth	
Bristol Henleaze SC	Brian Guy	
<b>Bristol Masters SC</b>		
Bristol North SC	Janet Staddon	
Bristol Penguin Olympic SC	Jeremy Dudley	
<b>Brockworth SC</b>		
Cheltenham S&WP Club	Ian Stuart	
<b>Chipping Camden</b>		
Cinderford & District SC	Brian Bradley	
Cirencester SC	Alan McCouig	
City of Bristol SC	Nicky Booth	
<b>Dursley Dolphins</b>		
Gloucester City SC	Josh Pattison	
<b>Gloucester Masters SC</b>		
Harlequins WPC	Gerald Staddon	
Lydney SC		
Portway SC		
Sevenside Tritons		
Soundwell SC	Darren Stone	
Southwold SC	Juliet Jones	
<b>Stroud Masters SC</b>		
Tewkesbury SC	Allan Clift	
United Bristol Swimming Club	Brian Guy	

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies:</b> Sheila Bryant (Severnside), Sue Malone (Glos SC), Alan Giles (OW), Alan Clift (TSC), Herbie Adams (Masters), Dave Beaument (C.O.B.)</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014:</b> Minutes accept.</p>	
<p><b>3. Matters Arising from 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014:</b> None</p>	
<p><b>4. Correspondence</b> None</p>	
<p><b>5. Treasurers Report</b> The Treasurer reported healthy accounts and the account summary had been previously circulated. Also previously circulated cashflow 1 Jan to 31 Jan 2014 and 31 Jan to 3 Mar 2014 and draft budget for year to 31 Mar 2015. <i>Nb figures from blocks not yet known.</i> Budget based on known existing income and expenses, if any further expenses are expected the Treasurer needs to be informed asap. Money has been put aside for the Open Water champs as it is expected some expenses will be incurred although for 2014 this event will be part of the SWR Open Water event. David Bishop asked that it should be minuted that he will not be standing for re-election. <b>Mike Hynd, President would like to take this opportunity to thank David for his time and contribution in the role of Treasurer for the GCASA.</b></p>	
<p><b>6. County Championships 2014</b> Richard Tomlinson was not available for the meeting but had supplied a report prior to the meeting which Mike Hynd, President read:</p> <p><b>The Role Of Meet Manager</b> I am happy to commit to running the Championships for 2015 and 2016 After that I am expecting to relocate to Shropshire (where my job is!)</p> <p>My three year plan is to get the management of the Championships to be a well-documented process. The 2014 Championships has seen some significant steps forward and has been a learning experience. In my view, too much of the work has been left to me as the Meet Manager (with support of Marcus Lee and Laura Cole). Clearly, this is pretty much what my predecessor did but it is not a sustainable model.</p> <p>For the 2015 Championships we need to build on the experience from this year and make further improvements. The 2016 Championships can then be used as the handover to the person(s) who will manage the championships thereafter.</p> <p><b>Changes Delivered in 2014</b> We made changes to the format of the competition or the meet conditions because (a) It was specifically requested by the group tasked with reviewing the 2013 Championships or (b) It was needed to make the competition run more smoothly (either from the perspective of swimmers or officials or the meet manager)</p>	

The Key changes are listed below

(a) Requested Changes

- Inclusion of Multi-Disability Swimmers
- Electronic entries only (except Disability Swimmers)
- Moved from Sports Entry System to Hy-Tek Meet Manager
- Race cards abolished, replaced with signing in forms for swimmer
- Age ranges extended for 100m races to age 10/11 in line with ASA rules
- Events for 800m (Males) and 1500m (Females) removed to be consistent with SWR and National Competitions
- Distance events swum as 1500m : Males 10+ and 800m : Females 10+
- Distance events (800m and 1500m) held at 50m pool (2014 in Bath and Hengrove from 2015) as swimmers need long course times for NQTs
- Team Events with less than 9 teams will be swum as a straight final
- Only 2 teams allowed from each club in each team event (1 for Championship Events)
- Only 1 team from a club can swim in the final unless there would be less than 8 teams in the final
- Clubs allowed to change the order of swimmers within a team between heats and final
- Four cut-off dates for entries
  - (i) Individual Distance Events in January : Cut-off = 20th December
  - (ii) Individual Events in February : Cut-off = 10th January
  - (iii) Individual Events in March : Cut-off = 7th February
  - (iv) Team Events in March : Cut-off = 21st February
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(b) Changes to improve the running of the competition

