



## Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region

### Minutes of the Artistic Swimming Committee Meeting 4th Nov 2021, via Zoom

Present:	Tom Brennan (TB) Karen Brennan (KAB) Emma Chapman (EC) Helena Poletti Taylor (HPT) Jayne Jarvis (JJ) Amy Bryant (AB) Shelia Mackenzie	Manager Aqualina Dacorum Potters Bar Potters Bar Hatfield Herts County
Also present:	Ian Mackenzie (IM)	President – Swim England

#### 21/33 Apologies

21/33.1 Kerri Brennan ( Head Coach Aqualina )

#### 21/34 Declaration of conflict of interest

21/34.1 No conflict of interest was declared at this point.

#### 21/35 Minutes of the previous meeting

21/35.1 All present had received a copy of the previous minutes and no queries or additions were noted at the meeting.

#### 21/36 Matters arising

21/36.1 The previous Actions were reviewed and updated under the main body of the meeting, no specific matters arising.

#### 21/37 Discipline specific areas – coaching

21/37.1 A general update was given from all clubs present, numbers had been impacted at most clubs as a result of the lockdown but all clubs were still running. Emma Chapman (EC) confirmed that she had taken over as the new Head Coach for Dacorum

21/37.2 (JJ) advised the committee that due to limited pool-time being offered to the Artistic Swimming Section of Cheshunt swimming club and the reduced number of swimmers at Potters Bar ASC that a decision was made to disband the Cheshunt Artistic Swimming section and to merge it with Potters Bar. (TB) stated that although it is disappointing to see the number of clubs reduce in the County the merger made perfect sense. This decision has ensured the continuing viability of Potters Bar as an independent Artistic Swimming club. (All present agreed this was the right thing to do.

#### 21/38 Discipline specific areas – Land Training Grades

21/38.1 It was confirmed that land grades can be assessed at the club subject to coaches having completed the training for this

#### 21/39 Discipline specific areas - officials

21/39.1 It was confirmed that there would be some level 2 and level 3 virtual judge training sessions coming up in the new year so please keep an eye out for these if you have any interested people at your clubs.

#### 21/40 Discipline specific areas - competition



- 21/40.1 Discussion took place regarding the remaining virtual competitions for the year these were as below. All present felt disappointed that other disciplines had returned to pool based competition but Artistic swimming had made a decision to see the year out with virtual events only. (SM) reminded those present that we could actually organise and run our own competition if we were not happy with what had been offered from the Region.

**Virtual Competition Series**

- Masters Championships – November
- Combo Cup – December

- 21/40.2 (KB) confirmed that Aqualina would be taking part in both events, all other clubs had decided not to enter either event

**21/41 Discipline specific areas – Skills days**

- 21/41.1 The second virtual skills event was shortly due to take place in the Region. All clubs present were putting some swimmers forward. We agreed that a lot of learning had been taken from the first virtual event and all clubs would try to make sure the quality of the filming was to a good standard to give the swimmers the best possible opportunity to be assessed fairly.
- 21/41.2 **(TB) to check with the East Region when the next skills day will be run and if it will be face to face or virtual**

**21/42 Discipline specific areas - Pathway ( LTS,8/9/10, Local Partnerships Beacon Program )**

- 21/42.1 Nothing specific recorded on this occasion

**21/43 Discipline specific areas - funding**

- 21/43.1 Nothing specific recorded on this occasion

**21/44 Development Days within Herts County ( feedback, de-brief )**

- 21/44.1 It was agreed that we would not run development days for the rest of this year and we would revisit this again in the new year
- “Try Artistic Swimming Event” was discussed again and it was felt it may make sense to run this around Easter time. Actual date to be agreed in the New Year

**21/42 Plan for next Development**

- 21/42.1 It was agreed no further development days would be planned until next year. We will run another Taster Event next year.

**21/43 Swim Mark / Stronger Affiliation**

- 21/43.1 Nothing to report at this session

**21/44 Any other business**

- 21/44.1 (TB) tabled two swimmers for consideration for Full County Colours The two swimmers are both from Aqualina and have been proposed on the following basis:-



Both Swimmers, Maxwell Sewell and Kiarra Janikova have been selected for the BS Artistic swimming development squad. In the case of Max he has also competed for the GB squad in Croatia at the European Artistic swimming Championships and won GB's first ever International medal (Bronze) for an Artistic Swimming Duet.

The proposal is based on meeting 1 of or both of the following criteria;

Full colours awarded if an athlete achieves BS Artistic swimming development squad selection

And/or

Option of full colours to be awarded for meritorious achievement ( in the judgement of the discipline committee )

Everyone present agreed that these athletes should be put forward for consideration

**21/44.2**

**(TB) to put the County Colours proposal to the Herts Management Board for consideration**

**21/45**

**Date of next meeting**

21/45.1

Discussion regarding the best evening for the meeting to take place on took place and it seems Thursday nights are the most suitable. We will assume meetings will continue via ZOOM for now and will start at 19:45

( TB ) To confirm the following list with ( IM ) please all note the dates and assume confirmed unless advised otherwise.

27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ 19:45

21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 @ 19:45

14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 @ 19:45

20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 @ 19:45