

Minutes of a meeting of the South East Region Diving Management Group



Location, Date and Time: Guildford Spectrum, Monday 6 October 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present: Frank Clewlow (Diving Manager, Hampshire); Francisco Diaz (Group Secretary/Officials Manager, Surrey).

1. Apologies for Absence: David Rosen (Trophies Manager, Sussex); Lindsey Fraser (Regional Training Coach, Hampshire); Ray Hedger (Regional Management Board Liaison).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: With a minor rewording of 3.2. the minutes from Tuesday 15 October 2013 were approved.

3. Matters Arising: None.

4. Finance: This was currently on an even keel, especially with the funding injection going into the talent camps. We will also be receiving around £1,100 from the dissolution of the British Diving Coaches Association, which will be used for coach education and the development and network camps.

5. Information from ASA Diving Committee

5.1. National Events: The following venues were noted for next year's national meets, although their exact dates were yet to be confirmed:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Venue</i>
February	British Gas Diving Championships	Plymouth
April	Elite Junior Championships	Plymouth
May	National Age Group Championships	Sheffield
July	National Skills Finals	TBC

5.2. Changes to Conditions: Group C of the Elite Juniors will now compete in stand-alone events at the National Age Groups.

Group B+ at the National Skills Finals will perform a 10-dive list. The qualifying standards are increasing. Divers must also have made their qualifying points at a regional qualifier, Peter Waterfield or White Rose. Due to cost it will not be held at the London Aquatics Centre in 2015. The Manchester Aquatics Centre is being looked into.

6. Regional Events

6.1. Review of 2014 Meets: The skills qualifier (level 2) at the K2 ran well despite technology issues requiring the final event to be recorded manually. There were sufficient officials throughout. The soundsystem was not particularly good.

Fran felt the age group qualifiers (level 3) had lacked in atmosphere. There was no announcing – or music during training, background music at run-time or for the

medal presentations. Events seemed to be rushed for too early a finish. If more of the available pool time had been used then there could have been fewer three-judge panel parallel events, and more single events with five judges.

6.2. 2015 Meets: The skills qualifier will be in June, at least five weeks before the national meet. If the meet is not held at the K2 then St Swithun's School in Winchester will be looked at. The age group qualifiers, including Group C of Elite Juniors, will take place over two days in April in Southampton.

7. Development Plan: The draft 2014-17 development plan, circulated before the meeting, was overwhelmingly approved. A vote of thanks was recorded to John Davies, chairman of the regional development group, for his work on this.

7.1. Development Squads: Covered in the development plan (see appendix).

7.2. Officials: Covered in the development plan (see appendix).

8. Any Other Business

8.1. Region Management Board: It was noted that Roger Penfold, of Reading Swimming Club, had succeeded Roger Prior as the regional management board chairman in April. Roger Prior was installed as president at the ACM in September.

8.2. Regional and ASA Membership Fees 2015: The management board agreed at its meeting in July (71) that regional affiliation fees next year would remain unchanged (subject to a minimum £25 fee per club): category 1 – £3; category 2 – £4; category 3 – no fee. Next year's national fees were noted as follows: category 1 – £8.50; category 2 – £25.50; category 3 – £5.

8.3. Medals: David has one gold, six silver, eight bronze medals and 15 ribbons in stock. He needs to know who to place orders with for next year's medals. Fran agreed to ask Bryony Gibbs, the divisional office manager, then inform him.

9. Snippets

9.1. International and European Events: The following overseas fixtures were noted for next year, although some changes may occur later:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Country</i>
9 – 11 January	Pepsi Cup	Canaries
5 – 8 February	Eindhoven Cup	Holland
20 – 22 February	FINA Grand Prix	Germany
27 Feb – 1 Mar	Gamma Cup	Sweden
27 – 29 March	7 Nations	Holland
2 – 5 April	FINA Grand Prix	Mexico
9 – 12 April	FINA Grand Prix	Canada
9 – 12 April	Bergen Open	Norway
16 – 19 April	Amsterdam Cup	Holland
16 – 19 April	FINA Grand Prix	Puerto Rico
23 – 26 April	Dresden	Germany
8 – 10 May	Alpe Adria	Croatia
9 – 14 June	European Diving Championships	Germany

18 – 21 June	European Juniors	Azerbaijan
26 – 28 June	FINA Grand Prix	Spain
2 – 5 July	Graz	Austria
3 – 5 July	FINA Grand Prix	Italy
14 – 17 July	Sofia Cup	Bulgaria
25 July – 2 August	FINA World Championships	Russia
12 – 16 August	FINA World Masters	Russia
16 – 18 October	FINA Grand Prix	Singapore
23 – 25 October	Head To Head	Sweden
23 – 25 October	FINA Grand Prix	Malaysia
29 October – 1 November	FINA Grand Prix	Australia
30 October – 1 November	Diving Lund	Sweden

9.2. FINA Diving World Series: The following dates were noted for next year, although some changes may occur later:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Leg</i>	<i>Country</i>
13 – 15 March	1	China
19 – 21 March	2	Dubai
24 – 26 April	3	Russia
1 – 3 May	4	Great Britain
22 – 24 May	5	Canada
29 – 31 May	6	Mexico

9.3. Albatross Interclub Competition: Albatross Diving Club will be running their twenty-sixth interclub at Central Swimming Pool, Reading, on Sunday 14 June (11am – 8pm). Entries are to be submitted to Malcolm Green no later than Friday 22 May.

