



Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region
President – Tom Brennan

Minutes of the Artistic Swimming Committee Meeting

13th July 2021, via Zoom

Present: Tom Brennan (TB) Manager
Karen Brennan (KAB) Aqualina
Suzanne Rushe (SR) Dacorum
Helena Poletti Taylor (HPT) Potters Bar
Emily Wade (EW) Potters Bar
Amy Bryant (AD) Hatfield

Also present: Ian Mackenzie (IM) President – Swim England

21/17 Apologies

21/17.1 Sheila Mackenzie (Secretary - Swim England Hertfordshire), Bryan Thompson (Chairman - Swim England Hertfordshire, Kerri Brennan (Head Coach Aqualina), Jayne Jarvis (Head Coach Cheshunt)

21/18 Declaration of conflict of interest

21/18.1 No conflict of interest was declared at this point.

21/19 Minutes of the previous meeting

21/19.1 All present had received a copy of the previous minutes and no queries or additions were noted at the meeting.

21/20 Matters arising

21/20.1 The previous Actions were reviewed and updated under the main body of the meeting, no specific matters arising.

21/21 Discipline specific areas – coaching

21/21.1 A general update was given from all clubs present all confirmed that they were back in the water after the second significant lockdown period, numbers had been impacted by most clubs as a result of the lockdown but all clubs were still running.

21/21.2 A discussion took place regarding the latest Covid guide lines and what this meant discipline specifically for Artistic swimming. Most would be looking to be back to normal after the 19th of July. This will be dependent upon individual pool providers and any local policies they choose to adopt.

21/22 Discipline specific areas – Land Training Grades

21/22.1 Nothing specific around land grades raised at this session.

21/23 Discipline specific areas - officials

21/23.1 Online judging taster sessions and training for officials are being developed as soon as there are any available or face to face sessions are set up again the information will be shared.

(TB) will advise when further information is available.

21/24 Discipline specific areas - competition

21/24.1 Discussion took place regarding the recent Level X competition for Artistic Swimming and it was not taken up by the majority of clubs. Aqualina did take part and although it was a remote event with local judging we found the swimmers enjoyed it as something to focus on while no other competition was available to



them. A reminder of the following events was discussed and these were as follows:-

Virtual Competition Series

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

21/25 Discipline specific areas – Skills days

21/25.1

The first virtual skills day had taken place and most clubs felt there were some difficulties with it. It was felt it was a lot of work for people to try and film and upload multiple videos. The quality of the videos submitted varied massively from a judging perspective and it is very hard to find time during normal training sessions to do this and make sure there are no other swimmers or Coaches in the background.

It was questioned if there was a consistent approach across all judging and (TB) advised that his experience was that the head judge reviewed all marking and provided feedback if she felt something was not consistent with the overall judging.

The Region planned to run another virtual skills day later in the year and to take the learning from the first experience and try to improve where possible.

21/25.2

(TB) to check with the East Region when the next skills day will be run

21/26 Discipline specific areas - Pathway (LTS,8/9/10, Local Partnerships Beacon Program)

21/26.1

Nothing specific recorded on this occasion

21/27 Discipline specific areas - funding

21/27.1

(AB) stated she would be able to help if anyone was looking for advice here so please feel free to speak with her

21/28 Development Days within Herts County (feedback, de-brief)

21/28.1

It was agreed that we would not run development days for the rest of this year .

“Try Artistic Swimming Event” feedback was given by each club all agreed that it was a good idea although timing did not work perfectly for all clubs. The interest was as follows:-

4 Aqualina

2 Cheshunt

1 Potters Bar

2 Hatfield

Dacorum did not take part

It was agreed that we should do this again at a later date



21/29 Plan for next Development

21/29.1 It was agreed no further development days would be planned until next year. We may consider running another Taster Event later in the year.

21/30 Swim Mark / Stronger Affiliation

21/30.1 As all clubs have previously confirmed they as a minimum meet the standards of the Stronger Affiliation no further discussion was required at this time.

21/31 Any other business

21/31.1 Nothing was raised under this

21/32 Date of next meeting

21/32.1 The next committee meeting will be 14th September 2021 @ 7.00pm (This will be via Zoom unless otherwise advised)