



# GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA

President: Mrs. Sue Jones

## MINUTES OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA EXECUTIVE HELD AT THE GABLES, FALFIELD, GLOS ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2013

### Attendees:

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

Sue Jones; President, David Bishop; Treasurer, Keith Smith; Secretary, Neil Harper; Officials, Mike Hynd; President (Elect), Alan Giles; Open Water

#### **Past Presidents:**

Ian Stuart, Marion Britton, Pauline Adams, Herbie Adams, Frank Keeble, Phil Jones, Neil Harper, Brian Dunning

#### **Club Delegates:**

CLUB	Delegate 1	Delegate 2
Bishopsworth SC		
Bristol Central SC	Nicky Booth	Marion Britton
Bristol Hengrove Masters SC		
Bristol Henleaze SC	Brian Guy	
Bristol Masters SC	Herbie Adams	
Bristol North SC	Gerald Staddon	Janet Staddon
Bristol Penguin Olympic SC	Jeremy Dudley	
Brockworth SC		
Cheltenham S&WP Club	Mike Hynd	Phil Jones
Chipping Camden		
Cinderford & District SC		
Cirencester SC		
City of Bristol SC	Nicky Booth	
Dursley Dolphins		
Gloucester City SC	Sue Malone	Josh Pattison
Gloucester Masters SC		
Harlequins WPC	Gerald Staddon	
Lydney SC		
Portway SC		
Severnside Tritons	Rachel Roberts	
Soundwell SC		
Southwold SC	Keith Smith	
Stroud Masters SC		
Tewkesbury SC		
United Bristol Swimming Club		
Univ of West of England		

#### **1. Apologies:**

Portway SC, Annabelle Carter (Cirencester), Sheila Bryant, Marcus Lee, David Russell, Will Nicholson, Alan Cliff (Tewkesbury)

## **2. Minutes of Meeting 7th January:**

Minutes accepted as record of the meeting with the following corrections:

- a. Mike Hynd was present at the meeting.
- b. GCASA OW Championships is on the 14<sup>th</sup> July not the 7<sup>th</sup> July.
- c. The Officials report section was omitted.

## **3. Matters Arising from 7th Jan:**

The Constitutions for City of Bristol SC and United Bristol SC have been checked by the Rules Committee and approved; both Clubs are now affiliated to GCASA as directed at the previous meeting.

Confirmation that the Executive wished for disability swimmers to be to be included/integrated into the 2014 County Swimming Championships.

## **4. Correspondence**

Correspondence has been received from Portway Swimming Club reference the intent of Bristol City Council and their Pool Operator (SLM) to prevent ASA affiliated swimming clubs from hiring their facilities for swimming lessons. This has a significant impact on Portway SC and may cause their collapse. After discussion the Executive agreed that GCASA should support Portway SC and oppose the monopoly on swimming lesson provision by Bristol City Council.

The meeting instructed the Secretary to write on behalf of the association to the Mayor of Bristol and to raise the matter at the next SWR Management Board.

**Action:** Secretary to write to the Mayor of Bristol

**Action:** ASA SWR Board member to raise issue at the next SWR Board Meeting

## **5. Finance Report:**

The Treasurer reported healthy accounts and that the account summary had been previously circulated; there were no comments. The Treasurer also presented a draft budget for 2013/4 which took into account the loss of income from Bristol Henleaze and the cost of engaging an administrator.

There was a debate on the relative funding across the disciplines. The meeting agreed that it was important that some disciplines were supported by others to a lesser or greater degree. But it was noted that each discipline had a duty to manage and adjust its activity to minimize its losses.

There was a discussion on the County bursary scheme. Each year an amount of money was put aside to fund individuals to primarily undertake UKCC courses. The admin overhead of running this on an individual basis was thought too high for the level of bursaries awarded. Each year there was only approximately £250 available to each club. There were also a disproportionate number of people undertaking teaching courses as opposed to coaching courses. Within most clubs, an ASA coaching award is a more relevant qualification than an ASA teaching award. This was thought due to the fact that there are not many coaching courses run in the County area.

