

County Association of Swim England East Region
President: Janet Warrington

Swimming Committee Minutes
Wednesday 6th March 2019
Parish Centre, Lockleys Drive, Welwyn, AL6 9NT

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

S19/01 Apologies:

Jean Cook (JC), Louise Hughes (LT), Graham Huggett (GH) and Janet Warrington (JW)

S19/02 Minutes of previous meeting 13th September 2018

The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the previous meeting

S19/03 Matters arising

Reference S18/17: Feedback received that the sessions were to spread out to be reviewed
Noted that the Team Manager list does not record attainment level.

Action: IM to provide updated list to SL

S19/04 2019 Planning

BT is reviewing the costs for the events managed by the swimming committee.

1. Masters

Scheduled for Saturday 9th March at The Venue, Borehamwood no issues reported.

Costs: County Masters - Pool hire and Medals

2. Open Water

Nothing planned locally. The annual county championships held within the regional competition which are scheduled 21st July at Norwich.

Costs: Medals

3. Inter County Events

Junior Intercounty at Luton pool in September: Invitation to take part received, BT suggested we approach listed coaches.

Magda Klosowska – Stevenage Head Coach

Jack Donoghue – Hatfield Squad Coach

Amy Thompson – Harpenden Head Coach

Andrew Woodhouse – Hoddesdon Head Coach

Lead Team Manager assign Kate Burchell again for this role

Regional (7 July at UEA) and National (6 October at Ponds Forge) will need to assign Team Managers for each event, book transport coach hire and hotel booking for National event
Costs: Incurred costs for each event swimming coaches £100, Hats and Shirts. In addition for National event will incur £25 for top boy/girl swimmer, transport coach £1085 and Hotel approx. £2500

4. Development Camps

BT hoping to book 3 x 1 day camps for provisional dates at Hatfield in April, June and July. 2019 swimmer selection is being revised by Oliver Waddington and Manuela Teti. Feedback received that swimmers were not aware of being selected for these camps need to improve communications on selection process. Kate Lillard will continue in her role as TM for the Development Camp.

Need to recruit additional skilled coaches and 2 TM's to assist at the camps, but swimmer selection criteria needs to be confirmed ASAP **Action: BT to follow up with Oliver.**

BT suggested the possibility of organising an end of camp gala, 2 age group (11 and 12) duel against each other or against another county to be focusing on skills rather than times. Manuela suggested to base it on the Daplyn format to focus on start and turns to utilise the skills learnt at development camp.

Costs: Lead coaches (£500), Lane Coaches (£120) Pool and Room Hire, Lead and Assistant TM.

S19/05 2020 Planning County Championships

- BT and IM attended meeting at The Venue, Borehamwood prior to committee meeting. Venue management team adamant that they we will have to run the swim school 8:30-12:30 on the Saturday, therefore pool access will not be until 2pm.
- Will move long distance to midweek session combining with one of the 400m sessions in the programme this will be shared at next coaches forum
- Saturday would have couple of shorter session with heats, then propose to run the finals in the evening sessions. We will have access Saturday 2-9pm and on Sunday 8:30 if required to 6:30. The championships will be run over 3 weekends. Competition will be brought forward to start on 11th January.
- Pool hire costs will increase by 11% in 2020 suggest negotiate on a fixed price for next 3 years.
- Need to tighten up the qualifying times and relax the consideration times for 50's
- BT suggested a potential competition abroad for the top 8's from the 13/14/15 year
Costs: Lots....

S19/06 Development plan

Although there has been a lot of good work throughout the year we did not successfully achieve our targets on 2018 plan, good discussion on how to improve going forward

Will approach Kate Lilliard Development Camp and Kate Birchall Intercounty team managers to request they work together on review and action on organisation of swimmer development events.

Will review the swimmers section of the plan at the next coach's forum, request for volunteer to take lead on the initiative.

#4 Support Structures

Plan to organise a Nutritionist presentation for 200+ people with a specific theme.

#5 Competition Programme

County championships questioned if possible to include a comments section on website for parents to ask questions and perhaps use monkey survey with 5 quick questions for feedback.

It was noted that the Venue at Borehamwood will be refurbishing the changing rooms and all the seating in August. Proposed dates for 2020 county championships 11/12, 18/19 and 25/26th January. Investigate viability of the results system to highlight automatically when new county record achieved.

ACTION ALL: BT will update the development plan and circulate to the committee for input by 19th April (Easter)

S19/07 Budget

Over the last 3 years we have lost money on Championships BT will be reviewing costs to see if there are areas that can be improved as we need to turn this around.

S19/08 Report from the Regional Swimming Committee Representative

Kevin Pickard provided an update on development initiatives.

Request had been made for the regional swimming committee to share the criteria applied on selection for the regional development camps it was confirmed that you would need to approach region direct as not readily available

S19/09 Report from the Regional Open Water Committee Representative

Regional championships being planned and was noted that there is a chronic lack of open water officials

S19/10 Any Other Business

BT informed the committee that the 50m pool progressing and now have Sport England on board. Still unable to announce the location but were now looking at what can be included within the building. Next meeting scheduled for 28th March and the organising committee are now having regular meetings

2019 Swimming Committee meetings

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

Thursday 20th June

Thursday 12th September

Thursday 7th November