



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 18TH NOVEMBER 2013

Attendees:

Hon County Posts:

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

Past Presidents:

Pauline Adams, Herbie Adams, Frank Keeble, Shirley Bryant, Phil Jones

Club Delegates:

CLUB	Delegate 1	Delegate 2
Bishopsworth SC		
Bristol Central SC	Nicky Booth	
Bristol Henleaze SC	Brian Guy	
Bristol Masters SC	Herbie Adams	
Bristol North SC	Janet Staddon	
Bristol Penguin Olympic SC	Jeremy Dudley	
Brockworth SC	Sharon Tuck	
Cheltenham S&WP Club	Phil Jones	
Chipping Camden		
Cinderford & District SC	Ceris Westlake	
Cirencester SC		
City of Bristol SC	Nicky Booth	
Dursley Dolphins		
Gloucester City SC	Josh Pattison	Marcus Lee
Gloucester Masters SC		
Harlequins WPC	Gerald Staddon	
Lydney SC		
Portway SC		
Severnside Tritons	Shirley Bryant	
Soundwell SC		
Southwold SC	Juliet Jones	
Stroud Masters SC		
Tewkesbury SC	Jenny Sheppard	
United Bristol Swimming Club	Brian Guy	
Univ of West of England		

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies: Allan Clift (Tewkesbury), Dave Williams (Bristol Masters), Marion Britton, Annabelle Carter (Cirencester), Richard Tomlinson (County Blocks), Alan Giles (Open Water), Sue Jones, Mike Aldridge, Ian Stuart (Synchro)</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Meeting 17th September March 2013: Minutes accept with the addition of the agreed £500 grant to Bristol schools gala.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising from 17th September 2013: United Bristol entry into the Arena League has been rejected. United Bristol would still like to compete next year and have asked that the constitution as supplied stand allowing UBS to compete at Arena league in 2014. The committee confirmed that this was accepted.</p>	
<p>4. Treasurers Report The Treasurer reported healthy accounts and that the account summary had been previously circulated. Variances to budget are noted as better than budget. Affiliated fees excluding Henleaze are higher than 2012.</p>	
<p>5. County Championships 2014 Keith Smith read County Championship report on behalf of Richard Tomlinson:</p> <p>Key Actions – Completed to Date (For information)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Meet Conditions Approved by County Exec (Sep 2013) - Details of the competition now on the GCASA website 2) Meet License Application submitted (Oct 2013) 3) Meet Software and Meet Manager Hardware (Laptop & Printer) purchased- Software £550, Laptop £379, Printer £400 4) Meet Entry file issued to Clubs & placed on Website (Paper Entry forms issued to Clubs) 5) Medals ordered (12 week lead time) including new MD Championship medals <p>Entry Charges & Programmes : Approved by committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Session 1: (1500m/800m at Bath Uni): Entry = £1.00, Programmes 50p 2. All Sessions (at GL1): Entry = £3.00 per Session or £5.00 per Day, 3. Programmes £1 (all day) 4. Concessions: OAPs and Children under 16 will be free. <p>Volunteers Needed : For Action We need people to get involved to help manage the Sessions. Running the sessions will be delegated to the Clubs. We need additional people to take on key roles to ensure continuity across all the sessions and work with the Lead Clubs to deliver the sessions.</p> <p>The roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet Manager (Richard Tomlinson) - Manager - Swimming Officials (Neil Harper) - Trophy/Awards Coordinator(s) – Sheila Bryant - Marshalling Coordinators (Karen Willis – for March sessions only, so help needed) - Disability Swimming Coordinator(s) – Josh Pattison + another - Workforce Coordinator(s) - County Dates, Lead Club and Support Club information and specific roles will be supplied to clubs in the near future. 	All Clubs

6. Activity and Reports

a. Swimming

See 5.

b. Open Water – Keith Smith read the Open Water Report from Alan Giles Alan Giles reported

Open Water comments

HSC are still going to try to promote Open Water for GCASA Clubs

- as is indicated in the excellent newsletter just published by GCASA

An HSC meeting last Thursday we discussed extracts from the newsletter particularly the sections on Open Water

This Tuesday evening HSC have our monthly meeting at which HSC calendar for 2014 will be discussed

- including an outline of the OW training opportunities & dates we intend to offer to GCASA clubs

I recall the date requested by the County for the Open Water Champs at Henleaze is Saturday 5 July - a date I understand that does not clash with any other County event

I note there is a Gcasa exec meeting on Monday 6 January

- before then I intend to have spoken to Mike Hynd, Herbie & Pauline and of course yourself

re planning for Open Water so I can report to that meeting

To make running the Open Water championships worthwhile it is important it gets the support of the Clubs (and their coaches) -with I suggest a a minimum of say 80 swimmers

c. Swimming Officials – Neil Harper

The J2 course on 27th November has 30-40 potential attendees

The CPD Rule Changes updated in October has approximately 50 attendees

GCASA have 6 qualified referees (4 are needed for a county event). More referees are required. Clubs to encourage officials to train up. Officials wish to train as referees need to notify of their interest by a year end for an exam the following September.

