



Swim England Hertfordshire

(County Association of Swim England East Region)

President Mrs Janet Warrington

Swimming Committee Minutes Thursday 13th September 2018 Welwyn Civic Centre

Present: Sheila Mackenzie (SM) Swim England Hertfordshire Secretary
Bryan Thompson (BT) Swim England Hertfordshire Swimming Manager
Anna Baker (AB)
Graham Huggett (GH)
Louise Hughes (LH)
Susan Ledger (SL)
Ian Mackenzie (IM)
Marcello Tontodonati (MT)

- S18/13 Apologies:** Karen Huckle (KH)
BT advised that Deborah Huggett had stood down from the committee.
- S18/14 Minutes of previous meeting**
The meeting in March, for which there are no minutes, focussed on the development plan, which has been to the Management Board for approval.
- S18/15 Matters arising**
No matters arising, other than those on the agenda.
- S18/16 2018 Updates**
- 1. Masters**
LH had compiled a report which is attached as an appendix.
The regional inter-county competition is scheduled for 17th November 2018.
The regional newsletter for masters is being sent out.
LH has created a Mailchimp facility to send out information etc to masters.
IM said that the date for the 2019 Hertfordshire Masters competition needs to be established in conjunction with the county calendar.
 - 2. Open Water**
MT said that, although he was not present on the day, he was not aware of any problems with the Championships. Janet Warrington, Swim England Hertfordshire President, and Jackie Harvey operated the county's medal table.
MT had compiled a short report from the results extracted from the Swim England East Region website, and he had published this on the Swim England Hertfordshire website.
 - 3. Team Championships**

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- a. Regional Inter-County - Swim England Hertfordshire won the event. It was extremely close, and victory was only achieved at the last event. The homeward journey was marred by the bus breaking down.
- b. Junior Inter-County – is scheduled for Sunday 16th September at Inspire: Luton Sports Village. Arrangements are in place – swimmers selected, team managers, coaches and officials appointed, a room at the pool booked, and team kit organised. It had been difficult to find the appropriately qualified officials. Magda XXXXX and Andrew Woodhouse, the coaches, will compile a report on the event.
- c. National Inter-County
Arrangements are made, and coaches, team managers and officials are appointed, team selection has been made and hotel and transport booked. BT reported one query regarding selection.

S18/17 1-Direction – Swimming Pathway

Two sessions successfully delivered, and one session scheduled for this month. Oliver Waddington is unwell at the moment however.

BT said that, if Swim England do not continue with this one-direction initiative next year, then Swim England Hertfordshire should aim to continue with the delivery.

SL has the role of team manager co-ordinator, and this had worked well in identifying team managers for the regional inter-county competition. BT said that it had been more difficult to find team managers for the two other inter-county competitions. The aim will be to let everyone know the dates early, but there was still the issue that parents will not commit to helping until they know if their child is selected.

BT will send SL the dates of the team manager courses. SL will send the dates to the team Manager contact list, so that those already qualified can encourage other members of their club to qualify.

S18/18 2019 Planning

1. County Championships 2019 – are scheduled for the last two weeks of January and the first week of February.

If time permits in the schedule, mixed relays will be introduced – an open, mixed freestyle relay, and an open, mixed medley relay. Age-group medals will be available for these events.

AB will find out availability of a possible venue for the presentation evening on the Wednesday or Thursday following the last weekend.

2. Masters – May
3. Open Water – July
4. Regional Inter-County
Junior Inter-County
National Inter-County – 1st weekend in October

IM advised that it will be Swim England's 150th Anniversary in 2019- maybe extra events to be considered.

S18/19 Development plan

The progress towards the delivery of the development plan was considered, and items identified which need to be promoted.

S18/20 Report from the representative to the regional Swimming Committee

MT had nothing to report, but he advised that a meeting was scheduled for 26th September.

S18/21 Report from the representative to the regional Open Water Committee

MT had nothing to report, but advised that a meeting was scheduled for October.

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SM said that the regional conditions, which the county mirrored, were published on the website, but these were in conflict with the committee decisions made at one of the meetings. There was further conflict with a published statement, issued following the meeting, about a change to the age-groups. On the day, the promoter decided that the age-groups would be as in the statement and in line with the committee decision. This has meant that an extra medal is required for one of the county's swimmers. No medals already presented are affected.

S18/22 Any Other Business

SL has identified all the best recorded times for the County Championships, and she agreed now to work to update the county records. Certificates will be available if requested by the athlete, following a claim, for a record.

IM advised that the new county website is expected to be available in November. BT said that the county records will be published on the website. He also spoke about using the website for advertisement of events, courses, forums etc, and the need to use the website to publish reports about events, records etc, in a timely fashion after the events. This would then ease the very long and difficult process of compiling reports for the whole year for the annual report.

2018 Swimming Committee meetings

Parish Centre, Lockleys Drive, Welwyn, AL6 9NT commencing at 8pm

Thursday 8th November