- Paper entries now retained by Clubs not sent to Meet Manager
- Qualifying Times from 2013 extrapolated to cover additional ages
- All 400m+ events now Heat Declared Winner races
- Other Events swum in four groups (ages are mixed together to reduce number of heats)
  - (i) Males 10/11
  - (ii) Females 10/11
  - (iii) Males 12+
  - (iv) Females 12+

NB We did not simplified to two groups as having the additional younger age groups creates rest time before Championship finals

- Order of events in sessions changed so longer distance events are swum first
- Medals collected from Medals table unless a formal presentation
- Medal presentations only for
  - (a) Championship medals and Trophies
  - (b) Distance and Stroke Awards
  - (c) BAGCAT awards
  - (d) 10 & 11 year olds

## **Update on 2014 Championships**

### 1. Meet Helpers

Thanks to Gloucester City as Lead Club and Bristol Henleaze, Tewkesbury, Cheltenham, Cirencester as Support Clubs for supplying helpers to manage sessions 2-5. It was good to see so many new people involved.

The next sessions 6-9 will see Soundwell as Lead Club and Southwold, Bristol Penguins, Lydney, Bristol North as Support Clubs.

### 2. Signing- In.

For the most part this worked well and swimmers/coaches are now up to speed with the new process.

Clubs are asked to reinforce the message to swimmers that if they aren't signed in then they won't swim.

### 3. Programmes

I under estimated the demand for programmes.

For the next sessions, I have outsourced the printing so more copies will be available. I have also made electronic copies available via the County website so people can print their own.

NB All the results etc can be accessed via Meet Mobile in real-time.

### 4. Electronic Timing System at GL1

The biggest problem we had was the failure of the interface between the Electronic Timing System and the Meet Management software. This meant all times had to be entered manually which is very time consuming.

NB This was the same problem we had at Bath for the distance events.

Sunday afternoon was our busiest session so it is not surprising that we weren't able to keep to the planned timetable. The guys in the control room did a fantastic job to ensure we completed the session.

Thanks to the efforts of Marcus Lee (Gloucester City) and David & Lesley Hibbert (SportsTek – UK Distributors of Hy-Tek Meet Management software) it looks like we have a solution for the remaining future sessions.

## **Further Changes for the 2015 Championships**

In April, I aim to arrange a meeting with all Club Coaches for feedback. I then will discuss recommended changes with the County Championship Support Group. Revised Meet conditions will be submitted to the Exec in September 2014 for approval.

For reference my current thinking is as follows:

- (i) Reduce number of medals to Gold, Silver, Bronze and finalist medals only for Championship finals
- (ii) Stroke Awards to be discontinued as older swimmers already rewarded via Championship finals

<p>(iii) Review schedule of events to get more even lengthened sessions and better balanced session e.g. 100 IM and 50 Free in same session is too much</p> <p>(iv) Revert to two entry deadlines for main competition :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Distance Events (20th December), 2. All other Events (17th January) as very few entries were received in February.</li></ol> <p>(v) Formalise the number of helpers to be supplied by each Club based on number of entries submitted in 2014. Too much work falls on the biggest Clubs (Gloucester, Soundwell and Severnside.)</p> <p>(vi) More needs to be done to get other people involved in the preparation work (e.g. Medals, Trophies, Administration, Printing etc). County to consider appointing Clubs to have responsibility for a specific role for a 2-3 year period. We could consider offering discounted entry fees to Clubs who take on key roles.</p>	
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## **7. Activity and Reports**

### **a. Swimming**

See 6

### **b. Open Water – Alan Giles**

See Appendix A

### **c. Swimming Officials – Neil Harper**

13 officials received their county shirts. At counties 30-40% on poolside were trainees. Dates for SWR have been distributed to officials. A second FINA rules update course is being planned for April 2014.

