

County Association of Swim England East Region
President: Tom Brennan

Swimming Committee Minutes
18th June 2020
Zoom call

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), Janet Warrington (JW),

S20/09 Apologies:
None

S20/10 Minutes of Last Meeting
The minutes were accepted as a true representation of the previous meeting

S20/11 Matters Arising
None

S20/12 Masters
Nothing happened since last meeting. Nothing planned for later this year.
Masters Championships to be planned for March 2021
Target date 27th March at Westminster Lodge or Hemel Hempstead. LH
Open meet wrapped around County Championships

S20/13 Open Water
11th July 2021 Region & County Championships at Whittlingham Country Park
Open Water sites are opening in the area.
There is a feeling that some clubs are behaving irresponsibly, asking young/inexperienced swimmers to partake in open water swimming against guidelines.
Feeling that special needs are being overlooked.

S20/14 1-Direction
We will plan to run 1-Direction again next year. 3 age groups, 11, 12 & 13.
Manuela Teti attended a coaches meeting with England Talent to wrap up this years events.

S20/15 2021 County Championships
Pool bookings in place, but may need to move.
Possible directive to be issued to move all Championships to the end of window
Requested list of top 30(ish) swimmers in all age groups/events age at 31/12/2021 –
considering using an invitation system rather than entry.

Interesting analysis of 2020 entries.
20% entries from L4 meets
66% of entries from L3 meets
These are pretty evenly spread over the 6 month qualifying window.
More analysis required and this will feed into thoughts about future qualification.

S20/16 SEH Regional Qualifier

Booking request in at Luton for 20/21 March 2021

Proposed L1 meet

This would primarily be a fundraising event for the county.

S20/17 The Future

General discussion around how things could change going forward.

There is a CPD for Teachers post COVID – one issue being not being allowed in the water.

JW expressed concern that children will end up drowning if we can't teach them properly – this is balanced off by the risk of spreading the disease and other people dying.

Potential of pools not reopening or school pools not allowing clubs in putting pressure on clubs.

Possibility raised around clubs sharing resources – Welfare officers/Officials

Coordinators/Workforce Coordinators etc.

Possibility of SEH squads, Development and/or Performance for clubs that want to buy into a different way of working

Mental Health – Jo Mitchinson has offered to run sessions on mental health for swimmers.

AB/AC to compose a short sharp questionnaire to distribute to clubs.

There was a general feeling that it is difficult to stay focussed on planning in general when there is no target

S20/18 Report from Open Water Manager

Covered in 20/12 above

S20/19 2021 Committee

All present confirmed they are happy to remain on the committee next year.

S20/20 A.O.B.

BT updated the committee on the 50m pool project.

Meeting closed 21:37

2020 Swimming Committee meetings

Thursday 10th September

Thursday 19th November

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