

Meeting
Dorset County Amateur Swimming Association
(Affiliated to Swim England and Swim England South West Ltd)

Minutes of the County Association Executive Meeting No 1 of 2023/2024
DYA Hall, Lubbecke Way, Dorchester DT1 1QL – 8 June 2023

Present

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| President | Mrs M Young | Inter County Competitions Secretary | D Clark |
| Chairman | R Honeybun (PP) | County Competitions Secretary | S Platts |
| County Administrator | Mrs D Gibbs | Synchronised Swimming Secretary | Mrs C Seall |
| Treasurer | G Griffin [LP] | Officials Secretary | Mrs S Podger |

Past Presidents Mrs J Beard, C Gassmann, R Holman, M Hoskins, S Meter, Mrs G Nuttall, A Smart, Mrs C Thompson, Ms G Wilcox.

Clubs Represented Bere Regis, Bridport Barracudas, North Dorset Turbos, Poole, Seagulls, Swim Bournemouth, Wareham, West Dorset, Weymouth and Weyport Masters.

23/01 Apologies

Mrs T Hemmings, Mrs N Honeybun, L Jessop, D McWilliam, A Mullins, Mrs T Roberts, M Smith, N Wickens, Weymouth & Portland WPC.

23/02 Minutes of the County Association Executive 4 April 2023

Agreed that the minutes of the County Association Executive Meeting on 4 April 2023 be accepted as a true record.

Prop: M Hoskins

Sec: Mrs C Seall

Carried

23/02(a) **Matters Arising** - none

23/02(b) Outstanding Actions

E23/08: Complete.

E23/09: Safeguarding non-attendance rebooking fee, ongoing (GG).

E23/10: Complete.

E23/11: Secretarial/admin hours, ongoing (RH/GG).

E23/12: Complete.

23/03 Correspondence

1. Swim England: SE seeking legal advice to clarify the impact of the Trust Registration Service (TRS) on grassroots sports sector broadly confirms that unincorporated sports clubs/organisations, which have no distinct legal entity to hold assets, will need to register with TRS. Further guidance to be issued; need to register is disproportionate to the aims of the legislation.
2. SE SWR: Structure of SWR Coach Committee changed; CAs to appoint a coach as representative of the county. B Aldrick (Poole) appointed by DCASA and to assume role of Coaching Lead for DCASA swimming development activity.
3. SE SWR: Application for affiliation of South Dorset SC based at Osprey LC received. Views of CA and Dorset clubs requested.

23/04 County Business

23/04(a) 2023/24 Development Plan

- Swimming
- i. Age Groups programme in accordance with Swim England County Development Pathway for the development of 12-years age group and L1/L2 club coaches offering three camps for 24 swimmers and four skills coaches. Self-funding.
 - ii. Novice programme of time-banded galas as first step of County development

- pathway; funding of pool hire to be match-funded by participating clubs.
 iii. National Team County Competition; funding £5k.
 iv. Two swimmer development days providing backstroke ledge skills sessions; programme and equipment purchase tbc.
- Masters Funding £250 conditional on proposal for inclusive development activity.
- Para-Swim / Disability: i. Provide integrated format for all County competitions and encourage/facilitate participation of disability/para-swimmers of all levels of ability.
 ii. Provide support to SWR programme where required.
- Open Water Funding £350 conditional on proposal for inclusive development activity or coach development.
- Artistic Swimming i. Two swimmer development days offering Synchro/diving/ gymnastics/ Zumba and taster sessions for recruitment with target number of 30 swimmers attending.
 ii. Attendance at County and Regional development days for officials, coaches, and skills assessors.
 iii. Development Day incorporating competitive opportunity.
 iv. Funding £350; swimmer contribution tba by DCASA.
- Water Polo: Funding £350 conditional on receipt and agreement of proposal for inclusive development activity or coach development.
- Officials: Funding £350 conditional on receipt and agreement of proposal for the development of officials for all disciplines.
- Teacher & Coach i. Provide support to SWR programme, initiate in-county courses for all disciplines and provide funding to support in-county activity where appropriate.
 ii. Award bursaries in accordance with specified conditions for teacher/coach development for all disciplines.
- Rules: To assist and progress all affiliated club constitutions (14) to become compliant to the Swim England recommended format January 2022.
- Other: Promote development activities currently managed by SWR as follows: Club Development, Safeguarding & TTL, Team Manager training, Young Volunteers.
- Prop: R Honeybun Sec: Mrs J Beard Carried

23/04(b) County Administration

County Administrator's hours have been monitored for three years and continue to accrue more than the hours agreed. Hours to be increased to 550 per annum over a 50-week period.

Prop: G Griffin Sec: Ms G Wilcox Carried

23/04(c) County Records

Ratification requested of three [3] new records as follows:

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| Snr F LC | C Eland (Poole) | Back 50m | 30.00 | Sheffield | Apr 2023 |
| Snr M LC | O Jones (Poole) | Breast 50m | 28.83 | Sheffield | Apr 2023 |
| Snr M LC | R Hemmings (Poole) | Back 50m | 25.56 | Sheffield | Apr 2023 |

Prop: Mrs D Gibbs Sec: R Brocklehurst Carried

23/04(d) Development

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E23/01 DG

Recommendation by the DCASA STC to purchase backstroke ledges for Championships use and the purpose of swimmer development activities. Nine blocks plus storage bags would be required. Supplier of the proposed design is HS Sports, total cost circa £4k. One unit to be purchased for trial at Littledown, remainder to be purchased if trial successful.

Prop: G Griffin Sec: S Platts Carried

23/04(e) Affiliation

A comprehensive discussion took place in respect to an application for affiliation of a new swimming club in the west of the County.

- i. Three member clubs already operating in the proposed locality expressed concerns and that the new club would not increase membership overall but rather undermine the membership of existing clubs; those clubs to oppose affiliation with SWR.
- ii. DCASA defined the criteria for response from the County Association: value to the community,

Action:
E23/02 DG

quantifiable need, conflict of interest, financial viability, and development pathway. It was noted that no business plan or defined development pathway had been provided with the application.
iii. General consensus that the application was more a “rally cry” than a vision statement and insufficient evidence had been provided for DCASA to make an informed decision either in support of or against affiliation of the new club. DCASA to advise SWR.

23/05 **Any Other Business** - None

There being no further business the Secretary closed the meeting at 22.00

Date of next meeting: November 2023 tbc
Venue By Zoom
Start 19.30