### **d. Synchronised Swimming – Ian Stuart**

Nothing to report

### **e. Water Polo – Phil Jones**

See Appendix B

### **f. Disability – Josh Pattison**

9 swimmers attended Nationals and achieved 27 medals. The county championships are going well with the disability swimmers.

### **g. Masters Swimming – Herbie Adams**

Nothing to report.

### **h. Regional – Keith Smith/Marion Britton**

The South and West ASA Division are now working out of one office in Somerset. This means no change to the service clubs and members will receive. This office is staffed by Bryony Gibbs, Divisional Office Manager, who continues to service the regions. The first point of call for general support should be to Jackie Hilliard who works for the ASA South West Region not the ASA South and West Division. They are different organisations although the ASA South and West Division provides support to the ASA South West Region. The Club Development officer is Emily Taylor. The next SWR forum is the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Regional structure diagram Appendix C.

A Masters development day is being planned for 2015. World Masters will be held in 2015.

Regional relays in September 2014 will not be a licensed meet.

Clarification of the coaches forum is to be reviewed – currently attendees are from Hub Clubs or clubs with 10 or more National swimmers however this does not appear to represent the attendees.

<p><b>8. A.O.B.</b></p> <p>a. 3 Counties 2014 – GL1 booked 18<sup>th</sup> May 12-5pm with A.O.E. Richard Tomlinson to manage meet with Soundwell as meet organisers however will require support from other clubs. Team selection will be via rankings after the end of March. Team list to be supplied to Neil Harper so that he can contact officials of swimmers selected.</p> <p>b. Club Development Grant. Proposed documentation as prepared by Keith Smith and Dave Bishop had been supplied prior to the meeting to all clubs. Voting of the proposal received 1 abstention and 19 for. An approved copy of the procedure for applying for grants will be supplied to all clubs. Final applications for 2014 to be received by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014.</p> <p>c. Considerable problems with timing equipment at the County blocks had occurred with start boxes, 2 of the pads are defective enabling only 7 lanes to have timing equipment. On lane 6 the fixing screws are defective meaning the housing is moving when the swimmer touches or turns. The backup button on lane 1 also failed and the display screen also caused display problems following a power failure on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar overnight. The lane ropes could also do with replacing. Mike Hynd asked that Neil Harper and Richard Tomlinson (on behalf of GCASA) and Marcus Lee (Glos SC) arrange a meeting with GL1 to discuss the issues with a recommendation that payment for the pool during county blocks excludes costs for the A.O.E. and seek a way forward to ensure equipment is replaced or repaired going forward.</p> <p>d. Mike Hynd would like to extend his thanks on behalf of the GCASA for the excellent effort in the running of the 2014 county blocks to Richard and his team.</p> <p>e. Counties 2014 review – it is requested that the review committee also invite the competition secretaries to enable a broad spectrum of key personal.</p> <p>f. Open water training sessions at Henleaze Lake to be promoted in the next GCASA Newsletter (due after Glos Blocks completed) to include a proposal for one or more training sessions to be run for all clubs funded by the GCASA. Feedback required from clubs on whether the open sessions are required.</p>	<p>Richard Tomlinson/ Keith Smith Soundwell</p> <p>Keith Smith</p> <p>Richard Tomlinson Neil Harper Marcus Lee</p> <p>Richard Tomlinson</p> <p>GCASA Admin</p>
<p><b>9. Next Meeting: AGM 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 – 7:30pm</b></p> <p>All meetings to be held at The Gables Hotel, Falfield, Glos – just off Junction 14 of the M5</p>	

