



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 6th JANUARY 2013

Attendees:

Hon County Posts:

Mike Hynd - President, Brian Guy – President Elect, David Bishop – Treasurer, Alan Giles – Open Water

Past Presidents:

Herbie Adams, Pauline Adams, Marion Britton

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		
Cheltenham S&WP Club	Ian Stuart	
Chipping Camden		
Cinderford & District SC		
Cirencester SC		
City of Bristol SC	Nicky Booth	
Dursley Dolphins		
Gloucester City SC	Sue Malone	
Gloucester Masters SC		
Harlequins WPC	Gerald Staddon	
Lydney SC		
Portway SC		
Sevenside Tritons		
Soundwell SC		
Southwold SC	Juliet Jones	
Stroud Masters SC		
Tewkesbury SC	Allan Clift	Jenny Sheppard
United Bristol Swimming Club	Brian Guy	

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies: Sheila Bryant (Severnside), Keith Smith (Secretary), Neil Harper (Officials), Phil Jones (Cheltenham), Brian Bradley (Cinderford), Josh Pattison (Glos)</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Meeting 18th November 2013: Minutes accept with the amendment of next meeting date to 6th January 2014 and apologies to Sheila Bryant by County Admin for renaming Sheila to Shirley..</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising from 18th November 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Counties 2014 GL1 – the licence has been applied and the pool has been booked No response from Soundwell regarding acting as meet manager and no-one from Soundwell at meeting. County Administrator to contact Soundwell for update • Club Constitutions – County Admin to request constitutions from all clubs to ensure most recent copy available. Electronic copies to be held in central electronic repository. 	<p>County Admin & Soundwell</p> <p>County Admin</p>
<p>4. Correspondence Ben Mullen Bristol Schools Swimming Association Chairman had written to thank GCASA for £500 funding. County Admin to check with Keith Smith if receipt had been received. Alan Giles had responded to a communication from Jeremy Dudley regarding 2014 open water – to be covered in more depth in point 6.</p>	
<p>5. Treasurers Report The Treasurer reported healthy accounts and that the account summary had been previously circulated. Loss to budget now expected to be approx. £2K however dependent on County Block takings.</p>	
<p>6. County Championships 2014 Richard Tomlinson was not available for the meeting and a report had not been received at the time of the meeting.</p> <p>Summary of report received and distributed to members following meeting:</p> <p>We have had a significantly higher number of entries than previous years (e.g. 2014: 70 Boys & 96 Girls, 2013: 30 Boys & 36 Girls.) Hence, despite having booked 7 hours of pool-time, the timings for the session are tight.</p> <p>Swimmers and Coaches are therefore requested to do all they can to ensure that we can complete the Session in the time available i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swimmers should be on poolside 5 minutes prior to the start of their warm-up. - Swimmers & Coaches must clear the pool promptly at the end of each warm-up. - Swimmers must report to the Race Marshalls in plenty of time for their heats. - Boys warm up now 10:30 – start 10:50am - Girls should arrive by 2.00 p.m. as we may start the Girls warm-up earlier if time allows. <p>For Session 1 only, we will allow swimmers to withdraw from their entered event and receive a full refund of their Entry Fee (£4.00). If swimmers wish to withdraw <u>on the day</u> of the event, Clubs must submit a completed withdrawal form to the Meet Manager before the start of the warm-up for the Event. No refund will be given. A £5 fine will be levied on any Competitor who signs in and does not then subsequently swim without notification to the Meet Management Office by completing a withdrawal notice.</p>	

<p>7. Open Water Championships- Alan Giles</p> <p>In summary due to a number of personal and work commitments Alan needs to reduce time allocated to Open Water and therefore is unable to run the GCASA open water this year at Henleaze Lake. Due to the unlikely possibility of anyone within the county having the knowledge and time to take over this role in 2014 Herbie Adams proposed that GCASA open water take place within the South West Region open water championships. Dorset and Somerset already have this arrangement with the South West Region open water team. County Administrator to liaise with Alan Giles and Henleaze Swimming Club Manager to collate and publish information relating to trial sessions at Henleaze Lake in June – evening and weekend times can be made available. County administrator to liaise with South West Region open water committee to collate and publish information regarding GCASA open water championships possibly taking place within the South West Region open water championships. The Championships this year will be held at Weymouth, off Preston Beach on Saturday and Sunday 28th and 29th June. Our 10Km men's and Ladies race will be swum on the Saturday, and remainder on the Sunday. These will comprise of a 750m beginners race with a 1.5Km, 2Km and 3Km national qualifying races with Age group and championships over these distances as well as Age group and championship race over 5Km. <i>NB following the meeting SWR confirmed that Glos County can take place as part of the SWR open water championships.</i></p> <p>The GCASA committee and members would like to thank Alan Giles for his invaluable commitment and enthusiasm during his many years on the GCASA committee and appreciate his continued involvement.</p>	<p>County Admin</p>
<p>8. Activity and Reports</p> <p>a. Swimming</p> <p>See 6.</p> <p>b. Open Water</p> <p>See 7 + Appendix</p> <p>c. Swimming Officials – Mike Hynd – President read report on behalf of Neil Harper</p> <p>Judges 2 course at the end of November, 23 candidates attended. CPD course, FINA Rules update held 11 December, 53 officials attended. Will need to assess demand for a second session on FINA Rules as several people expressed interest, but could not make this date. Both were held at the Gables Hotel Falfield.</p> <p>Volunteers for the distance events have been disappointing for the 1500 metres - we only have the minimum number to hold the event - 800 metre much better supported. Part of the problem is an open meet being held the same weekend at Hengrove!</p> <p>Invitations for the Blocks will be going out this week, so hoping for a good response.</p>	

