



GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA

President: Brian Guy



MINUTES OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY ASA EXECUTIVE HELD AT THE GABLES, FALFIELD, GLOS ON MONDAY 9th March 2015

Attendees:

Hon County Posts:

Brian Guy, President, Alan Giles (O/W), Neil Harper - Officials

Club Delegates:

| Club | Delegate 1 | Delegate 2 |
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| Bishopsworth SC | Mark Collins | |
| Bristol Central SC | Nicky Booth | |
| Bristol Henleaze SC | Brian Guy | |
| Bristol Masters SC | Herbie Adams | |
| Bristol North SC | Janet Staddon | |
| Bristol Penguin Olympic SC | | |
| Bristol South SC | | |
| Brockworth SC | | |
| Cheltenham S&WP Club | Ian Stuart | Phil Jones |
| Cinderford & District SC | | |
| Cirencester SC | | |
| City of Bristol SC | Nicky Booth | Mark Collins |
| Dursley Dolphins | Michael Aldridge | |
| Gloucester City SC | Amanda Perks | |
| Gloucester Masters SC | | |
| Harlequins WPC | Gerald Staddon | |
| Lydney SC | | |
| Portway SC | | |
| Sevenside Tritons | Sheila Bryant | |
| Soundwell SC | Darren Stone | |
| Southwold SC | David Lowther | |
| Stroud Masters SC | | |
| Tewkesbury SC | Allan Clift | |
| United Bristol Swimming Club | Brian Guy | |

Past Presidents

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| Marion Britton |
| Pauline Adams |
| Herbie Adams |
| Ian Stuart |
| Phil Jones |
| Mike Hynd |
| Sheila Bryant |

| Item | Action |
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| <p>1. Apologies: Keith Smith (Secretary), Karen Bailey (Treasurer), Dave Beaumont (C.O.B.), Richard Tomlinson (County Champs), Grace Williams (Bishopsworth), Jeremy Dudley, Dave Cousins (Bristol Penguins, Brian Dunning</p> | |
| <p>2. Minutes of Meeting 5th January 2015: Item 1. Apologies – Darren Stone is Soundwell not Southwold – approved with this change</p> | |
| <p>3. Matters Arising from 5th January 2015: None. All actions currently completed or in progress see a.o.b.</p> | |
| <p>4. Correspondence None.</p> | |
| <p>5. Treasurers Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Bailey had supplied a Treasurers Report prior to the meeting. There were a few queries – GCSC were shown as having 2 x £600 grants – <i>this was clarified after the meeting with confirmation that a second cheque had been issued and the first cheque cancelled as it had been lost.</i> • Karen is awaiting final returns from County Champs before completing end of year report and 2015/2016 proposed budget. Both should be available for prior review before the AGM in May. • Brian Guy confirmed that paper work was in progress with the bank to enable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. bank statements to be sent to Karen as the new Treasurer b. additional cheque signatories (Brian Guy, Karen Bailey and Jeremy Dudley) c. On-line banking with a £300 limit and a daily limit of £300 as previously approved. Brian to discuss with Karen if this is adequate. • Karen has requested that submission of invoices for payment be accompanied by full supporting information to accurately enable her to allocate payments made. | <p>Treasurer</p> <p>President Treasurer</p> <p>All</p> |
| <p>6. Activity and Reports</p> <p>a. Swimming – Blocks 2015 Richard Tomlinson was not available for the meeting. Richard had notified the administrator that there was nothing specific to report however would be holding a post blocks meeting and then presenting to the Exec at the next available meeting.</p> <p>b. Open Water – Alan Giles Alan notified the meeting that it was intended to run County O/W as part of the SWR O/W again this year. It was agreed that 1st place trophies or medals would be presented to first GCASA swimmer home in each event. Alan will liaise with Herbie and Sheila to organize trophies. GCASA President is looking to attend and present medals.</p> <p>c. Swimming Officials – Neil Harper So far the blocks have been exceptionally well supported by officials within the County. For that I would like to thank sincerely all those that have volunteered their services so far this year. A Judges 2 course was held in January at the Gables Hotel with 18 candidates attending. In addition to that judges 1 courses have been held at Bristol North and Lydney with approximately thirty candidates attending between the two venues. British Swimming has recently amended the requirements for officials at</p> | <p>Richard Tomlinson</p> <p>Alan Giles Herbie Adams Sheila Bryant</p> <p>All clubs</p> |

licensed meets, so if your club is likely to be holding an open meet (Licensed), I would suggest you contact me for details as to how this might affect your requirements for officials.