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA**  
**OPEN WATER REPORT for executive meeting 10 March 2014**

**Introduction & general comments**

- Open Water refers to outdoor swimming (i.e. not in an indoor pool). Water temperature is an important consideration in Open Water training or competition (with guidance on required water temperature provided in the ASA handbook)
- As will be appreciated outdoor water temperature will be very dependent on the time of the year and sunshine (to heat the water). Consequently in the UK Open Water swimming will be limited to summer i.e. late May to say mid-September.
- It should be appreciated that many Open Water swimmers still train regularly in the indoor pool, but also have outdoor swim sessions to acclimatise for Open Water.

**Open water championships for Gcasa Clubs in 2014**

After the 6 January 2014 County executive the County administrator Jenny Sheppard contacted John Helme, WestASA Open Water secretary, who confirmed the County's Open water championship could be included within the West championships to be held at Weymouth, off Preston Beach, on Saturday and Sunday 28th and 29th June.

- The 10Km men's and Ladies race will be swum on the Saturday 28 June
- On Sunday 29 June the events comprise
  - 750m beginners race
  - 1.5Km, 2Km & 3Km national qualifying races with Age group & championships over these distances, as well as Age group and championship race over 5Km.

Introduction to Open Water Swimming & Sea Training - 31 May - 1 June 2014 residential weekend Weymouth. Swimmers £80 (12 years or over with some experience of distance swimming), Officials £60 *NB places limited so book early*

For more information please contact John Helme (Open Water Secretary)

Email: [openwater@swimwest.org](mailto:openwater@swimwest.org) Tel: 07714 329726

**Training opportunities for Gcasa Clubs at Henleaze Lake**

HSC is interested in supporting Open Water for the County.

- HSC, with their Superintendent team would be able to provide some evening and Saturday OWater sessions (say from early June) if requested by County Clubs (Evenings could be say 7.20 pm to 8.30pm & Saturdays say 9.00am to 11am)
- These sessions would provide an opportunity for Clubs to book /arrange specific sessions with HSC - to provide training for the West ASA Open Water champs at Weymouth, and the National Open Water championships at Rother Valley.
  - Further details will be provided by HSC for the County website
- If sufficient interest arises from County Clubs recommencing the County Open Water Championships at Henleaze Lake in 2015 could be considered, subject to the intensions of the County Executive

Alan Giles Open Water manager 10 March 2014



**GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA**

• **Waterpolo Report March 2014**

SW Int.Counties September 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

Water polo players from Gloucestershire took on the best in the South West at a tournament at Millfield School, Somerset.

More than 200 players competed in the ASA SW region inter-county championships with Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club members making up the bulk of Gloucestershire sides.

Teams ranged from senior women's down to mixed 12&U squads in a contest that saw the county pitched against Devon and Dorset.

Three Gloucestershire teams took first place: the senior women's, the men's 18&U, and the mixed 14&U. The men's 16&U came second, while the women's 16&U and the 12&U mixed both took third position.

Top goal scorers for the county were Vicki Hawkins, senior women's, Will Rayson, men's 18&U, Becky Thomas for the women's 16&U, Dan Atkins and Solomon Robson, men's 16&U, and Nick Armitage-Bond, mixed 14&U. Other notable goal scorers included Jake Polster and Josh Purcell.

It was the first year all the age group championships had been held on the same day and organiser James Baker believed it worked well.

"The event must be one of the best water polo tournaments I've ever been to – a great atmosphere!"

Gloucestershire's lead coach John Spicer said: "What a day twelve games in eight hours a great spectacle for water polo in the South West. It was hard organising teams but I had great help from Sally Berry and Mike Howells. Each team played well and enjoyed the occasion, the stand out performance for me came from the boy's u/19 team, having beaten Devon earlier in the day they had to beat Dorset for the title. They went 3-0 down in the first quarter but gradually clawed it back in the final minutes of the game to win 8-6."

