



Gloucester City Swimming Club Limited

Minutes of GCSC Committee Meeting at Old Pint Pot 14th Sept 2016 from 6.30-7.45pm

Present: Sarah, Clair, Andy, Vic, Flavia, Gavin, Rich D

Apologies: Andrea

1. Coaches Summary

Detailed copy circulated. Key points summarised below.

Good performance at summer Nationals, which were relevant experience for those that attended, but small numbers. Considering alternative end-of season activity (such as foreign camp/competition) to give broader access. Seek opinions at squad meetings. Training would still support those that want to attend Nationals, but perhaps without coach. Club focus will be on County success and qualifying for Regionals.

The GL1 summer camp run by James was successful. Investigating other options for camps, since we've not having anything in October.

Continue to develop relationships with Cheltenham College, including their swimmers training with us. Note that all squad movement is within the agreed criteria and approval. Also developing links with Mount Kelly College.

Restructure ongoing, significant discussions over land training with Athlete Academy, Glos Uni and Beaufort School.

North Gloucestershire Network is finally getting traction, now that Cirencester and Tewkesbury have agreed to join in.

Full coaches meeting held at the end of last season and weekly lead coach meetings now started. SW Coaches Forum discusses camps and various competitions

2. Chairman's Summary

Looking forward to having a good season.



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Quiz / Presentation evening was great, thanks to all involved in organising. Agreed to sell photographs for between £5-7 depending on cost of frames. Non-public viewing to be arranged on Sunday [Vic]

3. Financial Summary

Income and expenditure on budget. Need to clarify the arrangements for volunteer coach expenses. Coaches contracts / schedules to be discussed individually following management meeting.

Glos Uni can be invoiced for first quarter

4. Open Meets / Workforce

September Sprint Meet

Workforce ok, need to check DBS for required roles (Team Manager and Competitor Stewards). Enough Officials.

79 GCSC swimmers. Programme to be provided to Rich ASAP for printing, separate cover (colour) [Gav]

BBC Radio Glos sports editor is coming, so hopefully some good publicity.

October Level 2

Some volunteers identified from entry forms, but need to clarify which sessions.

Approx. 1700 entries so far, including 63 GCSC swimmers. Expect a flurry of entries up to the deadline this weekend, leading to scratching slower entries.

Long Distance funding claim to be submitted [Gav]

GL1 have agreed to allow a swimshop, arrangements to be made [Rich D]

Future Open Meets

Licenses for future meets need to be arranged. Sue may be able to help out again and has already prepared the entry packs for 2017. Dates are 31-Mar – 2-April (L2), 15-16 July (L3), 24 September (Sprint), 13-15 October (L2). Also option on a June date at Hengrove.



5. Competitions

CoB L3 long course at Hengrove (29-30 Oct), only 10 swimmers so far. Likely to be undersubscribed, due to half-term and camps, so deadline may be extended.

Regionals at Millfield (4-6 Nov), internal deadline 2-Oct.

Soundwell L3 (26-27 Nov) details to be circulated next week.

Welsh Winter Open Nationals (3 Dec) and English Nationals will have coach present.

6. Membership

Approx. £150 in outstanding fees being chased.

17 leavers since June, but 5 new Hartpury swimmers, 1 para swimmer and 12 other new swimmers (11 in SSK3)

Tuesday SSK session getting crowded and some senior squads >8/lane, review opportunity for squad moves. TTC8 and Club 6 are very small.

7. Camp

Emma has investigated options for October 2017. All providers costs have significantly increased, but Sports Abroad will offer a discounted 'loyalty' rate, providing at least 30 swimmers attend. Anticipate a cost of £850-£1000, prepare initial comms [**Vic**]. *PMN: calculation based on Sports Abroad costs is £1100*

Needs very specific eligibility criteria, i.e. distance, stroke, commitment [**Andy**]

8. Welfare

Couple of ongoing issues.

Potential volunteer to take on the role. Wesport are hosting Time to Listen courses.



9. Communications

Previously agreed budget including a new payment / communications tool. Sarah has experience with school system. Details to be progressed [**Flavia / Sarah**]

10. Fundraising

Still no volunteer. Send comms asking for anyone willing to be involved in Comms or Fundraising [**Gav**]

Amanda Perks has offered sponsorship for Sprint Meet. Include in programme [**Gav**]

Active Gloucestershire funding application was unsuccessful.

11. Member of the Month

Steve Lloyd for hosting the quiz night.

Consider awarding a 'members trophy' next year for volunteering.

12. Any Other Business

James / Daisy re-iterated lane etiquette requirements at SSK3/5 session on Sunday. Similar to be done for all squads [**Andy**]. Note that we have access to an ASA video covering health and safety guidance.

Timetable restricting is still ongoing. Land training support is complex and may include using Uni and Beaufort School resources.

A volunteer is required to co-ordinate the Christmas Gala. Add to comms [**Gav**]

Saturday land training will now finish at 9am (Club / TTC8 combined with SSK9)

Still concern over who holds keys (Clair does not yet have one for workforce cupboard). Audit keyholders [**Gav**]

Applications for Club Captains to be invited, same criteria as last year [**Gav**]

North Gloucestershire Network is getting some traction, with Cirencester and Tewkesbury now keen. Should be able to apply for Swim 21 Network status.



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Swim 21 requirements have now been condensed into 16 topics, with only partial revalidation in alternate years. Kath Davies has volunteered to co-ordinate this (chase input) and will liaise with Sarah.

David Jones has offered to update Hy-Tek with other results, once Team Manager can be successfully updated on Flavia's laptop.

Next Meeting: Thursday 13th October at the Old Pint Pot