

Open Water Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday 14th May, 2016 at 13:00
National Swimming Academy, Stirling

Les Rodger	LR	Chair
Jim Gallacher	JG	Safety Co-ordinator
Kirsty Ewen	KE	Domestic Events Co-ordinator
Richard Collins	RC	Team/Squad Manager
Andrena Hammond	AH	Open Water Head Coach
Lynne Deans	LD	West District Convenor
Julie August	JA	Midland District Convenor
Jennifer Ewen	JE	North District Convenor
Sandra Westgate	SW	Volunteers Co-ordinator
Jayne Smith	JS	Scottish Swimming

The meeting was therefore quorate.

Item No.	Action
1. Apologies for Absence: Ralph Payne (RP), Jenn Davies (JD).	
2. Declarations of Interest: LD, parent of Mark and Scott Deans	
3. Minutes of Meeting of March 2016: Proposed JA, seconded JE, minutes accepted without dissent.	
4. Matters Arising and Items on Action List:	
1 <u>Equipment Storage</u> : We have a budget allocation for a shed or container. More to follow under Item 7 (RLSS).	
2 <u>Safety Officer</u> : We could run a course/s for STOs at SNOWs. Add to newsletter.	LR
3 <u>Eventbrite</u> : Ready to go live.	
4 <u>Great Run Co</u> : No further progress. Ball currently in Great Run's court. Meeting still to be arranged.	
5 <u>Transfers</u> : We will trial at one of the SNOWs events.	LR
6 <u>Marquee</u> : Office will purchase next week. Logo roof. Plain sides. Front to be included.	JS
7 <u>Licenses</u> : All in hand except East District.	JD
9 <u>RLSS</u> – see later	
10 <u>Water Safety Training</u> – we should get this organised asap.	JG
11 <u>Debit Card</u> : Discipline Chairs meeting has been postponed.	LR

- 13 Video: To be at Venacher. JS dealing but we need to get two quotes. JS
- 16 CPD Module: delivered.
- 17 Parkas: AH will discuss design with supplier. If possible we should get a sample or two and then ask for pre-orders. AH
- 18 Pencil Buoys: Now less of a priority – remove from actions
- 19 STO Committee: meeting attended.
- 21 Rooms for SNOWs: – complete
- 23 Camping at Monikie: – organised
- 27 Venacher Challenges: – ready to go live.
- 28 Loch Ken Challenge: LD will discuss and agree with JS, based on Venacher Challenge entry system LD
- 29 Team/Squad: – see later
- 30 Training Day: LR has contacted Lochore, 10th July is available but RLSS cannot cover. LR to establish if Lochore can provide the safety boat. LR

5. Correspondence:

Nothing that will not arise later.

6. Budget:

2016 requested budget has been approved including the one-off request for a shed/container.

7. Partnership with RLSS:

Open Water Rescue have made significant investment in equipment but are concerned that we might not stay with them. Conversely, we are concerned that OWR might be too busy for us.

They would like us to:

1. add links to them from our website.
2. add a reference to them on our swimmer information packs 2016.
3. add a reference to them on our entry forms in 2017.

LR
Events
Events

They would also like to agree a Memorandum of Understanding. JS to consult with Forbes prior to us drafting something. JS

OWR will prioritise our events but we have agreed to have reasonably firm draft dates agreed in October each year. OWR will not accept bookings for events for the following year in advance of October without asking us first.

Unanimous agreement to proceed with this.

RLSS OWR also have a plot of ground to put a container at Mollinsburn but need help with a container. They suggest that we should purchase this together. This to be costed prior to proceeding but agreed unanimously in principle. JG LR

8. Domestic Events 2016:

SNOWs: Kayaks – West Lothian but looking for more.

Red Cross cannot cover. JG has approached St Andrews and another group. This is the only concern re the event. LD has spoken with James Leitch and he has agreed to do catering. We should add an order form to the Entry Info.

KE/LR

Midland: Must use Monikie boats and drivers but second man needed for the two rescue boats (we will want to use RLSS OWR).

JA will be visiting Monikie on Tuesday and will photograph boats.

JA

Referee – Doug.

Kayaks – not got ten yet. Doug asking Sea Scouts.

LR will put out another newsletter containing the entry form.