There was a meeting of the ASASWR Officials group at the beginning of February. One item that was discussed was a report from the Officials Secretary stating those clubs from within the Region who failed to meet their commitment to provide officials in accordance to the number of swimmers entered into the relevant meet. Clubs from this County were: -

- Cinderford
- City of Bristol
- United Bristol
- Severnside Tritons
- Soundwell
- Tewkesbury

Cinderford
C.O.B.
UtdBristol
Severnside
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d. Synchronised Swimming – Ian Stuart

See Appendix 1

e. Water Polo – Phil Jones

Nothing to report

f. Disability – Josh Pattison

See Appendix 2 – minutes of SWR Para Swimming Forum.

g. Masters Swimming – Herbie Adams

As previously notified Herbie notified the Exec that both he and Pauline would be retiring from Masters at the next AGM in May 2015.

Herbie expressed concern about the management of the Masters meet in September 2015 – Herbie will look to see if a provisional booking at Horfield could be made. If no-one comes forward to take over County Masters the event may have to be cancelled.

Herbie
Adams

It was requested that County administrator email all clubs to ask/encourage all interested person(s) to take on the County Masters event to notify the County Secretary asap.

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j.h. Regional – Keith Smith/Marion Britton

Board Meeting – Nothing to report

Regional Sub Committees – Nothing to report.

Regional reports will be forwarded as available.

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| <p>7. A.O.B.</p> <p>a. GCASA Constitution Changes It was noted during the update of the County Handbook that some amendments to the GCASA constitution were required. Herbie Adams is currently looking at changes and will supply a proposal for distribution to the Exec over the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>b. County Payment Process See Item 5 – Treasurers Report</p> <p>c. GCASA O/W – See item 6b – Open Water Report</p> <p>d. GCASA Grant Review and Recommendation for 2015/2016 County Secretary had supplied a report for the meeting – see Appendix 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 clubs had yet to return their use submissions to Keith. The clubs would be given until 31st March 2015. Any clubs not making their return by this date would be ineligible for 2015/2016 grant. • County administrator to provide club attendance details to County secretary to confirm that clubs had meet attendance criteria agreed for the grants. • It was agreed (pending Treasurers year-end report and 2015/2016 budget) that £10,000.00 would be allocated again for 2015/2016 grants. The £10,000.00 would be split as 2014/2015 criteria between eligible clubs. • It was agreed that the amount available for grants should be reviewed annually. • For information it was asked that a list of the uses clubs had made of their grants be made available for all to see. <p>e. Monthly Activities Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. County Admin confirmed that March Activities on page 2 (check list) hiring of coach to 3 counties gala in July had been confirmed. A coach would be booked for Sheffield soon. b. It was asked that a date and version number be added to the document for future reference. c. SWR Fast Five needs to be added on page 1 in July. d. Page 2 (check list) Feb – include key activity of grant returns. <p>f. Starts & Turns Courses GCASA are hosting 2 starts and turns courses in May and June – see appendix 4. Swimmers will receive 6 hours of pool and land training with Olympians Joe Roebuck and Amy Smith for a subsidized fee of £25 per swimmer. It was noted that the May course would conflict with the last w/e of SWR age groups however it was intended for County or aspiring County swimmers therefore not a conflict. Each club can send one coach to the session. Paper work should be returned by 1st May 2015 and cheques returned by AGM on the 11th May 2015.</p> <p>g. Bristol Hengrove had notified GCASA of an application for affiliation GCASA. It was agreed that this should be reviewed by the Rules Committee and approved unless issues occur in which case they would be reviewed by the Exec.</p> | <p>Herbie Adams</p> <p>Admin</p> <p>Co. Sec Treasurer</p> <p>Exec</p> <p>Co. Sec</p> <p>Admin</p> <p>All Clubs</p> |
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| <p>h. Integration of Bristol Central Synchronised Swimming Team into City of Bristol SC</p> <p>It was noted that this was more of a correspondence subject and for information only.</p> <p>Any other A.O.B. raised at meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the supply of County hoodies and hats by the selected swim shop provider this year, GCASA had been offered the supply of GCASA National Team hats for the event in October as a thank you. It was agreed that this would be accepted. Sheila noted that a reduced number of standard GCASA hats would be needed for this year. <p>The swim shop provider www.fitforswimming asked if a link to their website could be included on the County website – 10% of any sales obtained via this link would be given to the County. Sheila agreed to check with SWR that there were no issues/conflicts with agreed ASA providers and if there are not then it was agreed to allow this. County Secretary and administrator to decide where the link would be on the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club articles supplied to GCASA – it was agreed that these would be included in an electronic news section on the website rather than emailed to members. The News section would be in place of a Newsletter and updated as information was received and approved for inclusion. County Secretary and administrator to liaise and action. • GCSC had asked if they could hold a charity collection at the County Relay day. It was decided that this would become an annual event with clubs submitting requests to organize the charity event/collection each year (ideally rotated between all clubs). Monies raised would be given to the selected charity on behalf of GCASA. 2015 charity is the Hollie Gazzard Trust and will be run by GCSC. • Neil Harper asked if the County could pay for a projector for use on training days as one currently has to be hired or borrowed. It was agreed that Neil could purchase a projector of a proposed cost of approximately £200. If the cost exceeds this amount Neil should discuss with County President and County Secretary. The projector will be available for any training run on behalf of the County in any discipline. | <p>Admin Sheila Bryant</p> <p>Sheila Bryant Admin Co.Sec</p> <p>Admin Co.Sec</p> <p>GCSC Admin</p> <p>Neil Harper</p> |
| <p>Next Meeting: AGM Meeting – 11th May 2015 – 7:30pm All meetings to be held at The Gables Hotel, Falfield, Glos – just off Junction 14 of the M5</p> | |

