



Gloucester City Swimming Club Limited

Minutes of GCSC Committee Meeting at Old Pint Pot 12th Jan 2017 from 6.30-8.00pm

Present: Rich D, Andy, Gavin, Clair, Vic, Andrea

Apologies: Sarah, Flavia

1. Minutes of last meeting

Approved for publication. Actions reviewed under relevant topic.

2. Coaches Summary

Detailed copy circulated. Key points summarised below.

All County entries accepted inc. consideration times (except girls 50 free only qualifying times). Really short of Officials, especially long distance. Will be very different with City of Bristol competing as a merged group. Val Ross Trophy gala this weekend.

Network activities progressing well, inc. L1/2 coaching courses and Nutrition talk arranged. Various developmental meetings ongoing and James playing a key role in England programmes. Secured a split of funding from County for para development.

Primary focus this cycle is Counties, but Open Meets remain critical for qualifying and financially.

Coaches meeting minutes to be circulated to Exec [**Andy**]

Training adjustments during Counties to be communicated [**Gav**]

3. Chairman's Summary

Happy New Year to all. It's a busy cycle coming up with Counties etc, we need everyone to get involved, but don't be afraid to ask for help.

4. Financial Summary

Still problems with new bank account set-up and additional access. Needs additional approval from parent company [**Gav**]

Largely on-budget for the year.



5. Swim 21

10 out of 16 aspects yet to be submitted.

Those with actions are aware, but needs to be completed and submitted by 23rd Jan.

6. Open Meets / Workforce

Counties

Obliged to provide at least 3 helpers for long distance at Hengrove on 22nd Jan, to cover door.

GCSC are lead club on 28/29 Jan at GL1. Sign-up list on noticeboard for all roles (except door, covered by another club), with some support from other clubs. Andrea will co-ordinate on 28th and Clair on 29th.

Coaches are allocated, pending team manager allocations [**Rich G**], so that parents know what sessions they can volunteer for. Still require some DBS to be completed (especially identity verification). Coaches to be chased [**Andy**]

April Open Meet

Sign-up list to be available after Counties is sorted. Hoping for more new parents to be involved, so require some additional red 'helper' T-shirts, especially L and XL via shop [**Clair**].

Consider allocating white seats to the clubs that constantly ignore the do not cross instructions [**Sarah**]

Four Seasons

March event will be hosted by Hereford, so likely to host at GL1 on 10 or 17 June.

7. Competitions

Regional Para champs at Horfield on 12th March, entry packs circulated.

Millfield Super Series, packs to be sent shortly with a closing date of 5th Feb. Confirmed only 1 coach pass required [**Sarah**]

National Coach passes should cover calendar year and may now require separate one for BS and ASA events [**Sarah**]

Welsh spring meet is a closed event, so has been replaced on the calendar by Taunton Deane. However, Rich and Vic will be attending, so will share coaching responsibility (cost of pass covered).

Club Championships, agreed to run on a Saturday night, rather than lose Sunday training and charge entry to cover cost. Investigate potential for free hire again [**Flavia**], but book anyway on 13th May (or 20th May)



8. Membership

Training fees short by £69, to be chased [**Andrea**].

Of the missing membership renewals, 3 paid in December, 1 paid today, so only one outstanding that cannot swim until resolved. Need to meet with Siobhan to process renewals / lapses [**Andrea**]

2 swimmers need to be reinstated before renewals (one as a dual member with Masters).

3 enquiries, but as SSK is full, wait till after Counties.

9. Welfare

Note that individuals get a direct reminder about DBS renewal 1 month prior to expiry (which is 3 years after application), so no excuse not to do it in-time. Vic is frequently available for identity validation. May be worth a reminder for people to check spam [**Vic**]

10. Camp

Revised costs obtained - no increase for smaller group. Therefore go ahead with those (15-18) that have shown an interest. Discussed potential of using some income from each open meet, but agreed rather than use sprint meet as a potential refund – use it exclusively as an event to offset cost. Aim to reduce cost of camp to £750, which may encourage more interest.

Could also open invitation to network clubs, providing swimmers meet the same criteria (regional qualifiers, capacity to train hard, good attendance) and the clubs provide chaperone support. If an additional para chaperone is required, needs to be funded as before.

Arrange a meeting with those interested to outline revised details [**Rich**]. Deposits to be paid by February and contracts signed, so that details can be confirmed, including TM and coach allocation.

11. Communications

Hy-tek extended system demo on 25th January to determine if the system covers all our needs to simplify competition entry and instant messaging comms.

New photographs to be sought for website and programme covers [**Vic**]

12. Fundraising / Sponsorship

Discussed potential of Race Night or Quiz, the latter being more popular. Confirmed that June is quiet, so investigate a date when Irish Club may be free [**Gav**]

County Funding application to be progressed [**Flavia**]



13. Member of the Month

Jacky and Brian for excellent co-ordination of Christmas Gala. To be advertised on notice board
[Clair]

14. Any Other Business

Captains

Shirts requested through shop, check expected delivery [Gav]

Long Course Training

3 sessions arranged in Feb/Mar. From April onwards, potential rota for network clubs on Sat eve, or Sun morning. Agree dates GCSC want with network clubs and confirm number of lanes on 25-Mar [Andy]

Aspire Meeting

Teacher Rescue course running on 25th Jan for coaches that are near expiry.

Potential for shop at Open Meets, through Aspire provider.

Keen to enter a team in 4 Seasons gala.

Requested anti-wave ropes for training and new diving block in Twyver.

Remaining concern over lead coaches signing-in to clubs register.

Young Volunteers

Whilst there is no formal programme at county or regional level now, we have several swimmers keen to get the experience. Some are already helping poolside (and can contact coach to make arrangements), Brian can include anyone interested on Timekeeper course. Emily Taylor can deliver the Young Aquatic Helpers course, discuss arrangements with Jacky [Gav]

Bridging Sessions

Confirmed that bridging sessions are used where the coach believes a gradual transition between squads is beneficial for the swimmer moving to a 'coaching' environment. However noted that any extra hours are paid for.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st February, 6.30pm at the Old Pint Pot