The format is to be repeated at Millfield on Sep 7<sup>th</sup> 2014

S.W. Teams for Int. Regions 2013

Male u/19 six Glos players selected – runners up  
Male u/17 five Glos players selected – runners up  
Female u/17 four Glos players selected

Development

After school club at Cheltenham continues to thrive, over thirty players attending regularly every week. Bristol Central have attained beacon club funding and are looking to hold coaching clinics and outreach to local clubs in the area.

Development sessions planned for June/July in preparation for Int. Counties

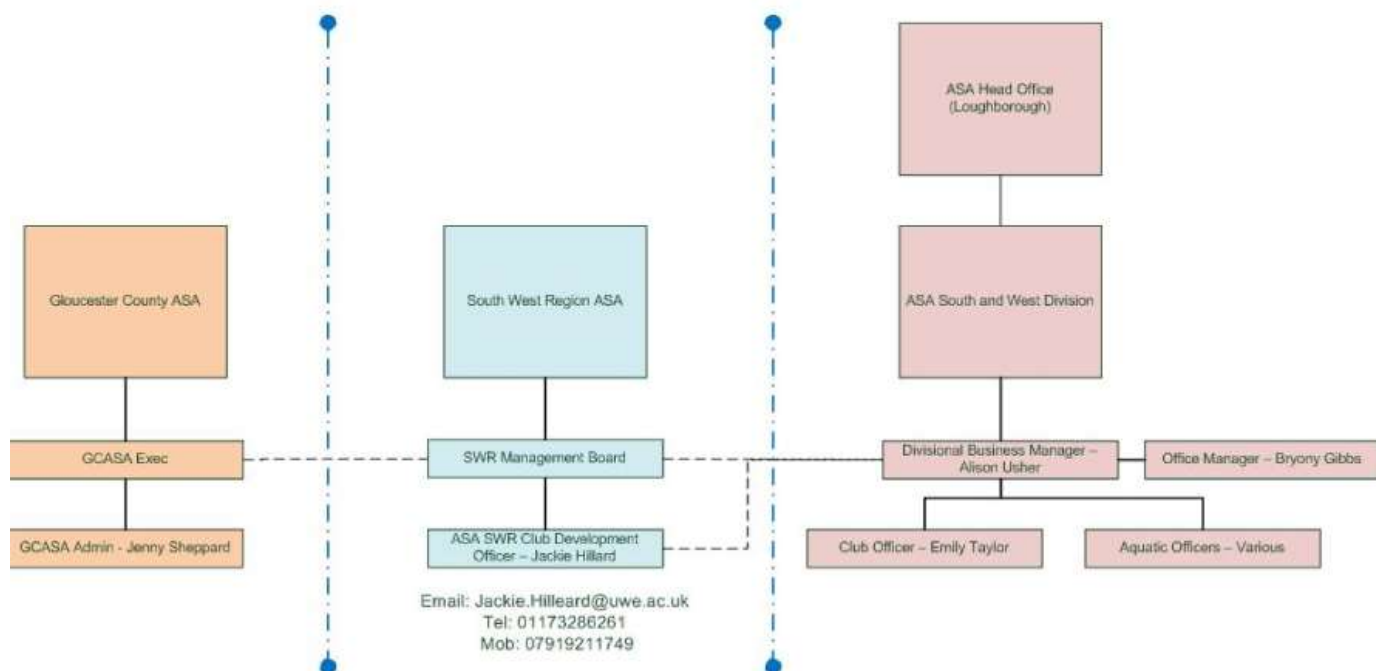
Senior Waterpolo

Cheltenham men - 2014 British Champions and British Waterpolo League Premier Div. 2013/14 runners up  
Bristol Central men - British Waterpolo League Premier Div. 2013/14. Fifth place

JOHN SPICER      TEAM MANAGER.

## Appendix C – SW Organisation Chart

### ASA Organisation in the South West



General club development and Swim21 queries should be directed to Jackie Hilliard

Each organisation has a different role

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