It should be noted that there are new disqualification sheets which can be downloaded from the ASA website.

d. Synchronised Swimming – Mike Hynd read report on behalf of Ian Stuart

The Multi-Regional recreational strand competition was held on 28th September 2013 at Plymouth. The Multi-Regional competitive strand competition was held at GL1 on 12th October 2013.

All Clubs

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 ASASWR Synchro Standing Committee met at the ASA Regional Office in Wellington on 26th October 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 Burnham pool as venues.

I would like to thank 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.

e. Water Polo – Phil Jones

South West Counties 2013 – Water polo players from Gloucestershire took on the best in the South West Region tournament at Millfield School, Somerset. More than 200 players competed in the SWR inter-county championships Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club Members making up the bulk of the Gloucestershire sides. Teams ranged from senior women's down to mixed 12&U squads. 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 took 2nd while the women's 16&U and the 12&U mixed both took third. Six teams have been entered for the 2014 championships. This is first year all the age group championships have been held on the same day and it all went very well!

f. Disability – Josh Pattison

On October 27th the county hosted the DSE South West Disability Swimming Championships at Horfield. Out of the 52 swimmers who attended the competition 14 were from Gloucestershire. This made is the best represented county at the competition.

However of the 14 swimmers, 13 were Gloucester City and the fourteenth was a masters swimmer from Severnside. This is a little bit disappointing considering how many individuals and clubs had approached me towards the end of last season expressing a keen interest.

DSE Short Course nationals are this weekend 23rd and 24th of November in Sheffield. The county will be represented by 7 swimmers, 6 from Gloucester City and 1 from Bristol North.

The South West disability swim squad is based at Hengrove leisure centre. The next two training dates are the 7th of December and 11th of January. These sessions are open to any and all swimmers with a disability in the region, they are also open to any coaches, helpers, committee members etc who would like to come along.

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More details of these and other disability events in the region can be found on our website: www.swdssn.org.uk and should you have any questions I can be contacted through the contact page as coach 1.

g. Masters – Herbie Adams

SWASA Masters Sub-Committee

Meeting consisted of normal operating matters. There was concern over the appropriation of the venue booking for the 2014 Masters Regional Sprint Events to fulfil the needs of the mainstream programme.

National Inter County Event

The SWR meet for this event was held on the Sunday before the remainder of the regions swam. This may have contributed to the GCASA team's being chronically small and lacking certain key swimmer in hard to fill ages. Nevertheless, the team finished 4th and within striking distance of 2nd and 3rd (but a long way behind Devon in 1st place) Of greater worry was the running of the meet on manual timing, the reason for which is obscure. Of some consolation, the Gloucester team was the only one to finish the meet without a disqualification and notwithstanding the introduction of revised Fina rules.

h. Regional – Keith Smith

ASA Governance

The ASA has changed the way it is governed at the top and there are now two boards. One board called the "Group Board" responsible for the commercial activities of the ASA and its subsidiary companies, the delivery of sport England targets for participation and the overall finances. The other Board is the "Sports Governing Board" responsible for swimming (aquatics) as a sport which includes clubs and their development.

SWR Strategy

The SWR has issued its strategy for 2014-2017. This can be accessed on-line from the SWR Website. <http://swimwest.org.uk/swim/index.php/about-us>

The ASA has now organised and allocated its staff on the ground into "Divisions" not "Regions". In our case the ASA has a South Division which covers the areas which were covered by the South East and South West with a single director for the South Division (Alison Usher). The SWR still has Jackie Hilliard as the Club point of Contact for general club issues and Swim21. The ASA Club Development Officer for the Region is Emily Taylor.

Swim 21

As most of you will know this has now changed significantly. The starting level is now called "Club Essential" and will require all clubs to re-accredit. This is much more aligned to "Clubmark" and should be much easier for clubs to attain.

Club Networks

The requirements around "club networks" have changed. A club network is defined as, 3 or more clubs working together. This is a move away from the previous arrangements of ASA designated networks, hub clubs and MOUs. The Region has "Network Funding" available. I am pursuing how much this is, what it is available for, who it is available for and what is the process of accessing it.

Regional Swimming Competitions

Regional competition information for 2014 is available on the SwimWest website

