



Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region
President: Jane O'Brien

Swimming Committee Minutes 15th June 2023 Zoom call

Present: Sheila Mackenzie (SM) Swim England Hertfordshire Secretary
Bryan Thompson (BT) Swim England Hertfordshire Swimming Manager / Chairman
Louise Hughes (LH)
Ian Mackenzie (IM)
Nicola Rix (NR)
Sara Matthews (SaM)
Karen Huckle (KL)
Andrew Macdonald (AM)

S23/19 Apologies:
None

S23/20 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of last meeting (24th February 2023) were approved and have been approved by the Management board at their last meeting on 23rd March 2023

S23/21 Matters Arising
None

S23/22 Masters Update

AM gave update and informed us that the Masters meet would take place on the 22nd July 2023 at Stevenage Swimming pool. AM is awaiting a response from Graham Spratt regarding an entry file and if Graham has organised someone to run SportSys on the night of competition. LH is running the AOE which the AOE kit that the county owns has been booked and Andy Chapman is hiring a van for it. Looking at Swim-Meet to handle withdrawals and look for volunteers. Looking at event merchandise with Fine Designs BT will communicate this when ready.

SM has bannerette for top club.

BT to update the Masters page on the Website with conditions when they are available.

BT to look in the unit for Masters Medals for the champs.

S23/23 Open Water Update

Entries close of the East Region Masters Championships 2023 on the 16th June 2023, as of the 15th June 2023 there are about 30 swimmers from Hertfordshire entered. Jane O'Brien has the medals for the Championships including Junior and Open Championships Medals and Masters medals. SM has given Jane a list of all possible medal combinations. Jane also has the table cloth, spreadsheets. Fine designs has a county strip to put on the merchandise which is available on the day.



S23/24 Records

No records to date for the Hertfordshire Records in Swimming. However, at the recent Masters British Championships 12 East Region Masters Records were broken by Hertfordshire swimmers. There were 60 East Region Masters Records broken over the course of the championships.

LH to update and reformat the Masters Championship Best times for the website to be in line with the format of the Championship Best times we use for Counties, LH to also do progression times.

S23/25 Development Camps/Development in general

County Development Programme – 1 session has been run in May and the second camp is being run on the 2nd July 2023. Swimmers qualified through the 100IM and 200IM, some from county championships. Some missed out and are being re-invited. Jamie Irvine (Head Coach) and Kate Liddiard (Lead Team Manager). T-shirts have been given out to the athletes on the programme.

In 2024 camps will be aimed at 12 year olds. Half of swimmers chosen if their birthday is in the first 6 months of the year and the other half are chosen if their birthday is in the 2nd half of the year. We have the option of 24 Girls and 24 Boys.

S23/26 Development Plan

It would be a useful exercise to undertake in order to be able to financially plan. County Championships works on a 80%-90% capacity. The idea is to breakeven as a minimum on county events.

S23/27 Club / Coach Forum

Forum is due to take place on the 27th June 2023. The agenda will have a section for Masters and Open Water, the main Agenda item will be County Championships 2024.

S23/28 County Championships 2024

Decisions have been made by the event management team which took place on the 13th June 2023. We are trying to reduce to two weekends of the main championships. Potentially having the long distance with Bedfordshire. Relays to be a separate date.

S23/29 50m Pool Update

BT shared information that if the site can have a hotel on it this would underwrite the cost of the build, the college is open to a hotel being put on site. Local government authority has teamed up with Swim England – this enhances the chances of it being built in our favour.

S23/30 County Colours

Nathan Hughes potentially is eligible if he is still a member of a Hertfordshire club.

S23/31 A.O.B.

None

Date of next meeting Thursday 21st September 2023 20:00 – 22:00 via Zoom