Appendix 1 – Synchronised Swimming Ian Stuart

The final competition of the year was the National Age Groups on 5th December - 7th December 2014 at GL1 in Gloucester when swimmers from Bristol Central and Cheltenham competed.

Results for the competitive competition can be found here - http://www.swimming.org/assets/uploads/library/NAG_Synchro_2014_Competitive_Results.pdf

Results for the recreational competition can be found here - http://www.swimming.org/assets/uploads/library/NAG_Synchro_2014_Recreational_Results.pdf

The next competition is the Walsall Trophy on 16th May at Cheltenham. This competition is for SWR clubs.

The ASASWR Synchro Standing Committee met on 14th February 2015 at the ASASWR office at Wellington.

A skill assessment day was held on 28th February 2015 using the Burnham-on-Sea pool as a venue.

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

Appendix 2 – Para Swimming

ASA SOUTH WEST REGION

President C. Elliott

Minutes of the para-swimming forum meeting
held on Saturday 7th February 2015 at the Regional Offices.

1. **Present:**

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| R. Margetts | SW Competition Secretary | RM |
| D. White | ASA Para-swimming pathway officer | DW |
| L. Elliott | SW Officials Secretary | LE |
| J. Beard | SW Exams organiser | JB |
| S. Miller | Lead coach Wiltshire disability squad | SM |
| L. Wilcox | Support coach SW Squad & Aquae Sullis | LW |
| J. Pattison | Lead coach Gloucs City disability squad | JP |
| S. Towers | Lead disability projects, Plym Life Centre | ST |
| K. Best | Assistant to S. Towers, Life Centre | KB |
| C. Waldock | Devon representative | CW |
| G. Griffin | Dorset representative | GG |
| E. Taylor | Somerset representative | ET |
| J. Airlie | Wiltshire representative | JA |
| C. Tremellen | SW Swimming Secretary | CT |

2. Chris Tremellen welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed the hope that everyone would find the meeting useful. The aim of the meeting was to establish the current situation across the Region, counties and clubs and ascertain what help the Region could provide.
3. R.Margetts was appointed chairman.

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4. **CURRENT SITUATION**

- i) DW gave a comprehensive account of the situation nationally. Previously the emphasis had been on talent swimmers already in the system and preparing for Rio. This has now changed and for the next 2 years the focus will be on finding the next talent group.
- ii) Everyone Active (EA) at Plymouth have been running a successful, funded, project involving talent ID. These swimmers are then fed into mainstream clubs. Funding is ring-fenced for the project which will be rolled out across the country by EA. Initially this will be in Bristol (Horfield) and followed by Bournemouth. Training for staff and club coaches will be undertaken by EA.
- iii) DW has 3 areas of focus – 1. Avon (Horfield) 2. Devon (N Devon and Exeter) and 3 Wilts. Gloucester City have a large group of para-swimmers within the club. In Wiltshire – a training day is scheduled for later this month for coaches, teachers and parents of para-swimmers.
- iv) Regionally there are squad 2 training days per year, for mainly classified swimmers on the talent pathway. One was held at Plymouth on 1st February. The next will be at Hengrove on 27th June.

5. **COUNTY AND CLUB PROVISION**

Gloucester – Gloucester City is hub club with 2 sessions available weekly.

Cornwall – there are some para swimmers within clubs but there is no county training.

Devon – a few swimmers in clubs but no county training.

