

Swim England, Hertfordshire

Minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Discipline Committee

Meeting 1st Oct 2019 7:00 pm – Welwyn Civic Centre

Present

Tom Brennan (TB) Swim England Herts Synchro Manager
Amy Bryant (AB) Hatfield SSC
Caroline Pickering (CP) Potters Bar SSC
Kerri Brennan (KB) Aqualina

Apologies

Shelia Mackenzie (SM) Swim England Herts Secretary

1. Apologies

As noted above

2. Minutes of previous meeting

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

3. Matters arising

The previous Actions were reviewed and updated under the main body of the meeting

4. Term of Reference (Review)

A terms of reference document for the Synchro Specific meeting was distributed in advance of the meeting all present were happy with the content of the document. **One point was debated and voted upon unanimously by all present, that being that if any club had more than one representative who wanted to attend we would welcome them with open-arms, however each club present would only be entitled to one vote.**

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. This course is still scheduled to take place on the agreed dates

Action:AB requested that CP remind her swimmers who were interested in the course to get signed up A.S.A.P so the course would have it's minimum quota of 8 to make it viable to run.

AB advised that there was a Land Training upgrade session being ran as part of the Annual Synchro conference.

Action: everyone to keep an eye out for this and get yourselves booked on we believe it will be on the 30th Nov & 1st Dec somewhere near the East Midlands Airport.

Officials

All present agreed that sufficient officials courses were being provide at Regional level so there was no benefit in running them at county level at the current time.

Competition

There is currently a full program of competitions at Regional and National level so we all agreed there is no point in running a separate County competition however we all felt that running a county competition in parallel with a Regional competition worked well. It was noted that we should continue to do this but next year a little more notice of when this would be would be appreciated

Action: TB to make sure all County clubs are aware in advance when County Medals are to be awarded

Skills

Skills days have been scheduled at Regional level, it was also noted that two of the clubs present were sending swimmers to Walsall this coming weekend to give them swimmers two chances to achieve qualifying Grade levels in advance of the NAG's competition next year.

We discussed the possibility of running our own Routine Grades day at County level Aqualina and Potters Bar said they would be happy to work together on this, at the moment Hatfield felt that it would not fit into their program and because it was not a mandatory requirement for anything it was not something they could commit to.

Action: TB will check with Sarah Darragh the criteria for running Routine Grading days and share with the interested clubs

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

AB shared that she is due to talk in more detail with Sarah Darragh regarding developing a Beacon squad at Regional level. This was expected no to be in place until 2021. We talked about the selection criteria and AB agreed to get this clarified.

Action: AB to clarify the Beacon Squad selection criteria and feedback on the set up of an East Region Squad.

Funding

TB fed back on his previous action regarding County funding for courses and he confirmed that currently there was nothing available. We discussed that other funding pots were available and that we should look further afield to see what was available.

6. Development Days within Herts County

We spent some time discussing how the second of our two initial development days went and in general, we felt the second day was an improvement on the first but there was still

some areas for improvement. We agreed that the reduced time scale for the zero grades was now about right now so we would stick with this this going forward. In terms of the Coaching from Sisy we all agreed she was a very knowledgeable Coach but she could make more use of the other Coaches present. We were also slightly disappointed that we never really covered actual specific figures from the grade assessments areas we were focusing on (Grade 1 , 4 & 5).

In terms of the additional section we introduced it was noted that this was not discussed at the committee as the decision had been made after the previous meeting to try to make maximum use of Sisy's time. We agreed that the next additional session would be best focused on Grade 3 or working towards grade 3 swimmers.

Action: ALL agreed to feedback there comments on the development day to TB, he would then summarise this and share it with Sisy.

We all agreed that we would like to continue with the development days and that we would stick with using Sisy for now. We decided that 15th March would be a good date for our next session. We also agreed that Goffs school was a good location despite some parking problems in the morning.

Action: TB to book the 15th March with Goff Academy and Sisy for our next development day

7. Development Plan Feedback

The development plan had been shared with all in advance of the meeting but it was agreed we should revisit this again once we had feedback from Sarah Darragh regarding the development plan guidance which was being pulled together.

AOB

Nothing raised under this section.

DONM to be agreed

Those present agreed 14th Jan (Tuesday) 7.00pm at Welwyn Civic Centre

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ACTIONS:

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Action 4: TB will check with Sarah Darragh the criteria for running Routine Grading days and share with the interested clubs

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