

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



Location, Date and Time: Guildford Spectrum, Tuesday 15 October 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present: Frank Clewlow (Diving Manager, Hampshire); David Rosen (Trophies Manager, Sussex); Francisco Diaz (Group Secretary/Officials Manager, Surrey); Ray Hedger (Regional Management Board Liaison).

1. Apologies for Absence: Jenni Cluskey (Buckinghamshire); Lindsey Fraser (Regional Training Coach, Hampshire).

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting, held at Guildford Spectrum on Wednesday 1 May, were approved.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Sussex County ASA Development Day (9.1): This will now be taking place over four hours – two hours in the gym, two hours in the pool – at Tunbridge Wells on Sunday 20 October. However, it has been decided to keep the coach education in-house.

3.2. New Worthing Pool (9.2): Seven teams competed in the inaugural Sussex synchronised diving event at the new pool in Worthing. ~~Everyone enjoyed themselves despite a lack of judges.~~ Although there was a lack of judges, the event was run successfully and enjoyed by all.

4. Finance: This was currently on an even keel, although there is funding for athlete training to follow and official courses yet to be run in this financial year.

5. Events 2014

5.1. 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>
3 – 5 January	Pepsi Cup	Las Palmas
31 January – 2 February	Eindhoven Cup	Holland
14 – 16 February	FINA Grand Prix	Madrid
21 – 23 February	FINA Grand Prix	Germany
28 February – 2 March	Youth Olympic Games Qualifier	Mexico
7 – 9 March	Open Dutch Masters	Holland
7 – 9 March	Vergina Cup	Greece
15 – 16 March	7 Nations	Holland
10 – 13 April	Amsterdam Cup	Holland
24 – 27 April	Dresden Youth Meet	Germany
1 – 4 May	FINA Grand Prix	Canada
8 – 11 May	FINA Grand Prix	Puerto Rico
16 – 18 May	FINA Grand Prix	Mexico

12 – 15 June	Graz Youth Meet	Austria
2 – 6 July	European Junior Championships	Italy
15 – 20 July	World Cup	China
16 – 18 July	Sofia Cup	Bulgaria
30 July – 2 August	Commonwealth Games	Scotland
1 – 3 August	FINA Grand Prix	Italy
5 – 9 August	World Masters Championships	Canada
16 – 28 August	Youth Olympic Games	China
19 – 24 August	European Championships	Germany
28 – 31 August	Bergen Open	Norway
9 – 14 September	World Junior Championships	Russia
17 – 19 October	FINA Grand Prix	Singapore
24 – 26 October	FINA Grand Prix	Malaysia
31 October – 2 November	Diving Lund	Sweden

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Leg</i>	<i>Country</i>
14 – 16 March	1	China
20 – 22 March	2	Dubai
25 – 27 April	3	Great Britain
2 – 4 May	4	Russia
30 May – 1 June	5	Canada
6 – 8 June	6	Mexico

5.2. National Events: The following national fixtures were noted for next year, although some changes may occur later:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Venue</i>
31 January – 2 February	National Cup	Southend
3 – 4 May	National Skills Finals	TBC
28 – 31 May	Elite Junior Championships	Plymouth
27 – 29 June	National Diving Championships	Sheffield
10 – 13 July	National Age Group Championships	Sheffield

5.3. Regional Events: The complaint received concerning age group divers having to travel at some length outside the region this year to compete was discussed and a reply has been sent. It was decided not to share our age groups next year, although we will provide classified categories (open and closed) to allow other regions' divers to compete.

Given Southampton is the only regional venue with a 10m platform, and Tunbridge Wells has two 1m and 3m springboards, this will be reflected in next year's age group event splits. It was also noted that Sundays were preferred to Saturdays.

It was thought similar dates to this year be booked in 2014. The following were provisionally noted subject to venue availability:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Venue</i>
23 March	Skills	K2, Crawley

11 May	Age Groups (Part 1)	Tunbridge Wells
18 May	Age Groups (Part 2)	Southampton

6. Development

6.1. Development Plan 2013–17: It was noted that SDA were unsuccessful in their application for national beacon funding. The issue was discussed in some detail. The club are currently exploring other funding possibilities. In the circumstances, Ray suggested the matter be taken formally to the regional chairman who could raise the issue for discussion with the management board and the development group.

It was also discussed whether the group should consider organising teacher/coach courses directly with the IoS in future and look at contributing some funding towards them from its own budget.

6.2. Development Squads: The group will again be offering places on these subsidised camps to regional skills (level 2) and age group (level 3) divers who achieve their recommended standards at the qualifiers.

6.3. Officials: It was agreed to hold judge and recorder courses in Southampton next year. In an effort to attract a good turnout, these will again be subsidised by the group and candidates charged only a nominal attendance fee. Once the dates are confirmed, e-flyers are to be drafted and approved before being circulated and uploaded on the regional website.

7. Any Other Business

7.1. South East Region Business: Shelley Robinson, of Sevenoaks Swimming Club, was installed as regional president at this year's ACM held at the Holiday Inn, Guildford, on Saturday 14 September. There were no vice-president nominations.

It was also noted that Roger Prior, whose second and final term as regional chairman concludes at the end of March, will be continuing as a board member. Roger was also voted onto the ASA's new sport governing board while Ray becomes ASA vice-president.

7.2. Regional and ASA Membership Fees 2014: The management board agreed at its meeting in July (146) that regional affiliation fees next year would remain unchanged: category 1 – £3; category 2 – £4; category 3 – no fee. Meanwhile, ASA board minutes in July (130) confirmed next year's national fees as follows: category 1 – £8; category 2 – £25.50; category 3 – £4.50.

7.3. Medals: David currently has 10 gold, 18 silver and 27 bronze medals in stock. He is now placing orders through Ian Ashley, a regional management board member and the swimming manager.

8. Snippets

8.1. High Diving: The group congratulated SDA's Gary Hunt on winning silver at FINA's inaugural high diving event at this year's World Championships in Barcelona, one of only two GB medals throughout the entire meet.

8.2. ASA Diving Committee Newsletter: The latest issue of the ASA Diving Committee's newsletter had been received. It includes reviews of this year's meets, next year's national calendar, the FINA updates and the proposed changes to the national skills conditions.

8.3. England Talent Games: This year's Talent Games are being held at Inspire, Luton, on 9 – 10 November. The format covers dry-land and pool.

8.4. Albatross Inter-Club Competition: Albatross Diving Club will be running their twenty-fifth inter-club meet at Central Swimming Pool, Reading, on Sunday 22 June (11am – 8pm). Entries are to be submitted to Malcolm Green no later than Friday 30 May. Fees are £8 per diver.

8.5. Commonwealth Games: Frank has been shortlisted to record at next summer's Commonwealth Games in Scotland.

8.6. President's Plate: Congratulations were extended to Frank for being awarded the President's Plate (also known as the Jeff Cook Memorial Plate) by Ray this year. Arrangements are being made for someone to take it to Southampton.

8.7. Sussex Judge and Recorder Courses: David informed the meeting that Hilary Brame will be running county judge and recorder courses in the near future. It is understood six people from Eastbourne have already expressed an interest in the judging course. It was also noted that 16 is the youngest age to officiate at any level beyond club.

8.8. Surrey President: Fran has been appointed president of Surrey County ASA this year, the first person from diving to take on the role since Merton School of Diving's Wally Clark in 1991.

9. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting is to be held in one of the ice boxes at Guildford Spectrum early in 2014.

With no further business the meeting ended at 9.15pm.