9.4. High Diving: It was noted that with one stop to go in this year's Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series, SDA's Gary Hunt had already become the overall winner.

10. Date of Next Meeting: It was suggested the next meeting be held during one of the training camps in Southampton in 2015.

With no further business the meeting ended at 8.35pm.

ASA South East Region Diving Development Plan

2014/17 Draft B

Overview

This document captures the plans for the development of Diving in the South East Region for 2014 to 2017 and moving on into the future. It is part of the overall Development Plans for the Region and covers the development of athletes, coaches, officials specific to the discipline. It is largely based on the bid for the Beacon Programme at Southampton and the success of the South East Region Diving Talent Scheme which started in January 1914.

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1. Athletes/Talent

South East Region Diving Talent Programme

The Regional Diving Talent Programme is a monthly programme hosted by Active Nation and Southampton Diving Academy at Southampton. It provides coaching, training, sports science, nutrition, land training, and other services, for divers that meet the criteria set by the ASA Beacon programmes. The Head Coach is Lindsey Fraser who a GB Coach producing many World and Olympic divers. The programme is funded by the ASA South East Region for divers from clubs in the South East. Divers from clubs in other Regions may be invited to attend but pay their share of the full cost. In addition divers from the host club have a daily training programme and weekly training sessions are available for divers from other clubs. The programme started in January 2014 with 16 divers qualified. In September 2014 the divers were re-assessed and 24 divers now meet the criteria and have been invited onto the scheme. This expansion of the scheme requires further coaching and pool time, which has increased the cost.

Pathway Camps

These are held for divers that qualify for National Events and are aspiring to join the Talent Programme. They are held on the same days and venue with a complementary schedule of activities. They are available to clubs in the Diving Network for divers selected by their coaches. The focus for each camp is decided by the Head Coach depending on the need within the annual diving programme. (e.g. specific camp for divers preparing for the ASA Skills Competition).

Network Camps

These are for divers in Network clubs who do not meet the criteria for the Diving Talent Scheme or the Pathway Camps. They are available to clubs in the Diving Network for divers selected by their coaches and are held during school holidays or at week-ends not being used by the Talent Scheme. They may be held at other centres to provide support to divers and coaches who are unwilling or unable to travel to Southampton for Camps.

2. Coaches

Coaches' Forum

The coaches' forum provides the opportunity for senior coaches from across the region to discuss issues, make recommendations and liaise with coaches within their County. (pass forward minutes and information) It is chaired by the Talent Programme head coach and meets on the days of the Talent Programme.

Coaches' Development Training

Formal IOS training courses for level 1 and level 2 coaches will be held in conjunction with the Talent Scheme.

Mentoring

The head coach of the Talent Scheme will provide formal mentoring for other coaches.

Bursaries

The Region provides bursaries for coaches from Swim21 clubs attending IOS coaches' courses. These are covered in the General Development Plan. It is intended that from next year 2015/16 Coaches to get level 2 and level 3 bursaries will have to show that they have been involved in the Talent Scheme or Network Camps.

3. Officials

Training

Training of officials will be carried out in conjunction with the Talent Scheme, The Region will continue to support officials attending CPD courses and through payment of their Registration fees.

4. Team Managers

We will promote the training of team managers through IOS/ASA Team Manager Courses, Safeguarding, Time-to-Listen, etc. The Team Managers encouraged to be part of the Team Manager group with South East Region

5. Swim21 Club Network

Create the ASA Swim21 Network of Diving Clubs. Use the Network by working together to address issues relevant to running diving clubs. The network exists in an informal way but needs to be formalised as a matter of urgency.

6. Championships and other Competitions

The Diving Group will deal with the practical aspects of running the Championships and other Competitions run by the Region.

7. Key Process Indicators and Funding

Activities	2014/15		2015/16		2016/17	
	KPI	Funding	KPI	Funding	KPI	Funding
Support SER Diving Talent Camps	10 Camps held	£10000	10 Camps held	£10000	10 Camps held	£10000
Pathway Camps	8 Camps held	£3000	8 Camps held	£3000	8 Camps held	£3000
Network Camps	4 Camps held		4 Camps held		4 Camps held	
Run Coaches forum	Meets 4 times a year		Meets 4 times a year		Meets 4 times a year	
Coaches' Development Training	Run level 1 and level 2 courses	n/a	Run level 1 and level 2 courses	n/a	Run level 1 and level 2 courses	n/a
Coaches Mentoring	4 coaches mentored	£300	6 coaches mentored	£500	6 further coaches	£500
Officials Training	Train 1 per talent scheme club	n/a	Train 1 per Network Club	n/a	Train 1 per Network Club	n/a
Team Manager Training	Train 1 per talent scheme club	n/a	Train 1 per Network Club	n/a	Train 1 per Network Club	n/a
Swim21 Network for Diving	Establish network and business plan	(£1000)	Execute business plan	(£1000)	Execute business plan	(£1000)
Total		£13300		£13500		£13500

Notes:

1. Cost of SER Talent Camps has increased as the number of divers qualifying for this scheme has increased. It is part funded by divers on the scheme
2. Pathway Camps are for divers that qualify for National Events but do not make the Talent Camp criteria. The divers fund the major costs of this scheme.
3. Network camps are funded by the divers attending and not funded by the Region.
4. The coaches forum is run as part of the Talent Camp and not specifically funded.
5. Bursaries, the Swim21 Network and Officials Licensing are funded through General Development
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