

Swim England, Hertfordshire

Minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Discipline Committee

Meeting 22nd May 2019 8:00 pm – Welwyn Civic Centre

Present

Tom Brennan (TB) Swim England Herts Synchro Manager / Aqualina SSC

Amy Bryant (AB) Hatfield SSC

Caroline Pickering (CP) Potters Bar SSC

Apologies

Jean Cook (JC) Swim England Herts Chairperson

Ian Mackenzie (IM) Swim England Herts

Sarah Darragh (SD) Swim England Synchro Development Manager

Karen Brennan (KB) Aqualina SSC

Kerri S Brennan (KSB) Aqualina SSC

Jayne Jarvis (JJ) Cheshunt SSC

Suzanne Muller (SM) Dacorum SSC

1. Apologies

As noted above

2. Introductions

All present knew each other so no need for introductions.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

All present had received a copy of the previous minutes and no queries or additions were noted at the meeting.,

4. Matters arising

Nothing outside of those items under the main Agenda sections

5. Discipline Specific areas for discussion.

Coaching

(AB) is arranging a Level 1 coaches course in October (13th,19th, 20th, & 26th) it will take place at Potters Bar pool. **Once further details are confirmed (AB) will share these across the County & Region.**

(TB) confirmed that he had not had many responses to his request to fill out the TNA forms

(SD) had previously provided. **(TB) took details from those clubs present and agreed to pull the regions output together.** The general feeling was there was not enough to warrant specific courses at a Regional only level but we can revisit once the TNA is completed.

Competition

All present were reminded that the next Regional competition was taking place on the 22nd June at Stevenage pool. Entries to be submitted by 1st of June, also the Combo Cup was taking place at the London Aquatic Centre on the 6th of July but other than Aqualina the other clubs present were not looking to take part on this occasion.

Skills

We discussed the recent skills day on the 18th of May at Hertford and (CP) said that she was disappointed and several of the Potters Bar swimmers were very upset at not being able to enter due to it being fully subscribed and the entry being just after the closing date. We were not sure if there was a way of limiting the number of entries from outside of the Region in order to give preference to local swimmers.

Pathway (LTS,8/9/10, Local Partnerships Beacon Program)

We did not get to discuss this in any detail on this occasion we will make sure more time is given to this area at our next meeting.

Funding

(AB) confirmed that the funding for SwimMark clubs towards 2 x L2 Coaches courses had been withdrawn due to lack of use (at Regional Level). (TB) confirmed this was disappointing, as Aqualina had made full use of this funding last year. **We were not sure what the current situation is with funding at County Level so (TB) will check and confirm.**

6. Development Days within Herts County

2 Development days have been booked at Goffs Churchgate Academy pool on the following dates, (Sisy Wang (an International level Coach) is the external Coach coming to lead.

14th July (Focus on Land Based Training & Skills)

29th Sep (Focus on Choreography (Patterns & Transitions) & Routine Grades)

We reviewed the number of swimmers in the county at grade 0, 1 & 2 along with the swimmers respective ages. We agreed given a mixed range of ages existed with no grades at all, that we should target this group for the first development day. Depending on the take up we get we may extend to grade 1's as well.

Target group is Grade 0, any age (this may change if take up is low)

(JJ) from Cheshunt had previously responded to say she is available to help at the Development Day. Both (CP) & (AB) thought they would be able to help as well but said they would check and confirm. (TB) to extend an invite to all other Coaches to help and mentor at the session.

It was noted that we would also need a Team Manager present on the day for the event (TB) will ask for volunteers from the various clubs to cover this role.

(TB) will pull together a letter for the clubs to forward to potential swimmers

(IM) Tom to confirm bank details with the County so payments can be made direct to the Counties bank account

7. Development Plan Feedback

A brief review of the development plan took place and (TB) agreed to share with all so they could feedback any further comments after they have had time to review in detail. The key output of at least 2 Development days are already underway so we felt good progress was already being made.

AOB

Nothing raised under this section.

DONM to be agreed

Those present agreed 1st Oct (Tuesday) 7.00pm at Welwyn Civic Centre

(IM) to book Civic Centre

ACTIONS:

1. Once further details are confirmed (AB) will share these across the County & Region (details of L1 Coaching course).
2. (TB) took details from those clubs present and agreed to pull the regions output together. (TNA document completion)
3. We were not sure what the current situation is with funding at County Level so (TB) will check and confirm.
4. (CP) & (AB) thought they would be able to help as well but said they would check and confirm. (Help at the 2 development Days Sunday 14th July and Sunday 29th Sep)
5. (TB) to extend an invite to all other Coaches to help and mentor at the development session.
6. (ALL), (TB) will ask for volunteers from the various clubs to cover the role of Team Manager at the development days.
7. (TB) will pull together a letter for the clubs to forward to potential swimmers to invite them to the Development day.
8. (IM) Tom to confirm bank details with the County so payments can be made direct to the Counties bank account
9. (TB) agreed to share the Development plan with all so they could feedback any further comments after they have had time to review in detail
10. (IM) to book Civic Centre, 1st Oct (Tuesday) 7.00pm