



Minutes of the Disability Committee meeting
15th January 2020 – Civic Centre, Welwyn

Present:

Jackie Harvey (JH) SEH Disability Manager

Committee Members

Ian Mackenzie (IM) Minute Secretary

Murray Devine (MD) County Colours Co-ordinator

Janet Warrington (JW) East Herts Special Olympics

Ros Cramp (RC) Charity Ops. Mgr. Of Herts Disability Foundation

20/01 Apologies

20/01.1 Sheila Mackenzie - Swim England Hertfordshire Secretary

Action

20/02 Conflicts of Interest

20/02.1 No conflicts of interest recorded.

20/03 Approval of Previous Minutes

20/03.1 The minutes of 16th October 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed to be an accurate record of that meeting.

20/04 Matters Arising

20/04.1 There were no matters arising that were not agenda items.

20/05 Events/Reports

20/05.1 Two swimmers from Hoddesdon SC swam at the BPS National Meet in December. Both had good swims with season best times.

20/05.2 Louise Storey competed at SEH County Championships and she achieved personal-best times in both Backstroke and Breaststroke. Marlon Solomon is not comfortable competing in able-bodied events.

20/05.3 Both Louise and Sam will compete at Activity Alliance Junior Championships on the weekend of the 14th/15th of March in Sunderland. They will be accompanied by Janet Warrington and Eleanor Short.

20/05.4 Lucy Jordan-Cawes, continues to duel club with Verulam SC and Hatfield SC and continues to medal at both European and International events. This committee will recommend to the Management Board that Lucy is awarded full County Colours. MD

20/06 Forthcoming Events

20/06.1 **Swim England Hertfordshire Development Weekend: HSV, 29th February – 1st March 2020**

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There is a need to market the Regional training session on 29th February at HSV. Richard Chiassaro is a British Paralympic athlete who competes mainly in category T54 sprint events and middle-distance events. He will deliver a motivational talk at 3.00pm. JH

Presently Carl Cooper will deliver the Strength and Conditioning if another trainer cannot be found.

Lead Coach Ollie Waddington will plan the pool session and will be supported by Janet Warrington, Sandra Grant and any other coaches that attend the session.

20/06.2 **Special Olympics East Herts Gala: Hatfield Sports Village, 7th March 2020**

Special Olympics East Herts Gala takes place on Saturday 7th March at HSV. The closing date for entries is January 21st. Murray to organise officials and to be Lead Referee. Janet to ask Ralph Moncer, trainee announcer if he would take on the role of announcer. Presentation of medals to be made through clubs. Invitation to County president, Brenner. Pam Spratt to process results. MD/JW

20/06.3 **National SO Multi Sport event: UEA Norwich, 27th June 2020**

Special Olympics Regional Games take place on Saturday 27th at UEA Norwich. Janet is meeting with Nicky Fish in Peterborough to finalise details about the programme for the Regional games. Swimming events will be in two sessions, swam short course. Janet will setup a WhatsApp group for the key volunteers. The city of Norwich wanted to hold a big event therefore original games are taking place there. JW

20/06.4 **Other Forthcoming Events**

BPSIM (incorporating Paralympic Trials):	Sheffield	9th- 12th April 2020	JH
Len Badcock Memorial Meet	New Barnet Copthall	7th June 2020	JW
Swim England East Region Para Swimming Meet		TBC	JH

20/07 **County Colours Updates**

Murray Devine has organised 27 half and 5 full County Colours, the majority of which will be presented to athletes during the SEH County Championships. Murray is maintaining a list of those who have been awarded colours and a request will be made of the Management Board for these recognitions to be uploaded to the County website. MD

20/08 **SE Hertfordshire Disability Development 21st November 2020**

20/08.1 Contrary to discussions at the Regional meeting, HSV pool has been booked and deposit paid. Discussions about what type of meet and whom the meet JH

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was aimed at took place. It was decided that this would be the ideal opportunity for non-classified swimmers to gain race experience. This will open up the opportunity for swimmers who were not in a swimming club but wish to include a competitive element to their swimming. Additionally, for swimmers who were reluctant to compete in mainstream events, this would be another opportunity to obtain licensed times for more advanced competitions.

The issue around Insurance would need to be investigated regarding those athletes who wish to enter but did not hold Category membership. RC explains that swimmers who were in Swim Well programmes and wanted to continue swimming but did not necessarily want to join swimming clubs. Plan to advertise this event through schools, swimming classes and to disseminate to local occupational therapists. IM

The model of licensed events at Level 4 running alongside events for unclassified swimmers will need to be fine-tuned to ensure a level playing field and equal opportunities for all entrants. There would be two separate medals opportunities; classified swimmers would complete on a multi-class points basis, and non-classified would compete against each other depending on age and impairment.

The meet will be short course, over 1 session, with 25, 50m, 100m events. The minimum age will be 8 years old on 31st of December 2020.

20/08.2 Murray Devine has been appointed as Lead Referee Larry with Jackie Harvey as Promoter supported by Swim England Hertfordshire Disability Committee. JH

20/09 SEH County Championships Para Conditions 2021
20/09.1 Proposed Para Conditions were discussed and agreed and would be forwarded to the Swimming manager for inclusion within the County Championships conditions JH

20/10 Any Other Business
20/10.1 Ian Mackenzie was contacted by Martin Lees about Classification opportunities at the Development Weekend 2021. This could be a regular Classification opportunity for British Swimming as the Development Weekend has been a successful event for the past 10 years. IM

Date of future meetings:
Wednesday 29th April 2020, Wednesday 7th October 2020

Meeting ended at 9.45pm.

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