

Swim England Hertfordshire

Notes of the Disability Committee meeting

18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Civic Centre, Welwyn

**Present:**

Jackie Harvey (JH)	Disability Manager
Sheila Mackenzie (SM)	Association Secretary
<b>Committee Members</b>	
Ian Mackenzie (IM)	Minute Secretary
Murray Devine (MD)	
Janet Warrington (JW)	Special Olympics

**Action**

18/11 **Apologies**

18/11.1 Carl Cooper (CC) and Ros Cramp (RC)

18/11.2 Following the restructure of Swim England Para Swimming Carl is the Para Swimming Talent Coach for the East Region and will work closely with the Regional Para-swimming Committee to deliver their annual plan, which will filter down into the Counties. Martin Lees, the Para-swimming Development Manager, has been invited to the Regional Meeting on July 2nd at the Regional Offices in Kentford. JH extended an invitation to the Committee to attend, to meet Martin and Carl to discuss the vision and development of Para Swimming.

JW expressed concerns about swimmers in clubs and who would assess those swimmer for eligibility for classification. It is important to keep swimmers interested in swimming otherwise they will turn to other sports.

It was decided to invite another person onto the Committee.

JH IM

18/12 **Declaration of conflicts of interest**

18/12.1 None identified at this point

18/13 **Minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

18/13.1 Notes of the meeting were agreed as true and correct.

The date of the Special Olympics East Herts Gala is 28th April

18/14 **Matters arising**

18/14.1 **18/4.2** County Colours policy has yet to be finalised by the Management Board.

MD

18/14.2 **18/5.4** A discussion about the events to include in the County Championships 2019. The format of Para events only was adopted, and it was reiterated that a swimmer can only enter in one category, either by the Para swimming conditions or through the Swimming conditions, not both. With changes in the Swim

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England National Competition, JH will confirm if S14 swimmers can swim 400m in County Championships

### 18/15 **Events/reports**

#### 18/15.1 **Herts ASA Development Weekend 2018**

The weekend was successful with 360 participants and minimal financial cost to the County.

The motivational speaker, Josef Craig MBE, was hugely inspirational and feedback from Josef was that he enjoyed the day immensely.

Comments from the lead coach at the training session was that he did not have enough information on the swimmers in advance. This will be rectified for future training sessions.

The Development weekend has been booked for 2019. Ideas for the Disability session were discussed, and a decision will be made at the next committee meeting in October.

#### 18/15.2 **Swim England East Region Para Swimming Meet 25th March 2018**

Successful meet, classification and Officials CPD.

The new World Para Swimming Classification rules have been implemented and unfortunately 5 athletes who presented for classification were deemed not eligible for BS Classification. They can appeal and were invited to swim in the gala.

Hoddesdon swimmers Louise Storey, Marlon Salmon and Sam Carter were amongst 48 swimmers that attended.

Sam, swimming the 400m Freestyle for the first time in competition achieved a well-deserved bronze medal in a time of 8:58.62 achieving 82BDP. Louise also medalled and achieved personal best times in both 50m and 100m Freestyle and 100m Backstroke. Marlon, recovering from illness and injury also had a successful gala.

#### 18/15.3 **DSE/BS Junior Championships 2018**

Held in Southampton and again the 3 Hoddesdon swimmers with their coach Janet Warrington attended where Louise achieved personal best times, Sam won a bronze medal and Marlon, who had travelled from Manchester to Southampton for one race had a good attitude when he was disqualified for a technical infraction.

#### 18/15.4 **Athlete Achievements**

Louise Fiddes was selected for the British Para Swimming Team which competed in Copenhagen in March.

#### 18/16 **Forthcoming Events**

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### 18/16.1 **Special Olympics 3rd Spring Swimming Competition- Hatfield Sports Village - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

This is a popular gala and unfortunately more than 30 entries were rejected on health and safety grounds following advice from HSV. To accommodate the 150 athletes there will be no opening ceremony and presenting podium; this will allow the window side of the pool to be used for teams to sit and ensures that the fire escapes are kept free.

There will be no presentation of medals at poolside. The medals will be collected at the end of the evening by the Team Managers and they will be able to present their medals to their athletes then or when they return to their clubs.

Swim England Hertfordshire Officials will support the event

Following refurbishment of HSV it has been decided not to hold an Autumn gala; a Spring gala is being arranged for 16th March 2019 at HSV.

### 18/16.2 **British Para-Swimming International Meet / World Para Swimming Series 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018**

Two swimmers from Hertfordshire have entered this competition. This is the trial event for the European Championships in Dublin in August.

### 18/17 **County Colours Recommendations**

18/17.1 MD has been leading the process on behalf of the Management Board. Swimming and Synchronized swimming have agreed a similar criterion to Disability Swimming.

The committee agreed to make a recommendation to the Management Board for full colours for Para swimmer Louise Fiddes.

Louise was selected for the British Para-swimming Podium Potential programme for 2018. Since her S14 classification 2 years ago, Louise has continued to make year on year progress. World rankings 2017 saw Louise placed in the top 5 in 4 events – 100m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly and 200m Butterfly. She is the British record holder in 100m Breaststroke and 400m IM in the S14 Classification.

### 18/18 **Hertfordshire Regional Training Session**

18/18.1 The Regional Budget has been approved for training sessions in the Counties. Bedfordshire have organised their event for May 12th at Flitwick. JH to look at costs involved.

It was decided to have the Hertfordshire training session in September. Coaches and pool to be organised.

JH IM  
JW

### 18/19 **AOB**

18/19.1 **IM:** The County to have a new logo which will be adopted by all disciplines. The current Disability logos to be updated.

18/19.2 **MD:** Attended the Inter Spinal Games at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, a national event where athletes are able to participate in different sports. The swimming gala had a carnival feel and was well supported.

18/19.3 **JW:** Praise for one of her swimmers who has a degenerative illness. The swimmer, currently on the classification waiting list, has increased her training

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sessions each week and with parental support has moved to a new house to be closer to the pool.

- 18/19.4 **JH:** The annual report is due and ask committee members for contributions
- 18/19.5 **SM:** To seek clarification when officiating and there is only one swimmer, is it possible to over officiate with two Judge of Stoke observing one swimmer.
- 18/19.6 **JH:** There was a discussion about the Putteridge SC meet conditions and it was agreed to seek clarification from the Licensing Officer
- 18/20 **Date of next meeting**
- 18/20.1 Monday 15th October 2018

JH

Meeting ended at 10.05pm

### RECOMMENDATION TO MANAGEMENT BOARD

The committee agreed to make a recommendation to the Management Board for full colours for Para swimmer Louise Fiddes.

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