<p>d. Synchronised Swimming – Ian Stuart</p> <p>The final competition of the year was 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.</p> <p>The competitive and recreational strand results can be found here respectively - http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/library/document/nag-synchro-2013-competitive-results</p> <p>http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/library/document/british-gas-asa-national-age-group-synchronised-swimming-championships-2013</p> <p>New FINA figures for skill assessments were introduced on 1st January 2014 for the period 2014 - 2017.</p> <p>New licensing arrangements were introduced for inter-club competitions on 1st January 2014 together with licensing of officials.</p> <p>I would like to thank Mary Hooper for taking over as Administrator and other members of the ASASWR Synchro Standing Committee for taking on the work of Janice Waters who is ill. All in synchro wish her well.</p> <p>e. Water Polo – Phil Jones - Report not received at time of meeting</p> <p>f. Disability – Josh Pattison - Report not received in time for meeting</p> <p>Josh subsequently supplied the following:</p> <p>DSE open nationals in November, county swimmers won 15 medals.</p> <p>The entry's for the DSE Junior nationals are now open through the EFDS website.</p> <p>g. Masters – Herbie Adams</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>h. Regional – Keith Smith</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
<p>9. AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bristol Hengrove Masters Swimming Club have notified GCASA of a change of name to Bristol South Swimming Club. County Administrator to find out whether the name should be Bristol South Master Swimming Club? • 3 Counties 2014 – GL1 – license applied for and pool booked. County Admin to liaise with Soundwell to confirm if they are able to act as meet manager. <p>Contd..</p>	<p>County Admin</p> <p>County Admin</p>

<p>Funding Proposals – none received to date by Clubs.</p> <p>a. David Bishop, Treasurer informed the attendees of a possible funding facility opportunity if an agreed sum of money was allocated from the existing GCASA funds. In summary: all individual GCASA clubs – ie not networked clubs – could be allocated a nominal development fund based on numbers within the club. Funding could then be made available on receipt of a proposal in-line with development criteria to be defined by GCASA representatives. It was suggested that funding could be in bands eg 100 members = £xxx.xx, 101-150 members = £xxx.xx etc. The proposal was in concept welcomed by the committee but would need fleshing out further. David Bishop agreed to work on numbers further with Keith Smith for discussing in more detail at the next Exec meeting in March 2014.</p> <p>b. Herbie Adams put forward a proposal for funding a referees and/or officials course. The rationale behind the proposal was due to the current lack of referees within the County and the need to encourage more members/parents to train as officials. The meeting attendees voted 12 with, 1 against and 2 abstentions to take the proposal forward. Herbie Adams to liaise with Neil Harper and put forward a proposal at next committee meeting in March 2014..</p> <p>c. It was requested that an un-approved set of minutes be made available within 2 weeks of the committee meeting and not wait for outstanding reports etc or sense checking with the President/Secretary. Due to the unfamiliarity with meeting attendees/topics the minutes have awaited review from GCASA President and Secretary. In addition the delay in receipt of some activity reports has resulted in the minutes not always meeting the 14 day request since the appointment of the County Admin in May 2013.</p>	<p>David Bishop/ Keith Smith</p> <p>Herbie Adams/ Neil Harper</p> <p>County Admin</p>
<p>10.Next Meeting: Exec – 10th March 2014 – 19.30pm</p> <p>All meetings are held at The Gables Hotel, Falfield, Glos. Just off Junction 14 of M5</p>	

Signed

Dated

President

Secretary

GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA
OPEN WATER REPORT for executive meeting 6 January 2014

Introduction & general comments

- Open Water refers to outdoor swimming (ie 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 OWater swimming will be limited to summer ie 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.

Practicalities for 2014

- In the latter months of 2013 I had discussions with members of the HSC committee on what HSC can do for Open Water for the County
 - I have not yet had the chance to speak to the County President or other official
- The poor Open Water take up from Clubs in 2013 was disappointing
 - - Both HSC and I are concerned about the effort required to arrange the championships for what was disappointing interest in 2013 from the majority of Clubs and their coaches (Swimmer numbers 2013 - 30, 2012 - 45)
- *In previous years it has taken considerable time to set up and organise the OW championships - From a personal point of view, and for various reasons, I will not have the same time available in 2014 - Consequently organising OW Championships in 2014 is not feasible for me*
- However HSC is still interested in supporting Open water for the County.
 - With our Superintendent team we would be able to provide both evening and Saturday O Water sessions (say from early June) if requested by County Clubs (Evenings could be say 7.15pm to 8.30pm & Saturdays say 9.30am to 11am)

These sessions would provide an opportunity for Clubs to book /arrange specific sessions with HSC - and could be useful training for the West ASA Open Water champs at Weymouth, and for the National Open Water champs at Rother Valley

- 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

The above are matters for consideration at the County executive on 6 January 2014

Ps If inadequate interest from Gcasa Clubs the O Water champs will not be able to continue at Henleaze Lake, as HSC has many commitments to members & others who use the Lake for training purposes (ie triathletes, Channel swimmers)

Alan Giles Open Water manager 5 January 2014