

County Association of Swim England East Region
President: Janet Warrington

Swimming Committee Minutes
Thursday 20th June 2019
Parish Centre, Lockleys Drive, Welwyn, AL6 9NT

Present: Sheila Mackenzie (SM) Swim England Hertfordshire Secretary
Bryan Thompson (BT) Swim England Hertfordshire Swimming Manager
Karen Huckle (KH)
Ian Mackenzie (IM)
Graeme Reilly (GR)
Janet Warrington (JW)

S19/11 Apologies:

Anna Baker (AB), Jean Cook (JC), Louise Hughes (LH) and Graham Huggett (GH) unable to attend the meeting, Sue Ledger (SL) standing down from committee

S19/12 Minutes of previous meeting 6th March 2019

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

S19/13 Matters arising

Reference S19/04 Andrew Woodhouse was standing down as an Intercounty coach due to club commitments and forthcoming wedding. Josh White – Royston SC has taken on this role. Our 4 Inter County coaches are : Magda Klosawska, Amy Thompson, Jack Donoghue & Josh White.

Open Water JW volunteered at the meeting to attend the county championships and was willing to take on the vacant Open Water Manager position.

S19/14 2019 Planning

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

1. Open Water

Entries closed on 21st June and BT confirmed invitation had been sent to new county president (Thomas Brennan)

2. Inter County

Junior - 4 coaches accepted management of the swimmers Madga Klosawska – Stevenage, Josh White – Royston, Amy Thompson – Harpenden and Jack Donoghue - Hatfield

Regional 7th July – 2 Team Managers Heather Stott and Heather Coleman 3 Officials to be assigned. There is a large team this year resulting in an increased coach size to accommodate all. We are in a good organisational position this year coming together nicely.

National – In progress, Kate Birchall assigned lead team manager so far coach and hotel have been booked.

3. Development Camps

1st one completed approximately 70 swimmers were invited
Manuela Teti and Jack Donoghue ran the 1st camp which BT attended it was a positive ambience and emphasis was working on technique.
Received positive feedback from parents and the swimmers
BT noted that there was a possible £1,000 loss running the camp.

S19/15 2020 Planning

1. County Championships

- Agreed to try and acquire Hatfield pool mid-week for long distance championships
- Qualifying times published
- Conditions are nearly ready suggesting to ban tech swimming suits these clauses need to be documented and presented to the regional licensing officer. Propose to ban for 10/11 and 12 year age groups, need to define what qualifies as tech suit. Principle referee would be overall responsible for dealing with any reported non-compliant swimwear. Documentation will need to be distributed to clubs ASAP.
- There was an approximate £4,500 loss for 2019 championships, potentially we could have made a profit as a big percentage of this was due to a last minute pool price increase
- Will review the relay session as currently will be an excessive amount of swimmers on poolside and will be extremely difficult to manage.

2. Masters Championships

No date for 2020 as yet

Louise sent in an update which was read out – see attached.

S19/16 Swimming Development plan

Review of plan moving forward need to encourage clubs to claim county records
Looking at Dortmund in Germany for a foreign trip which will need to be self-funding.

S19/17 Feedback from Club Visits

Bryan emailed clubs about non-attendance at forums invited feedback from clubs why they don't attend. He has visited 2 clubs and more have shown an interest in having a visit.

- Verulam Query how do we recruit coaches, suggest from those present was to tweet or post adverts on county website.
- Frustration from those clubs present as to how to get officials mentored at L1/L2 and general consensus more difficult to get officials qualified.
- Difficult to get coaches courses locally, responded that Leanne Brace organises numerous coaches courses throughout the county.
- Hitchin requested more advanced notice of forum meetings weren't aware existed.
- Consensus of those present that the forums should be more of an open discussion.
- Request to set up register of club coaches in the county

S19/18 Report from the Regional Swimming Committee Representative

Issues to be raised with Swimming Committee - none noted

S19/19 Report from the Regional Open Water Committee Representative

Issues to be raised with Open Water Committee – none noted

S19/20 Any Other Business

JW noted that the Masters trophy in diabolical condition and didn't present it and as the trend is to move away from trophy presentation suggested moving forward to present bannerettes.
GR volunteered to pick up maintenance of the swimming county records

2019 Swimming Committee meetings

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

Thursday 12th September

Thursday 7th November