

County Association of Swim England East Region
President: Tom Brennan

Swimming Committee Minutes
Thursday 12th September 2019
Parish Centre, Lockleys Drive, Welwyn, AL6 9NT

Present: Sheila Mackenzie (SM) Swim England Hertfordshire Secretary
Bryan Thompson (BT) Swim England Hertfordshire Swimming Manager
Ian Mackenzie (IM)
Graeme Reilly (GR)
Janet Warrington (JW)
Anna Baker (AB)
Andy Chapman (AC)

S19/21 Apologies:

Jean Cook (JC), Louise Hughes (LH) Karen Huckle (KH)

S19/22 Minutes of previous meeting 20th June 2019

The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the previous meeting. There was one minor amendment in S19/20 – it should have read LH not JW

S19/23 Matters arising

Should the winning Masters club receive a bannerette in the future replacing the trophy rather than repairing the trophy? Swimming is not presenting trophies so we should do the same with Masters?

S19/24 2019

1. Open Water

- (a) JW reported a successful event. Unfortunately there were insufficient medals as the Trophy Trustee, missed out a club when arriving at the number of medals required. This was managed on the day and correcting the error is being managed, with the medals being distributed to the athlete's clubs.
- (b) Nathan Hughes (Hatfield SC) representing British Swimming at the European Junior Open Water Championships won gold in the 10k. The committee recommend Nathan for full colours and that he should be considered for the Wilkinson Sword at the 2020 ACM

Action – Management Board to note recommendation

2. Inter County

- a) **Junior** – 22nd September - All set up and ready to go. Coaches, team managers and officials all appointed. We do not have sufficient shirts, so IM will attempt to get some more purchased.
- b) **Regional 7th July** – the day was well managed. It was disappointing that we came 5th
- c) **National** –
 - a. In progress, - Kate Birchall assigned lead team manager. So far coach and hotel have been booked.
 - b. Invitations have gone out and coaches appointed.

- c. The National Talent Team have scheduled a camp on the Saturday prior to the event, but are arranging for those athletes involved to be transported and chaperoned to Sheffield.
 - d. Team managers (TM) and officials have yet to be found. BT is trying to obtain our list of TMs, but if all fails he will ask Martyn Hudson (SE Membership) for a new list. IM is presenting a TM2 course on Tuesday!
- d) Team Managers** - unfortunately Kate Birchall is standing down next year. BT will try and recruit a replacement pre-event organiser.

3. Development Camps

- a. 1st one completed, approximately 70 swimmers were invited
- b. Manuela Teti and Jack Donoghue ran the 1st camp and will be delivering the second camp this Saturday. Everything is set but there is a lack of coaches to benefit from the coach development element.
- c. Discussion on how to communicate with coaches and get their buy in.

S19/25 2020 Planning

1. County Championships

- (a) The proposal to ban technical suits for 10/11 and 12 year age groups, has been blocked. This has only happened today and it has come from the highest level in Swim England. It is therefore necessary to delete it from the conditions. As the coaches were the ones who wanted it, BT will go back to them all and suggest that they manage their swimmers not to wear the expensive suits.
- (b) BT has secured Tuesday evenings at The Venue on 14th and 21st of January for the long distance events. Other dates 11th/12th; 18th/19th; 25th/26th January
- (c) All individual entries are at £8.50, Relays £35.
- (d) The event management group's first meeting is next Monday.

2. Masters Championships

- a. No date for 2020 as yet
- b. Essex has their event on 7th March, so we will try and go for 21st March. Maybe afternoon and maybe make it an open event rather than it being closed to Hertfordshire athletes. Guest medals will be required if we progress with this. BT will liaise with LH to get this booked.
- c. The regional committee suggested making the event an open event,
- d. BT to liaise with LH about dates and booking the pool

3. Records

- a. GR has set up the County Records package, so going forward it will be easy to update on a monthly basis. The website will be updated appropriately
- b. County Championship records are also now complete and will be updated annually at Counties.
- c. Graeme was thanked for completing this important task. Records had not been updated since 2015. There was obviously a massive workload to achieve the outcome.

S19/26 Swimming Development plan

Brief review took place.

S19/27 Forums

The Club Forum due next week has been changed to an Open Forum, attempting to get the membership to input into us as to what they require and what ideas they have to benefit the County.

S19/28 Report from the Regional Swimming Committee Representative

No meeting

S19/29 Report from the Regional Open Water Committee Representative

Meeting scheduled for next month

S19/20 Any Other Business

IM advised the meeting of the Development Weekend on 29th February/1st March.

He asked for suggestions for sessions. On 12th February there will be a seminar covering the topics that all athletes and their parents want - Nutrition and Drug Awareness. This will be held at HSV and there will be a £5 charge. The auditorium holds 220.

2019 Swimming Committee meetings

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

Thursday 7th November