



Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region
President – Tom Brennan

Minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee Meeting

15th September 2020, via Zoom

Present:	Tom Brennan (TB) Karen Brennan (KAB) Kerri Brennan (KSB) Suzanne Rushe (SR) Helena Poletti Taylor (HPT) Olivia Taylor (OT)	Manager Aqualina Aqualina Dacorum Potters Bar Potters Bar
Also present:	Ian Mackenzie (IM) Sheila Mackenzie (SM)	President – Swim England Secretary – Swim England Hertfordshire

20/16 Apologies

20/16.1 Amy Bryant (Hatfield), Jayne Jarvis (Cheshunt) and Caroline Pickering (Potters Bar)

20/17 Declaration of conflict of interest

20/17.1 No conflict of interest was declared at this point.

20/18 Minutes of the previous meeting

20/18.1 All present had received a copy of the previous minutes and no queries or additions were noted at the meeting.

20/19 Matters arising

20/19.1 The previous Actions were reviewed and updated under the main body of the meeting, no specific matters arising.

20/20 Discipline specific areas – coaching

20/20.1 A general update was given from all clubs present regarding returning to training post covid lockdown.

20/20.2 Dacorum are on reduced hours and numbers but back in the water. Potters Bar are also back in the water but slightly reduced hours and numbers. Hatfield provided a brief prior to the meeting and the situation is similar there due to restrictions on number enforced by the pool operator. Aqualina have just returned to their previous 3 hours a week although one of their pools has not reopened (Monks walk school pool). They are continuing to use zoom for land training.

20/20.3 We also discussed any challenges post lockdown, everyone said they were sticking to the guidance. Key challenges are swimmers water bottles poolside and keeping social distancing during rehydration breaks at the side of the pools. Dacorum said that they have people helping poolside due to covid officer requirements, they are hoping that whilst covering this role they may learn more about the sport and be encouraged to stay on poolside post covid. Potter Bar only have 2 covid officers one for each bubble they are operating to. Aqualina have 1 covid officer and 5 covid liaisons who share sessions. All appears to be working well at present. It was suggested, for those clubs with not enough Covid helpers, to go back to the parents and say they need to assist, or the club sessions could not go ahead safely. They do not need to be coaches as this is a different role entirely, and DBS check is not required.

20/21 Discipline specific areas – Land Training Grades

20/21.1 Aqualina have commenced training during lockdown towards Land grade 1 and undertaken some assessments. Please see further discussion under Development days.



20/22 Discipline specific areas - officials

20/22.1 Nothing really to report as current courses have been postponed due to Covid 19 situation. No online official's courses are currently available for Synchronised swimming

20/23 Discipline specific areas - competition

20/23.1 All current competitions have been cancelled until further notice. Aqualina commented that they have had some swimmers take part in on-line virtual events run on an International scale taking part in mixed duets and male solo events.

20/24 Discipline specific areas – Skills days

20/24.1 TB had spoken with Amy Davis the Regional Synchro Manager and she advised subject to the Covid situation she was still hoping to run a Skills day later this year or early next year. Amy Davis also advised that she hopes to be in touch shortly with all clubs to set up the next East Region Artistic Swimming Committee meeting.

20/24.2 **TB to advise committee if he becomes aware of any certainty around future skills days and the date of the East Region meeting**

20/25 Discipline specific areas - Pathway (LTS,8/9/10, Local Partnerships Beacon Program)

20/25.1 Due to current situation no progress on forming a Beacon squad has been achieved

20/26 Discipline specific areas - funding

20/26.1 Nothing new has been identified recently and IM also confirmed he was not aware of any new funding opportunities. None of the clubs present applied for the recent covid related funding on offer.

20/27 Development Days within Herts County (feedback, de-brief)

20/27.1 There had not been a further development day since our last meeting

20/28 Plan for next Development

20/28.1 We agreed in the current circumstances it was not practical to run a traditional development day, however SR felt it would be good if we could run some on-line sessions to work through the Level 1 Land grade syllabus. KSB said she had run some assessment during lockdown, over zoom, and when permitted face to face in a field social distanced and measurements marked out for beep tests. This worked well within the current climate. TB agreed to approach all clubs to see if there is enough interest to run a training session via zoom for the elements involved in land grade one. KSB said she would be happy to run this session and if required formerly assess candidates, via local arrangements with the clubs.

20/28.2 **TB action to investigate the possibility of zoom land grade**

20/29 Name of committee in light of Change of Discipline Name to “Artistic Swimming”

20/29.1 After some discussion and debate we agreed that we will change the committee name to Hertfordshire Artistic Swimming Committee, subject to the approval of the Herts Management Board.

20/29.2 **TB to advise management board of name change**

20/30 Any other business

20/30.1 IM offered to share you tube Yoga Sessions with everyone. **IM to send link**

20/30.2 SwimMark - Potters Bar are working towards the Stronger Affiliation.

Dacorom- The club do not have SwimMark affiliation, so need to work on Stronger Affiliation by December 2020.

Aqualina - shortly submitting annual renewal of SwimMark.



F.Y.I Development managers Jo, Kevin and Leanne, if you need to reach out.

20/31

Date of next meeting

20/31.1

The next committee meeting will be 8th December 2020 and further date for diary is 6th April 2021 (This may be via Zoom if still under social distancing restrictions)