Dorset – 3 clubs have para swimming squads – Swim Bournemouth, Bournemouth Collegiate and West Dorset although W.Dorset swimmers (23) do not compete.

Somerset – nothing being done to identify swimmers except for some Playground to Podium (P2P) several years ago. Taunton Deane is hub club but there is not a good working relationship with SASP regarding identifying potential swimmers.

Wiltshire – Chippenham, Swindon & Bradford on Avon have swimmers training with mainstream groups. A 2012 legacy project P2P runs para swimming sessions at Devises monthly. These are mostly those with learning difficulties.

6. **THE WAY FORWARD/ HELP REQUIRED**

i) Nationally all is running well. No regional input required.

ii) Regionally – training sessions are set up which are funded by the Regions and no further help required.

iii) Counties:

Gloucester: all OK. Aquae Sullis had a get together of all clubs in the area to promote para swimming.

Cornwall – Would like to see more co-ordination and promotion of para-swimming.

Devon – Lack of information is a problem.

Somerset – real issue is there are almost no swimmers in the clubs.

Wiltshire – squad running OK.

7. **COMPETITION**

i) **Nationally**: International meet at Glasgow March 26th. S/C Manchester in December

ii) **Regionally**: Summer Championships in May. Agreed it was not worth adding para swimming events to the younger age groups programme therefore swimmers of all ages will compete in the Youths at Plymouth as before with a further opportunity at the Winter Championships.

The Regional Para- swimming competition has been brought forward and will now be held on Oct 4th which will allow for qualification to Manchester meet. Noted that the 2014 competition had reduced numbers but had been a higher standard than previously as swimmers had to be classified or been classified that day. Swimmers from other regions allowed to compete. DSE and ASA no longer funding this event.

iii) **Counties**:

Gloucester – all para events fully integrated into their championships with own results and medals.

Cornwall – para events integrated but with no entry times. Coaches are encouraged to put swimmers into the right level of competition i.e. champs or development gala.

Devon – all integrated into championships (with QTs) and development galas.

Dorset - integrated into championships using ASA recommended consideration times & development galas This year there will be a new novice level competition which they can also enter. Opportunity at open meets too.

Somerset – integrated into championships. ET to discuss re opportunity at development galas.

Wiltshire – no facility for para swimmers in Championships although some make AB times. JA to discuss with County.

8. **OFFICIALS**

i) There are 52 officials in the Region who have taken the disability CPD module of whom 23 are referees. This breaks down as Cornwall 9, Devon 4; Dorset 11; Gloucs 13; Somerset 10 and Wilts 5

- ii) There is a need to have updates to IPC rules. JB to enquire at National meeting.
- iii) There will be a further CPD module course on Oct 4th followed by practical experience at the Gala.
- iv) It was suggested that the removal of the FAC cards was a backward step. All information is now on-line. This works well at Regional level but some meets with less experienced staff found this a problem. Swimmers were to be encouraged to download their details and carry it with them.
- v) LE stated that it was difficult for officials to get fully IPC accredited status. After doing the CPD module they had to apply to the IPC and attend numerous IPC meets. Many have started this process then given up. Hopefully things will improve now para-swimming is under ASA.

9. DIFFICULTIES AND ISSUES

- i) There was a need to improve the communication of information so that coaches know if swimmers are invited to squad training and that they are invited to attend sessions.
- ii) Need more talent ID sessions and to find exit routes for older swimmers eg into Masters.
- iii) Noted that it was sometimes difficult to integrate swimmers into mainstream clubs and there was a need to educate coaches. Sometimes there was resistance from parents in acknowledging their children were disabled and should enter para swimming competitions
- iv) In many instances there was reluctance on part of parents to travel far.
- v) Swimmers who were not members of clubs but were training (eg with EA at Plymouth) could enter competitions on payment of £15.
- vi) SW Squad staffing. JP stated that there was a change to the National event and the squad would no longer be competing as a squad. He would be attending with his swimmers. DW to investigate what will happen to the remaining squad swimmers and whether they would be accompanied by their coach.
- vii) The SW squad would not be a club from March 2015.

9. AOB

- i) It was agreed that the meeting had been very useful and that the formal committee should be re- instated as a sub-committee of the swimming committee.
- ii) CT enquired whether classification was set up for Oct 4th. Noted that swimmers wishing to get classified need to be on the list asap.
- iii) Need to have coaches education seminars on possibly county basis. CT stated that funding was available.
- iv) There was confusion over difference in classification and certification.
- v) Learning disability awareness course (all sports) being run at the Life Centre on 23rd March. Cost £15