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Belinda Caslake

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Minutes of a 'club chair' meeting

Held on Sunday 1st September 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the Victoria Inn, Roche

This meeting was called by our president Belinda because the next couple of years could prove a challenging time for all clubs in Cornwall as we are faced with increased pool hire costs. Now is a good time to connect and work together more to share ideas and support each other to ensure that ALL our members have the best opportunities to positively enhance their experience. This 'Chairs Meeting' is aimed to get the ball rolling. Belinda is looking forward to working with everyone to see what brilliant things we can achieve to make swimming in Cornwall even better.

There was no specific agenda. *Comments in italics added after meeting*

BU – Bude, CA – Caradon, CH – Carn Brea/Helston, CM – Camelford, LS – Launceston, NC – North Cornwall, NQ – Newquay, PZ – Penzance, SA – St Austell, SI – St Ives, TC Truro City, TI – TRI Swim	Action
<p>Present: : Belinda Caslake BC(President BU); Stephanie Gadd SG(SE Club Development Officer); Jo Greet JG (President Elect, Chair SA), Daniel Corbett DC (Treasurer TC); Martin Macdonald MM(Welfare Officer Chair NQ); Celia Webster CW (Secretary, TC); Helen Ward HW? (Chair/LS)- no signature; Mark Exell ME (Chair CH), Mandy Beagle MB(Chair NC); Christine Merrifield CM (Synchro Rep/SA); Paul Matthews PM (Chair & Sec. SI); Clive Shute CS(Chair CA); Terry Mullins TM(Chair PZ); Sara Norton SN(Vice Chair TC); Samantha Rivers SR(Treasurer LS); Wendy Rivers WR(SwimMark LS); Kirsty Sampson KS(Chair BU)</p> <p>Apologies: Kerry Blewett-Hill (Secretary PZ); Allan Reid(Chair TI)</p>	
<p>1: BC welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. She said that we need to look to the future, share ideas and work together. We all introduced ourselves.</p>	
<p>2: SG started off by talking about networking and informal and formal networks. A flexible difference between informal & formal with the former more aligned to working in different ways and collaborating, and the latter affiliated to SwimMark & having a development plan. She went through a presentation that you will find on our website in the 'Administration' section. (when viewing the PowerPoint version you will have access to very useful notes)She said that most networks meet about 3 to 4 times a year and gave examples of what clubs have done such as pooling resources, sharing officials (already done very successfully in our county). She listed the many benefits. One thing stressed is the importance of knowing what a club offers – what they do, age band, when they train etc. She talked about a local talent pathway to keep swimmers in the county for as long as possible and that clubs could work together to provide extra sessions to support this. Talented swimmers could be fed into the network. Due to geography, Cornwall could perhaps have three formal or informal networks. One problem to be aware of and avoided is that of suspicion i.e. clubs 'poaching' swimmers. SG separately reminded us of courses run by IOS</p>	
<p>3: Discussions re. above - SG would drive this with BC keen to be involved and working with all clubs. SG would organise and run the network meetings (3 to 4 per year) with a nominated representative from each club in attendance. CS suggested that this could be tied in with a Swimming Committee meeting and this was agreed for the next one on September 3rd..</p>	
<p>4: Geography: BC identified this as a challenge to all re. the distances involved.</p>	
<p>5: Membership falling: SN noted that a good time to look into networks TC membership is down and seems to be the same across the clubs</p>	
<p>6: CS suggested running galas together such as the two counties one that CA are involved with. Perhaps combine club championships. Note we have county licencing officer – our competition secretary Anne Jolly. WR queried licencing issues when running joint club champs and differences in how each swimmer is charged. Level of meet? to be investigated. <i>BC to ask Nick Jenkin (NQ) who has come across this in the past.</i></p>	BC

<p>7: BC wants action from the meeting with a vision for the future and will help each network get started. SG asked how many we would need. There are geography and GLL problems. It was agreed that in the first instance we should have three: West, Mid & East. Each club should be given a choice as to which to join.</p>	<p>BC</p>
<p>Miscellaneous: the meeting had very positive 'vibes' with sharing of resources (e.g. pools) & good practice being enthusiastically supported by all.</p> <p>There was talk about coach development and CS raised the difficulty in being able to get a L3 coach. We will lose our coaches if they cannot progress. No action agreed at meeting but SG to note.</p> <p>SG - Dates from all our galas and events over region should be communicated well to everyone. Need to coordinate licence level and location across region. <i>Anne Jolly our county licencing officer (see also see item 6) ensures no clashes provided she is made aware of intention (note this effects officials too) – website aims to do this for forthcoming events. Can be difficult for regional information. CW will liaise with Anne to see how things are going.</i></p> <p>Sponsorships – ME recommended looking for sponsorship from outside e.g. high profile sponsors. Topic for discussion at future Network meetings together with general fund-raising and club development network.</p> <p>Concerns over 2019/2020 fees – need general discussion on this. <i>CW will put on agenda for Management Board on Oct 8th</i></p> <p>Swim software MB of NC recommends 'Club Organiser' a free one month trial is available. https://www.cluborganiser.co.uk/ Cost £14.95 per month makes life a lot easier. Compatible with Hy-Tek entry SwimEngland etc. Encourages volunteers. Caradon & Truro use & like TeamUnify https://uk.teamunify.com CS offered to help those using TeamUnify.</p> <p>14th November next meeting with GLL DC (treasurer) & CE(development officer) will attend on behalf of CCASA plus SG. Discussed GLL price rises and health implications re. importance of exercise. (membership is falling). Keep them informed of your concerns.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>All</p>
<p>Main action – CW to ask clubs which of the three networks they would like to join. (East, Mid, West) with one contact nominated from each club. (min 3 clubs per network) They will meet 3 to 4 times a year organised by SG. Probably informal networks to start with. aim for 1st network meetings beginning November and before 14th November. 1st meeting re. setting up network. 2nd meeting a network development plan across county. Importance of all working together.</p>	<p>CW Then All</p>
<p>the meeting closed at 12:15 p.m.</p>	