

Open Water	Camp 13 th June at Coventry. Letters sent to 40 swimmers...24 places available, first come first served	
Regional Championships	<p>2016 Championships will be over 3 weekends...2 at Sheffield and 1 at Corby, dates TBC...integrated Youth and Age Group events</p> <p>These will remain combined East & West Midlands championships but possibility exists to split Winter Short Course event. Balance to be struck here...if qual times reduced more West Mids swimmers would qualify but standard would fall</p>	HS to confirm dates with Liz Sykes
Beacon programme	<p>Beacon programme continuing. No change to current programme other than survey sent to participating swimmers / clubs with disappointing response. Nationally there has been an under-spend of Beacon funding so ASA may look to allocate funds to new / additional programmes in the future? ASA will advise</p>	
England Programmes	<p>FF sent an update on 2015-16 plans:</p> <p>Phase 1 – 19th September at Warwick Uni – selection following Summer Championships</p> <p>Phase 2 Events Camps – 21st to 23rd December, venues tbc – selection immediately after Winter Short Course</p> <p>Regional Camp for 11/12-year olds – dates tbc but 2 x 1-day camps in October Half Term plus between Christmas and New Year. RCF thinks both should be short course (rather than one short and one long course as last year), best for skill development</p> <p>Regional coach education – FF and England Programmes team are looking to deliver 3 x 1.5 hour talks aimed at head coaches of smaller clubs plus assistant coaches of bigger programmes. RCF believes early Sept would be ideal</p> <p>National coach education – 19th to 21st November at Link Hotel, Loughborough – 20 places available, by application</p>	
West Mids Coach Development Programme	Broadly very successful...though several lessons learnt from year 1. Subject to Board approval, the Region will be looking to run a Year 2 programme for some of the first cohort...and begin a new Year 1 programme for another 10 coaches in September	

AOB	None	
Next Meeting	Thursday 17 th September, 11am	HS to check with Mark Spackman that we can use the Royal School Wolverhampton

Additions to minutes since meeting:

Berlin competition was attended by Ellesmere in 2013. Approx £450 per swimmer. Accommodation and food on site / within walking distance. Meet is well run. Usually takes place end of Feb / beginning of March.

Regional camps have been confirmed as 31st October and 3rd January at Wrekin College.

Coaches day to be presented by Fred Furniss is confirmed as 27th September. Venue tbc.

Dates for Regional championships next year have been pencilled in as 9/10 April & 24 April at Sheffield and 7/8 May at Corby. Please note these dates are subject to change and have not been confirmed.