



Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region
President – Tom Brennan

Minutes of the Artistic Swimming Committee Meeting

20th April 2021, via Zoom

Present:	Tom Brennan (TB) Karen Brennan (KAB) Kerri Brennan (KSB) Suzanne Rushe (SR) Helena Poletti Taylor (HPT) Emily Wade (EW) Amy Bryant (AD) Jayne Jarvis (JJ)	Manager Aqualina Aqualina Dacorum Potters Bar Potters Bar Hatfield Cheshunt
Also present:	Ian Mackenzie (IM)	President – Swim England

21/1 Apologies

- 21/1.1 Sheila Mackenzie (Secretary - Swim England Hertfordshire), Bryan Thompson (Chairman - Swim England Hertfordshire)

21/2 Declaration of conflict of interest

- 21/2.1 No conflict of interest was declared at this point.

21/3 Minutes of the previous meeting

- 21/3.1 All present had received a copy of the previous minutes and no queries or additions were noted at the meeting.

21/4 Matters arising

- 21/4.1 The previous Actions were reviewed and updated under the main body of the meeting, no specific matters arising.

21/5 Discipline specific areas – coaching

- 21/5.1 A general update was given from all clubs present all confirmed that they were back in the water after the second significant lockdown period.
- 21/5.2 A discussion took place regarding the latest Covid guide lines and what this meant discipline specifically for Artistic swimming around maintaining 1m distances in the water and minimising face to face routine work to be sub 3 seconds. We also confirmed that the latest guidance allowed lifts again but required all swimmers to come up out of the water looking in the same direction. This guidance is being updated regularly so coaches are reminded to check the Swim England guidance as often as possible.

21/6 Discipline specific areas – Land Training Grades

- 21/6.1 (AB) shared that the East region is running a briefing session for Land grades 1 & 2 on the 27th of April. This will not replace the formal training or CPD sessions that are available but would help give coaches who have not done the training a better understanding of what they are working towards. Anyone who is interested can sign up via the East Region web site.

21/7 Discipline specific areas - officials

- 21/7.1 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. It was discussed at the recent East Region Artistic how many officials are currently still available at each club and all agreed that further



courses would be required as soon as we can start to run them again.

(TB) will advise when further information is available.

21/8 Discipline specific areas - competition

- 21/8.1 Discussion took place regarding the recent Level X competition for Artistic Swimming and it was explained to all how this is run on a remote basis with videos submitted for judging. (TB) Shared a presentation that had been delivered at the recent Swim England East Artistic Swimming Committee. It was shared that there was a range of completions planned over the remainder of the year and into next year. These would initially be Level X type competitions that would be run remotely finally leading back to pool based competition towards the beginning of next year (subject to ongoing covid restrictions etc). A brief summary is as follows however (TB) will share the Briefing pack with the full details.

Domestic

- Level X – pool – May – August 2021

Virtual Competition Series

- National Championships – September
- National Age Group Championships – October
- Masters Championships – November
- Combo Cup – December

(TB) will share the Briefing pack with the full details of Competitions (and Skills day process)

21/9 Discipline specific areas – Skills days

- 21/9.1 TB advised that Skills assessment were now going to be virtual at least until August this year. Full details are also in the briefing pack that will be shared. In summary each club in the Region will be allowed to enter up to 10 swimmers for assessment. Video recording of each element will need to be submitted by a deadline for a panel of judges to score. Two weeks after the assessment date each club will be advised of the outcome of each swimmers assessment.

A guide of the time table below:-

- Register through region (over 3 weeks before)
- 3 weeks before submission – Get names from clubs – check
- 2 weeks before submission – Send swimmer number and club codes.
- 1 week before submission – Senior judge sends judges allocations
- After submission deadline – Files sorted into correct folders
- 1 week after submission – Judges scores are submitted
- 2 weeks after submission - Results sent to clubs and SE

- 21/9.2 **(TB) to check with the East Region if a clubs full allocation of 10 is not used can other clubs increase their quota of entries for Skills days shared out across all clubs who would like to exceed their quota**

21/10 Discipline specific areas - Pathway (LTS,8/9/10, Local Partnerships Beacon Program)

- 21/10.1 Nothing specific was recorded up this section other than due to the number of swimmers who had not returned to our clubs that it made sense for us to all make sure local pathways where they existed pre-covid are established

21/11 Discipline specific areas - funding

- 21/11.1 Within the presentation there was various potential organisations that are offering possible funding below



is a summary (which is not exhaustive)

UK Sport • Sport England • Swim England

21/12 Development Days within Herts County (feedback, de-brief)

21/12.1 It was discussed that at present due to the continuing restrictions it would be difficult to run some traditional development days. Due to a general fall out of members during the lock down period it was agreed that perhaps a more general "Try Artistic Swimming Event" may make sense and help to encourage new participants. We agreed that instead of holding an event in one location across the County it would be better to have a distributed set of events over a weekend where each clubs holds their own local session.

21/13 Plan for next Development

21/13.1 As we all agreed on the "Try Artistic Swimming Event" we selected a weekend which we felt would be best to run this over for all clubs. That was agreed as 11th, 12th and 13th of June.

Where possible clubs will try to use their current pool time to deliver this depending upon demand. We discussed various ways of advertising these events and (JJ) suggested we contact the School Games Organisers and Active Partnerships in our areas to help promote the event. Andrew Woodhouse who runs the Herts Coaches Forum has also been very supportive in saying he will help promote these sessions for us.

21/13.2 **(ALL) to confirm to TB that your club would like to take part in this initiative then which date, time and location you would be running this from and finally the contact details. TB will then look to see if we can get some joint promotional material together for the advertising**

21/14 Swim Mark / Stronger Affiliation

21/14.1 All clubs in the County confirmed they as a minimum meet the standards of the Stronger Affiliation

21/15 Any other business

21/15.1 Nothing was raised under this

21/16 Date of next meeting

21/16.1 The next committee meeting will be 13th July 2021 @ 7.00pm (This will be via Zoom unless otherwise advised)