

County Association of Swim England East Region  
President: Tom Brennan

**Swimming Committee Minutes**  
**7th November 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)  
Karen Huckle (KH)  
Louise Hughes (LH)  
Ian Mackenzie (IM)  
Graeme Reilly (GR)  
Janet Warrington (JW)

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**S19/31 Apologies:**

Jean Cook (JC) Swim England Hertfordshire Chair, Simon Lever (SL) Swim England Hertfordshire Finance Officer and Tom Brennan (TB) Swim England Hertfordshire President

**S19/32 Minutes of previous meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the previous meeting with amendment to S19/23 decision was made to replace overall winner trophy to a bannerette in line with swimming.

**S19/33 Matters arising**

S19/25 BT has informed swimming clubs that the proposal to band technical suits at the 2020 county championships has been removed and conditions updated accordingly.  
S19/27 BT noted that there was a very poor attendance at the Open Forum but there was good interaction between those in attendance

**S19/34 2019 Planning**

- a) **Intercounty National Championships** – SE Hertfordshire finished 10<sup>th</sup>, JW thanked all those assisting her as team manager for this event. Reported ongoing that need to find someone best suited to take overall control and take on Team Manager Position. Suggested that we need to find a volunteer now rather than later, need to circulate a flyer with the details. Swimmers and parents need to be aware of the criteria which should be posted to the website. The assigned Team Manager needs to be handed over complete organisational control feeding back to the swimming committee.
- b) **Masters** - National Masters all information posted on Swim England website. Contact details not up to date on county website Louise to update and post reminder.
- c) **1-Direction Development Camp** - Debrief was held with Manuela Teti (Lead Coach 12yrs) and Jack Jackson (Lead Coach 11yrs)
- Although hindered by Hatfield pool issues with bookings did not affect the camps.
  - Disappointed there were no coaches attending event to observe.
  - Manuela and Jack happy to continue in 2020 with 11, 12 and 13 year age groups. Will need to avoid clash for swimmers on regional and county camps which is due to region selecting swimmers from their regional championships.
  - Manuela and Jack suggested Wray Shewell-Cooper as the 3<sup>rd</sup> coach to assist at camps

**S19/35 2020 Planning**

a) **County Championships**

- Borehamwood pool starting redevelopment on 18Nov19 with the aim to be completed by 31Jan20 which will mean sections will be out of action. Otherwise all organising on track with regular events management meetings scheduled.

- Presentation night Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at the same location at Panshanger Golf Club
- b) Masters Championships**  
Pool to be booked looking to get equipment to Stevenage, would reduce costs date 21Mar20. Suggest Hemel Hempstead or St Albans booking of pool needs to be done ASAP run as open meet, need to revise conditions.
- c) Open Water Championships**
- JW asked whether funding available for championships possible £100 from regional
  - Regional Open Water camps scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> June Basildon and 14<sup>th</sup> June Stanborough Lakes for developing swimmers interested in Open Water.
  - OW officials L1 on 6June but advised that Hertfordshire will be running course 29<sup>th</sup> February which should be publicised.
  - East Region championships scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> July.
- d) 1-Direction Development Camps**  
Criteria for 2020 camps:
- Swimmers should have attended 2 out of 3 sessions this year
  - 11 year olds - primary selection from 100IM at County Championships topped up with nominations from clubs.
  - 12 year olds - 2019 11 year olds and must qualify for 2020 County Championships, topped up with nominations from clubs.
  - 13 year olds - 2019 12 year olds, must qualify for 2020 County Championships & not be on 2019 Regional camp, topped up with nominations from clubs.
  - Exclude 2019 regional camp swimmers from 2020 13 yr olds
  - If Bedfordshire run their Junior Inter County competition selection for 11, 12 & 13 year olds will be from 1-Direction swimmers and will be used as a 1-Direction process meet.

**S19/36 Swimming Development plan**

- County Championships - BT looking closely at the costs and whether possible perhaps to reduce on some items such as shirts, bannerettes etc.
- The cost for funding 1-Direction Development camps will probably increase with the inclusion of an additional 13yr age group.
- BT noted although Hertfordshire do not have any issues as county representative to the region he has not received any update or had any input into regional swimming. But picked up from the board meeting possible changes to way regional swimming development is run, with the aim moving to events management team.

**S19/37 Any Other Business**

- IM wrote to all county coaches and offered a MIND course. Very poor response only 5 coaches out of 90 responded.
- Swimming records proposal reviewed and all agreed ready for submission to Management Board. GR re-run the county records report again there are couple of anomalies to be checked for eligibility.
- BT requested committee to think about future opportunities for our swimmers some of the ideas for post counties different structured competition, build on our working relationship with clubs, and possible improved collaboration between clubs all for the benefit of our swimmers development.

**2020 Swimming Committee meetings**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

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