



**Borders Regional Swimming Committee
27th April 2023 – Via Zoom**

Present: Jo Redden (Eyemouth), Sally Swinney (Peebles), Andy McGuire (Scottish Swimming), Leri Payne (Kelso), Clare Gavan (Kelso), Morag Stephens (Duns), Darren Vevers (Hawick), Rosie (Peebles), Lucy Owenson (Gala)

1. Apologies: Suzanne Lakie (Gala), David Payne (Kelso), Greig Shortreed (Live Borders)

2. Previous minutes: All fine.

3. Club updates:

Gala – Losing Lead Coach, Jenny. Cover in place.

Andy McGuire reminded us of Level 1 course and potential for Level 2 course in summer. Andy offered support – to let him know.

Eyemouth – No Chair, committee struggling to get things done.

Duns – new members on committee. Schools swimming gala went well, approx 50 swimmers.

Peebles – pool won't be open until August/September. Have lost half the members and some committee.

Kelso – committee fully staffed, sparse on coaches, lost a few swimmers but trying to recruit new members. Considering Masters option too.

Hawick – Schools swimming gala coming up. Losing a swimmer and, along with them, a committee member.

4. District update:

Jo attended the last district meeting on finances. Some money still available at district level if required. Potentially ask district to pay to replace broken Dolphin device?

5. Border Camps feedback:

Positive feedback. District help with officials worked well, allowed some mentoring to take place. Thank you to Jo for organising. Still on the hunt for trophies – let Jo know if anyone finds them!

6. Border League rounds 1 & 2:



Border League round 1 is good to go! Commemorative medals organised. Sally will be at Round 1, Carol at Round 2.

Duns to run Round 2.

Round 3 17th Sept.

7. Borders competitions 2023/24:

Note of interest due 28th April.

21st October – Eyemouth Minnows

?? September – Kelso

Duns 500 in autumn

Gala keen to host – discuss with Duns to avoid clash

11th November – Border Relays

Potential Regional dates –

13th/14th Jan – Border Champs?

30th/31st March

End April – Border Champs?

Beginning June

Clubs to discuss which is preferred date for Borders Champs before next BRSC Meeting.

EDAGs

Round 1 – 25/26th Nov

Round 2 – likely 3rd/4th February

Round 3 – mid March (dependent on SNAGs dates)

8. Officials poolside uniform:

Sally informed the group that there is a move to replace white trousers with black. To be decided amongst regions. Sally has suggested that black trousers are to be moved to in Borders.

Both black and white trousers will be acceptable moving forward, worn with white polo shirt.

9. AOCB:

Clubs to nominate 2 (and a sub!) for Level 1 coaching course. £300 but £150 back from Scottish Swimming after course completion. Suggestion that Live Borders may have funding too. Replies to be emailed to David Payne.

Sally proposed idea of a trophy to commemorate Douglas Watt's contribution to swimming. This would be an award for a volunteer rather than a swimmer. *Gala ASC to check that Doug's family are agreeable.*



Save our Pools – link to petition in the newsletter from Andy. *Please can clubs share with members to sign petition.*

Club Chairs event – Thursday 11th May – booking details in Andy’s newsletter. Try to attend or send a committee member if Chair unavailable.

Club of the Year – nominations are now open!

Andy congratulated clubs for fantastic progress in updating child well-being and protection courses for those who requiring it. Clubs must continue to ensure this is up to date.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 24th August 2023 by Zoom