



Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region

Minutes of the Artistic Swimming Committee Meeting 3rd Feb 2022, via Zoom

Present: Tom Brennan (TB) Manager
Karen Brennan (KAB) Aqualina
Kerri Brennan (KB) Aqualina
Helena Poletti Taylor (HPT) Potters Bar
Jayne Jarvis (JJ) Potters Bar
Shelia Mackenzie Herts County

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

22/1 Apologies

22/1.1 Amy Bryant (Head Coach Hatfield)

22/2 Declaration of conflict of interest

22/2.1 No conflict of interest was declared at this point.

22/3 Minutes of the previous meeting

22/3.1 All present had received a copy of the previous minutes and no queries or additions were noted at the meeting.

Matters arising

22/4 The previous Actions were reviewed and updated under the main body of the meeting, one specific matters arising.

22/4.1 **The recommendation for County colours that was put to the Herts Management Board was discussed. (SM) confirmed that this had been agreed in principle and would come back to the committee to confirm the specifics.**

22/5 Discipline specific areas – coaching

22/5.1 A general update was given from all clubs present, most had now returned to their normal training plans. (JJ) reported that the recent merger of Potters Bar with the ex-Cheshunt Artistic Swimming club was working well and all agreed it was the right decision to make in the best interest of all concerned.

22/5.2 (TB) advised that Aqualina had 2 new Level 2 Coaches, Alison Isherwood and Karen Brennan (Although due to the extended training period over lockdown there are some challenges getting certificates issued.

22/5.3 (HPT) raised concern regarding feedback from the East region regarding Level 1 Training courses as she has some potential volunteers who would like to complete this. **(TB) will raise with Leanne Brace**

22/6 Discipline specific areas – Land Training Grades

22/6.1 Nothing discussed on this area

22/7 Discipline specific areas - officials



- 22/7.1 It was confirmed that there was a Judge level 2 virtual training session starting on the 24th Feb. (KB) shared that 4 members of Aqualina had just successfully passed the Judge Level 3 course which was excellent news for the County and the Region. No dates were currently available for level 1 Judges courses but we all agreed we needed to encourage parents to attend when these are available to support the running of competitions in the Region / County.
- 22/8** **Discipline specific areas - competition**
- 22/8.1 (TB) shared a list of all the known completion dates for the year. This is now back to normal face to face events. **(TB) will share with the minutes.**
- 22/8.2 (KB) raised the possibility of awarding County Medals at the Regional competitions. All agreed this was a good idea and we should make this happen. **(TB) to work with (SM) to identify the number of medals required to cover these Regional events**
- 22/9** **Discipline specific areas – Skills days**
- 22/9.1 The first face to face grading day since lockdown had just been held on the previous weekend. All involved agreed that this worked very well and that the removal of the splits measurements on the day made perfect sense along with all Skills grades being assessed at the same time
- 22/10** **Discipline specific areas - Pathway (LTS,8/9/10, Local Partnerships Beacon Program)**
- 22/10.1 Nothing specific recorded on this occasion
- 22/11** **Discipline specific areas - funding**
- 22/11.1 Nothing specific recorded on this occasion
- 22/12** **Development Days within Herts County (feedback, de-brief)**
- 22/12.1 It was agreed that we would revisit this for the second half of the year when we were clearer on what the focus of the Regional Development camp is. We would seek to complement that
- 22/13** **Plan for next Development**
- 22/13.1 Revisit for the second half of the year when we are stable again
- 22/14** **Swim Mark / Stronger Affiliation**
- 22/14.1 Nothing to report at this session
- 22/15** **Any other business**
- 21/15.1 Nothing specific raised
- 22/16** **Date of next meeting**
- 22/16.1 (KB) Requested we move the date of the next meeting from 21st of April to the following week as National Champs takes place that weekend and we may be doing additional training that week. So we will



reschedule to Thursday 28th of April

28th April 2022 @ 19:45

14th July 2022 @ 19:45

20th October 2022 @ 19:45

Appendix

Regional Competitions

Saturday 26 February 2022 (entries by Saturday 5th Feb)

Venue: Stevenage Leisure Centre

Time: 2pm onwards

Age Group Figures: 12&U – min grade 2

13-15 – min grade 3

15-18 – min grade 4

Division 2 Combination Teams – as per Combo Cup rules:

12&U – Grades 1-3 (3 minutes, +/- 15 seconds)

13-15 – Grades 3+ (3 minutes 30 seconds, +/- 15 seconds)

15&U – Grades 3+ (3 minutes, +/- 15 seconds)

13-18 – Grades 3+ (3 minutes, +/- 15 seconds)

15-18 – Grades 3+ (4 minutes, +/- 15 seconds)

Masters Figures – split by age groups, no grade requirements

Masters Combination Teams – if high entry numbers will be split by age groups otherwise all compete against each other (Maximum Time is: 4 mins (+/- 15 seconds) (including up to a maximum of 10 secs for deckwork). There is no minimum time limit.)

Saturday 19th March 2022

Venue: Stevenage Leisure Centre

Time: 2pm onwards

Novice Figures: Ungraded, split 9-10, 11-12 and 13+

Grade 1 – split 9-10, 11-12 and 13+

Grade 2 – 13+

Grade 3 – 16+

Division 1 Combination Teams – as per Combo Cup rules:

12&U – Grades 0-2 (3 minutes, +/- 15 seconds)



- 13-15 – Grades 0-3 (3 minutes, +/- 15 seconds)
- 15&U – Grades 0-3 (3 minutes, +/- 15 seconds)
- 13-18 – Grades 0-3 (3 minutes, +/- 15 seconds)
- 15-18 – Grades 0-3 (3 minutes, +/- 15 seconds)

Saturday 11 June 2022

Venue: Stevenage Leisure Centre
Time: 2pm onwards

Age Group Solos: 12&U – Min grade 2 (2 mins, +/- 15 seconds)
13-15 – Min grade 3 (2 mins 15 secs, +/- 15 seconds)
15-18 – Min grade 4 (2 mins 30 secs, +/- 15 seconds)

Age Group Duets: 12&U – Min grade 1 (2 mins, 30 secs, +/- 15 seconds)
13-15 – Min grade 2 (2 mins, 45 secs, +/- 15 seconds)
15-18 – Min grade 3 (3 mins, +/- 15 seconds)

All Combination Teams (as above, split Div 1 and Div 2)

National Competition Dates

NAG's Gloucester's GL1 pool on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 April

The event is contested over three age groups – nine to 10 years, 11-12 years and 13-15 years – who take part in four competitions – figures, solo, duet and team.

Entries for the National Age Group Championships open at 12 noon on Wednesday 2 February and close at the same time on Wednesday 2 March.

National Junior and Senior Championships Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 April

Nottingham's Harvey Hadden Sports Complex is the venue for this year's National Junior and Senior Championships.

It takes place on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 April with entries opening at 12 noon on Wednesday 23 February and closing at 12 noon on Wednesday 23 March.

Combo Cup will be held at the London Aquatics Centre on Saturday 2 July.

It is a unique event in the artistic swimming calendar as it features only free combination performances and it contested over two divisions and five age groups – 12 and under, 13-15 years, 13-18 years and 15 and under.

The entry window will open at 12 noon on Wednesday 4 May and close at the same time on Wednesday 1 June.

Other Events

Grading Days

We are still working on these for next year but am having a few delays with booking a pool. We are still planning to hold a grading day (in person) in late January, **May and October**. I would also like to get a routine grading day in the calendar as well so will provide an update on that soon.