



Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region

Minutes of the Artistic Swimming Committee Meeting 20th Oct 2022, via Zoom

Present: Tom Brennan (TB) Artistic Swimming Manager SEH
Helena Poletti Taylor (HPT) Potters Bar
Jayne Jarvis (JJ) Potters Bar
Karen Brennan (KAB) Aqualina

Also present: Ian Mackenzie (IM) Herts County
Shelia Mackenzie (SM) Herts County

22/47 Apologies

22/47.1 Kerri Brennan (Head Coach Aqualina), Bryan Thompson (President Herts County), Amy Bryant (Hatfield Swimming club)

22/48 Declaration of conflict of interest

22/48.1 No conflict of interest was declared at this point.

22/49 Minutes of the previous meeting

22/49.1 All present had received a copy of the previous minutes and no queries or additions were noted at the meeting.

22/50 Matters arising

22/50.1 The previous actions were reviewed and updated under the main body of the meeting, No matters arising

22/51 Discipline specific areas – coaching

22/51.1 Feedback regarding the recent L1 Artistic Swimming Coaches course was given to say that 2 people attended from Potters Bar, 2 from Hatfield and 1 from Dacorum. This was great news to get so many more L1's qualified in the County. We still await any news on a L2 course in the south of the country but we believe there will be several takers from our region.

22/52 Discipline specific areas - officials

22/52.1 We had 2 people from the County attend a L1 Judges courses but unfortunately they both failed. We felt there needed to be a better way to prepare volunteers for this and suggested clubs try to get people to shadow at competitions to help build more understanding

22/52.2 The officials conference is taking place on the 3rd and 4th of Dec, reps are encouraged to attend

22/53 Discipline specific areas - competition

22/53.1 This year's official competition season was now over for juniors so no real discussion on future events however it was noted that the National Masters Championship was still due to take place in Nottingham on the 12th of November. We were pleased to say there would be a strong presence from the County with both Aqualina and Hatfield taking part.

22/53.2 (JJ) had previously asked would it be possible for the County to consider something more fun based for the clubs to compete in during the down-time between September and January. She had experience of something called Quadacquate which covered Land and competitive swimming as well as Artistic swimming. Unfortunately (JJ) had not had time to investigate this so we left the action open.



(JJ) will check to see if she can find anything about this type of event if not she will pull something together for the group to consider.

22/54 Discipline specific areas – Skills days

22/54.1 Skills day are planned for the 19th of Oct in Norwich and we are also trying to finalise arrangements with Potters Bar club for the 26th Nov and the 10th of Dec. Unfortunately (KAB), (TB) & (KB) are unavailable to assist on the 26th Nov as they are attending the National Aquatics Awards.. This makes it unlikely to go ahead. We agreed that there had been poor communication around this and it had caused unnecessary work for (HPT), which was far from Ideal given the amount of work required to secure pool time for the event.

(TB) to pick up with Amy Davis the Regional Artistic Swimming Manager regarding better communication with key people when agreeing these dates

22/55 Discipline specific areas - Pathway (LTS,8/9/10, Local Partnerships Beacon Program)

22/55.1 Nothing specific recorded on this occasion

22/56 Discipline specific areas - funding

22/56.1 Nothing specific recorded on this occasion but if anyone else sees anything please let (TB) or the group know.

22/57 Development Days within Herts County (feedback, de-brief)

22/57.1 As none had taken place this year there was nothing to discuss against this agenda point.

22/58 Plan for next Development

22/58.1 (TB) shared that he had investigated the possible use of Goffs in Cheshunt for a Sumer camp, unfortunately this will not be possible as they already have scheduled maintenance taking place on the pool. (EC) was not present at the meeting so the action regarding investigating the use of Hemel's sport Center was left ongoing

22/58.2 **(TB) to explore possible dates and availability at Goff's & costs, (EC) to do the same for Hemel**

22/59 Any other business

22/59.1 Nothing raised on this occasion

22/60 Date of next meeting(s)

22/60.1 26th January 2023 @ 19:45
20th April 2023 @ 19:45
13th July 2023 @ 19:45
19th Oct 2023 @ 19.45