

County Association of Swim England East Region
President: Tom Brennan

Swimming Committee Minutes
20th February 2020
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), Andy Chapman (AC), Karen Huckle (KH), Louise Hughes (LH)
Ian Mackenzie (IM), Graeme Reilly (GR) and Janet Warrington (JW),

S20/01 Apologies:

Tom Brennan Swim England Hertfordshire President, Jean Cook Swim England Hertfordshire Chairman and Simon Lever Swim England Hertfordshire Finance Officer

S20/02 Minutes of previous meeting 7th November 2019

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

S20/03 Matters arising

IM referenced and informed the committee;

S19/35(c) SE Hertfordshire Open Water officials' course was cancelled as no one applied.

S19/37 MIND course was cancelled he also noted that the Nutrition/Drugs Awareness and Coaches day planned for forthcoming development weekend also cancelled due to lack of support.

S20/04 2020 Planning

a. Masters Championships

Westminster Lodge Pool, St. Albans booked for 23rd May.

This will be an open competition eligible to Masters outside of Hertfordshire.

Planning going well. Will liaise with Graham Spratt to organise the entry file.

b. Open Water Championships

Jo Mitchinson and Gill Pick have volunteered to assist JW in organising the championships.

Swim England East Region committee meeting scheduled for 23rd February will be reviewing the National championships change in distances. Hertfordshire will mirror whatever East Region decide to adopt.

c. 1-Direction Camps

Ongoing organisation, dates agreed and provisional bookings at Haileybury College, Hertford Heath.

Swimmers have been identified and invitations going out with options for coaches to nominate swimmers.

d. Inter-Counties

Advert was posted 12Nov19 to SE Hertfordshire website for Junior and National inter county competition Team Managers. Received 1 person showing an interest although was not fully committed. We have previously threatened to pull out our teams due to lack of support. Committee agreed for additional email circulated requesting assistance setting deadline as 21st March if no response then unfortunately the county will pull out from the competition.

S20/05 Event Trackers

Moving forward BT suggested as in current use for County Championships we utilise event trackers for 1 Direction, Masters and Open Water to assist with keeping track on organisation. In addition if person responsible were to stand down this would assist new organiser on establishing required tasks for the event.

a. Masters

Gold medals only to be presented LH will monitor feedback on 2020 competition regarding possibility of awarding silver/bronze to Hertfordshire and medals for the external clubs attending.

b. Open Water

Confirmed there would be a £250 Budget for annual 1April-31March to be recorded in the tracker.

c. 1-Direction

Decision to reduce timings of the presentation and provide handouts rather than running half day. In the afternoon of the 3rd day will include all age group organise some sort of gala format to be explored. Require more Team Managers to assist invites will be distributed for TM volunteers.

b. 2021 County Championships

Events management group have had a debriefing meeting for 2020 county championships and updated county tracker in readiness for 2021 competition. Will provide feedback respond to frequently asked questions, survey feedback and review of qualifying times

c. SEH Regional Qualifier

Reference 2021 planning

S20/06 2021 Planning

a. Championship Events Review

- Qualifying window discussed, decision to remain the same for 2021 with aim to produce proposal for 2022 competition. AC to contact Graham Spratt for available data to review.
- Possibility of using level 4 meets to qualify for championships but consensus of opinion these events are not well staffed with officials. It was noted that effectively short cut to get times on rankings but those committee members with swimmers disagreed.
- 100m Individual Medley and Mixed Relays have been introduced but are not championship status recommendation to adopt these for 2021 championships. Medals were not presented the committee agreed that the bottom age group 10-13yrs should be presented with age group medals and distributed at coaches forum.
- Suggestion to include an award for the most improved swimming club but would need to do a review of all swimmers from 2020 competition and how this would be managed.

b. SEH Regional Qualifying Meet

BT reviewing possibility in organising 2021 SEH Long Course, Level 1 regional qualifier competition at Luton pool for a date in March without clashing with club open meets.

S20/07 Report from the Regional Open Water Committee Representative

Meeting scheduled for Sunday 23rd March

S20/07 Committee structure and ways of working

BT presented a slide (as attached) to demonstrate how the swimming committee work demonstrates how few people there are on this committee which he will be sharing at the forthcoming coaches/club forum.

S20/08 Any Other Business

GR noted Cambridgeshire swimming records include drop down list within their website site for every event for every distance. Looks good but it is whether we want to go down to age group level

BT will create job description for the Development Manager Role, AC considering will discuss with BT

IM noted that we need to replace the outdated county feathers and pop up's with the new signage for SEH.

2020 Swimming Committee meetings

Thursday 18th June

Thursday 10th September

Thursday 19th November

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