The secretary proposed that bursary scheme was stopped and that clubs would be encouraged to "sponsor" and run coaching courses for County volunteers. Such courses could apply for a "block" County grant which could be used to offset the cost to GCASA club volunteers. This was proposed by Keith Smith and Seconded by Gerald Staddon. The meeting voted to accept the proposal.

## **6. County Administrator:**

At previous meetings the County had agreed to hire a paid administrator. An advert has been issued and responses are required by the 31<sup>st</sup> March. To date there had been a number of suitable applicants. The meeting agreed that a small appointment board would be established to select and appoint a County Administrator. The Board would consist of Keith Smith, Alan Giles and Brian Guy. This group would have the authority to appoint a paid administrator on a self-employed basis.

**Action:** Appointment board to select and appoint a county administrator.

## **7. County Swimming Championships 2014:**

There was a long discussion on the Management of the County Swimming Championships for 2014 and the review of the 2013 Championships. With the demise of the Swimming Committee, the meeting felt that the current situation of all the decisions and load falling on one person was not the best way of planning and running the Championships.

There was a proposal for the formation of a County Championships Management Support Group to be formed. This should consist of the Meet Manager and 5 other people:

Meet Manager  
President  
Club Competition Rep  
Coaches Rep  
Officials Rep  
Disability Rep

This proposal was carried and these positions would need to be filled at the AGM.

There was also a discussion around the review of the 2013 championships. The meeting felt the existing review process was not effective as the attendance was not adequate and there was little feedback to the executive. It was agreed that for this year there should be a single review meeting with a formal written appraisal of the outcome which could be distributed. It was agreed that the Exec would encourage Club administrators and Coaches to attend such a meeting and that the 21<sup>st</sup> of April was the most sensible date.

**Action:** The Secretary was to contact the 2013 Meet Manager to inform him of the outcome of the meeting.

## **8. Gloucester County Management Proposal:**

No further information received

## **9. Activity & Reports:**

### **a. Swimming:**

County Championships 2013 running as planned.

3 Counties Meet at Stafford on 22<sup>nd</sup> June – No coaches have volunteered to co-ordinate. Keith Smith will select team based on ASA rankings and will be assisted on the day by Matt Puddy.

### **b. Open Water:**

Alan Giles circulated a report. It stated that the open water Championships are planned for the 14th July with Familiarization days on 22 June, 6 July and 13th July. There is a new 1200m event for some age groups.

He also offered Henleaze lake to any clubs that wanted open water swim time.

SWR Open Water on 29/30<sup>th</sup> June at Weymouth

RLSS Open water Supervisor Qualification at Henleaze Lake Sat 1 June and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**c. Officials:**

Good support for County Championships and numbers of trainees high.

Volunteers still needed for relay sessions

Clubs need to be reminded of the need to control swimmers in and around the leisure centre.

**d. Synchronized Swimming:**

Ian Stuart gave an overview of Synchro Activity

**e. Water Polo:**

Training had been held for County Championships

Cheltenham had won the NWP League and Bristol Central had won the British Championships. Congratulations to those 2 clubs.

**f. Regional:**

A Summary of the Regional Swimming Committee Meeting was presented by Marion Britton.

The main points were that more volunteers were needed for Regional Events and that the SWR needs to consider the use of Hengrove for Regional events.

**Action:** SWR Board Member to raise the use of Hengrove with the SWR Management Board

**10. AOB:**

Herbie and Pauline Adams gave their apologies for being unable to make the AGM on the 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Josh Pattison updated the meeting on the performance of the County disability swimmers at the National Disability Championships. There were 7 swimmers with 6 from Gloucester City and 1 from Bristol North. Between them they collected an impressive 27 Medals including 7 golds.

**11.Next Meeting: AGM - 12th May 2013 – 19.30pm**

All meetings are held at The Gables Hotel, Falfield, Glos. Just off Junction 14 of M5.

Signed

Dated

President

Secretary