



Borders Regional Swimming Committee
5th Oct 2023 – Via Zoom

Present: Jo Redden (Eyemouth), Andy McGuire (Scottish Swimming), Leri Payne (Kelso), Clare Gavan (Kelso), Derek Hartop (Hawick), Darren Vevers (Hawick), Lucy Owenson (Gala), Greig Shortreed (Live Borders), Morag Stephens (Duns)

1. Apologies: Suzanne Lakie (Gala), Sally Swinney, Lorna Weston (Peebles)

2. Previous minutes: Proposed by Jo, seconded by Leri.

3. Recruitment of BRSC Convenor: Discussion around promoting the role of Convenor. If no one comes forward at AGM then it is highly likely that BRSC will no longer continue. This will mean no more Borders events. Perhaps 2 could share the role.

4. Club updates:

Gala – All good. 18 trialists, 10 successful. Head Coach and squad restructure very effective. Kids engaged and swimming well. Full coaching team. Secretary role needs filled on committee.

Eyemouth – AGM being held. No Chair as yet. Minnows organisation in full swing.

Duns – Successful weekend at EDTT and Border League. Some members leaving, push to get new ones. No date yet for Duns 500. Coaches attended workshop in Stirling – very useful. 6 hours training at present.

Peebles – No one in meeting from Peebles.

Kelso – Recent discussion with Andy about structure and policies to attain Aquamark. Two new coaches, a couple of poolside helpers in process of getting PVG. Committee still without secretary. Took on new members in the last month. Didn't manage to get a meet organised.

Hawick – Struggling to fill the WPO role. Almost at capacity, approx 40 members.

5. District update: Chat about Aquamark. 3 levels. Info on Scottish Swimming website along with resources which can be uploaded. Everything can be stored on site. Once you go through a level, funding can be obtained towards coaching/young leaders/etc. Can check annually for updates. Andy happy to help with any of this. Update on Junior Academy (45 swimmers). STO seminar on 15th Oct to discuss uniform if white tops and black bottoms. Jo attending District swim meet next week – thanks Jo!



6. BRSC meets 2023/24: Relay Champs 11th Nov '23 – Jo proposed we drop kick relay, was a bit much last year. Keep the fun, mixed club relays at end.
21st Jan '24 Borders Champs – Gala pool provisionally booked.
Border League to run during the next 3 regional dates – March, May, June.
That leaves a regional date in September in which we could run something – to be discussed.

7. Action from previous meeting – Douglas Watt trophy? Kara D'Agrosa to speak to Linda. Trophy available at BRSC that could be used.

8. AOCB – gift for Carole McDonald – Carole has now moved from Borders region. Sally suggested a gift as a thank you for all her hard work in the Borders. Committee agreed this was a good idea.

Scottish Schools, Borders Trials – Email should have been received by clubs. Gala has not received anything. East Lothian and Borders, and Edinburgh and West Lothian have been combined. David Payne asked about possibility of Borders trial? Too short notice to run a Borders event.

Finals in January.

Regional trials to be held on 19th Nov.

- **Borders Baracudas** – this is a good pathway for any swimmers with disabilities. Please signpost anyone towards Greig Shortreed.
Hoping to host first disability meet on Sunday 26th November. Any volunteers that could help out would be much appreciated. Please get in touch with Greg.
- **Masters** – please get in touch with Steve Powell at Gala ASC if interested.
- **Wellbeing and Protection** – regulated roles must all have PVG and completed CWPS course.
- **Signatory required for BRSC account** – Derek Hartop (Hawick) to be added.
Darren Vevers to arrange.

9. Date of Next Meeting (AGM) – Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm via Zoom.