LR

JS can put out info via her contacts.

Water Quality will need to be tested.

North: Held meeting at Morlich. Still okay.

Sailing club will provide two boats (rescue and Referee boats). RLSS will provide one, perhaps two boats.

Red Cross will provide four First Aiders.

JE has meeting this week with Wendy to discuss.

West: LD visited last week. Centre knows about the new event (Challenge).

We can use the obstacles for the relay. Centre can provide a few wetsuits (which will be essential for the relay).

6 kayakers from the centre.

Priced for three boats (two safety and 1 ref).

LD thanked JG and Tony from RLSS OWR for the presentation they gave to West District Delegates Meeting.

East: Suggested date of 21st August discussed. This date clashes with other significant events. Not suitable for RLSS and also too close to the two Scottish Events.

The Committee considered that 21st August was not an acceptable date.

LR to advise JD to seek an alternative date. However, there was concern that we are running out of potential dates.

Venacher Mile and Half Mile: In hand. Entries to go live.

Loch Ken Challenge: LD/JS to use the template for the Venacher Challenges for the Loch Ken Challenge.

LD

9. Team/ Squad:

This year the top three swimmers from each age group will qualify. Discussion around whether we should put all forward but it was agreed that we should but perhaps warn some swimmers that the opposition will be tough.

Head OW Coach (AH) and Team Manager (RC) to select from qualifying events (Midland) and appoint Development Squad.

Potential Training Day 10th July. AH and RC both available. LR to discuss details with Lochore.

LR

Camps similar to last year, France and Cyprus. No invitation yet from Faros.

AH will be at ASA OW Nationals. RC may also attend.

AH has new job. Discussion. No problems from anyone with AH remaining in post.

Kit: agreed team Kit should be Royal Blue. Ordering is a slow process. We need to make some guesses or get a range of sizes and order as soon as we can.

Polo and cap in general. Parka for Team to France and/or Cyprus.

Development Squad: Polo and cap only.

10. Safety:

Nothing additional.

11. Technical Officials:

STO National Committee is keen to include STOs from the Disciplines, informally for the moment but probably formally with a rule change next year.

LR has volunteered the OW Committee to make a presentation on OW to the STO Seminar in September. Plenty of time to discuss and agree presentation. **LR**

12. Governance:

Given the likely wetsuit rules in 2017 we should develop links with Aquasphere so that we can assist swimmers in that regard.

Brief discussion followed of options available for licensing. No decisions required before October.

13. AOCB:

LR to send SW current list of OW STOs. **LR**

Meeting closed 15:01.

Next Committee Meeting: The Sunday of SNOWs, after the 10K, brief meeting principally to discuss the Scottish Swimming Awards nominations.

Next full meeting: 1st October 2016.

West District Open Water Convenors Report - May 2016

Arrangements under way for the West District Championships in September at Loch Ken. Visited the venue this week and have gone over all our requirements with the staff there. Entry form and licence submitted.

At the last West District delegates meeting in April, Jim Gallacher and Tony Coia came along and gave a presentation on Open Water Safety to everyone. I have had good feedback that the delegates enjoyed this insight into Open Water swimming so thank you to Jim and Tony for coming along and giving this presentation.

Lynne Deans

West District Open Water Convenor

OPEN WATER SWIMMING COMMITTEE

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North District Convenor's Report

Our championships will be on Saturday 30th July 2016, at Loch Morlich

	<u>Briefing/Start</u>
Event 1: Senior 5 km	09:00/10:00
Event 2: Junior 3 km	12:00/13:00
Event 3: Senior 1.5 km	12:00/14:30
Event 4: Junior 800 metres	12:00/15:15
Event 5: Relay	12:00/16.00

Times subject to change.

Senior 5 km event and junior 3km event are the distances of the 2016 Scottish Open Water Swimming Grand Prix Series.

North District Team

Funding has been agreed at £125 each for North District swimmers. A contribution of £150.00 to SASA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix Prize Fund was approved at the North District AGM.

Loch Morlich Sailing Club provided the Safety Boats with crew last year and would be pleased to provide 2 Safety Boats with crew again this year. A site visit took place to carry out an inspection of the facilities and these were found to be the same as last year.

Jennifer Ewen

North District Open Water Convenor