



## Minutes of the Coaches Forum

Date: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Time: 11am – 2pm

Venue: Holiday Inn, Guildford

Present: Kristie Jarrett, Rosa Gallop (RGP), Richard Garfield (RGD), Nigel Willis, John Davies, Kevin Brooks, Greg Buck, Kim Longland, Sean Bailey, Lawrence Northover, Mike Lambert

Ref	ITEM	Action
1	<b>Apologies</b> Lindsay Dunn, Amanda Booth, Ron Philpot, Paul Hogg, Dan Cross	
2	<b>Matters Arising from last meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John welcomed the new members to the group.</li><li>• It will not be possible to provide a regional camp for all 13/14 years that achieved an automatic qualifying time. There is a large number of swimmers achieving this. This will be reviewed.</li><li>• We currently do not have a South East Region Director of the BSCA as Ron Philpott resigned..</li></ul>	

<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Off – Shore Camp 2016: Selection Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JD distributed the new criteria, which was then discussed. It was decided that this needs to be changed. Points 2 and 3 will be taken out.</li> <li>• One issue raised was if one swimmer won more than one event, which second placed swimmer would be selected.</li> <li>• JD will re-issue the criteria.</li> <li>• KB suggested having an overall objective for selection; “To prepare swimmers for future major international events”</li> <li>• It was agreed that selections beyond winners will be agreed at the coaches’ forum on the 18<sup>th</sup> November.</li> <li>• Coaches will be invited based on the results.</li> <li>• Jo Ulyett and John Rowley will be the Team Managers.</li> <li>• There was a discussion around the best dates and destination for the camp. Most agreed that January was best still despite the counties.</li> <li>• KB asked if there should be a cap? It was agreed that experience swimmers should be allowed to attend and act as role models.</li> <li>• Kim Longland agreed to look into dates and venues and come back to the group for the Team Managers Forum to discuss on the 26<sup>th</sup> September.</li> </ul> <p><b>Regional Talent Camp –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KJ gave an update on the regional camps so far. They seem to have gone well, there were some tired swimmers on the 13<sup>th</sup> after swimming on the Saturday evening. We are still looking for a few lane coaches for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October. Can the forum please pass the information onto their networks and counties? KJ asked for feedback so far, most were happy and responses were positive. Guildford experienced some negative comments regarding the level of lane coaches. Others asked how the lead coaches ran the sessions. The Lead coaches took a very active role in the coaching of the whole group.</li> </ul>	<p><b>JD to update the criteria.</b></p> <p><b>KL to look into camp venues and dates to share before 26<sup>th</sup> September.</b></p> <p><b>Forum coaches to share opportunities with their networks / counties.</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Coaches Forum – Coaches due to stand down 2016/2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaches to stand down in 2016; Richard Garfield, Lawrence Northover, Amanda Booth, Nigel Willis</li> <li>• Coaches to stand down in 2017; Kevin Brooks, Tony Smith, Ron Philpot, Paul Hogg</li> <li>• Coaches to stand down in 2018; Sean Bailey, Kim Longland, Dan Cross, Greg Buck</li> <li>• Names were randomly selected.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Beacon Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As distributed by Paul.</li> <li>• RGF felt that Paul should be congratulated by the results at Nationals of the Beacon. This was agreed,</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>BSCA Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently no representative.</li> <li>• Kim was approached by Brian McGuinness at the Nationals about being a rep. He has not heard anything further but is happy to do it. Brian is to be invited by JD to the next meeting to discuss this and other issues.</li> </ul>	<p><b>JD to invite Brian McGuinness to the next forum.</b></p>

7	<p><b>Review of Summer National Championships</b></p> <p>Some comments included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GB was not a fan of the window as some swimmers swam through injuries to qualify.</li> <li>• Relays were an issue – same swimmers at both and lengthy stays in Sheffield for some swimmers.</li> <li>• English Nationals felt a bit 2<sup>nd</sup> Class</li> <li>• Standards were inconsistent across the age groups.</li> <li>• No back – fill so empty lanes</li> <li>• Few PBs in the first few heats.</li> <li>• Logistics for clubs to stay for two weeks – expense in accommodation and cover.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We understand that a review meeting will be taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, the group would like their original comments and amended comments to be put forward to the relevant people. It was agreed that this would be send to Jane Davies, Grant Robins and Tim Jones.</li> <li>• JD will send the reviewed paper in.</li> <li>• KB gave some provisional information on the format of Trials, this has not been confirmed but it looks like each event would be running 3 finals, 1 Olympic, 1 European Juniors and 1 bridging.</li> </ul>	<p><b>All to send comments to KJ by Monday 21<sup>st</sup>.</b></p> <p><b>Once updated JD to send this in.</b></p>
8	<p><b>2016 Regional Swimming Championships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Championships are now open for entries.</li> <li>• ML presented a paper with two options for the schedule of events in 2016. All Youth events will be running on the 30<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The swimming group had considered the coaches requests but did not feel that they could go against the ASA recommendations.</li> <li>• All coaches were disappointed and some felts that they might like to attend another event at the end of the month for Youth swimmers. KB suggested that he might try to get a license for the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> May at Wycombe. Therefore it would be best for the Region to go for option B this year.</li> <li>• 30<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Portsmouth) Youth; 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May (K2) Age group 400m +, 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May (K2) Age group.</li> <li>• ML informed the group that there will be a Top Club trophy, how would the coaches like to do this? Some liked points 1-8, some liked a medal table.</li> <li>• There will be relay events for fun! Without charge to the clubs.</li> <li>• Elieen Adams has requested clubs to put forward helper for the winter regionals.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Clubs to put forward volunteers to help at Winter Regionals</b></p>
9	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guildford and Staines would like a TM course.</li> <li>• KJ asked for a last minute push for anyone wishing to attend the Team Managers Forum.</li> </ul>	<p><b>KJ to Liaise over a TM Course</b></p>
10	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wednesday 2nd December 11am Guildford Cricket Club</li> <li>- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 11am SSP</li> </ul>	