



Swim England Hertfordshire

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

Swimming Committee Minutes 27th February 2024 Zoom call

Present: Sheila Mackenzie (SM) Swim England Hertfordshire Secretary
Bryan Thompson (BT) Swim England Hertfordshire Swimming Manager / Chairman
Louise Hughes (LH)
Sara Matthews (SaM)
Karen Huckle (KL)
Andrew Macdonald (AM)
Jane O'Brien (JO)

S24/1 Apologies

Richard Thornton, Ian MacKenzie, Nicola Rix

S24/2 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of last meeting were accepted by the Management Board, and the Swimming Committee agreed that they were an accurate reflection of the meeting.

S24/3 Matters Arising

Minutes have been accepted by the Management Board.

S24/4 Action Log

BT to circulate the meeting dates

AM potentially looking to book Hertfordshire Masters Championships around the 15th/16th June 2024

S24/5 Masters Update

AM is looking to book Hertfordshire Masters Championships in June as a closed event.

AM has made contact with officials to run the meet.

It was agreed that if we are running it as a closed event then it would be better to book a 6 lane pool to run it.

Borehamwood is available that weekend, Stevenage and Westminster Lodge are booked.

AM looking at other 6 lane pools to run the competition.

S24/6 Development Update

To run the development programme in the county we ideally need 2 face-to-face sessions and 1 zoom session. We have not had any sessions yet. At the moment we potentially do not have anything booked. There has been no update from a meeting that was supposed to happen last week (WB 19th February 2024) with the team of 3 people leading the development in the county, as yet we have not had any communication from them about the status of the development camps.

S24/7 Open Water Update



East Region Open Water Championships will be held on the 14th July 2024. Hertfordshire have agreed attendance at the cost of approximately £250 for us to enter. In 2025 the event cost will potentially be £300 for the county to pay otherwise this would potentially be passed on to the swimmers. Hertfordshire are happy to pay the £300. Any swimmers that want to enter East Region Open Water Championships that are not Swim England members are to contact Paul directly. Open Water will run under the same Wavepower rule in terms of ratios of swimmers to team managers.

East Region are also going to incorporate at Para Championships within the Open Water. Swim England are going to change the distances however this has not been communicated down to the region yet.

No plans to run any taster sessions this year as the Hertford coach will not be at Redricks this year.

SaM is prepping the background info as there are lots of masters swimmers coming into Open Water

SaM is looking to see what is happening locally and if there are any Open Water opportunities available.

Open Water Officials course theory training is happening in March, April and May and will be circulated to those interested.

SaM to pass on this information to the SE Herts Officials Coordinator to be emailed out.

SaM to pass on the details of the Open Water distances to SM so that the awards can be ordered.

S24/8 Records Update

4 Short Course records have been set in December.

Shannon Stott (Hatfield) – 400m Freestyle

Charlotte Williams (Hatfield) – 100m Individual Medley

Ben Harrison (Potters Bar) – 100m and 200m Breaststroke

County Championship Best Times and Progression times are now posted on the website.

S24/9 County Championships 2024

Provisional accounts from Counties have passed on to BT. Counties made a profit. There were expenses for the carpeting and the printers. A surplus of £2000 - £3000. There were elements of the championships that did not go well, but there were a lot of elements that did go well and the championships overall was run successfully. We had approximately 350 swimmers qualify for individual events and 500 for relays. Increased profit due to the reduction in Consideration times from 2023.

S24/10 County Championships 2025

During a debrief session with the clubs/coaches we were challenged over our use of The Venue and how difficult it is to get in at a long course pool. BT has approached several 50m pools.

The Venue may be harder to get due to a swim school running on a Sunday Morning from March. Potentially we will have to run Counties over 4 weekends in 2025

Tony Dotchin from CoStA is going to speak to the council to see if we can get into Westminster Lodge for Counties.

If we get a 50m pool and there is a substantial increase in hire cost we will potentially ask the clubs to pay a deposit towards securing the venue.

S24/11 50m Pool Update

Nothing has happened for several months, we are waiting on the Architect to create a "glossy" document for the financiers. We are waiting for the architects to approach British Swimming regarding endorsement from Adam Peaty.



There are a couple of alternative sites that have been identified if the site in St Albans falls through. However Oaklands is the preferred site.

S24/12 A.O.B

Ward Freman closed in December. Fanshawe is under some uncertainty about whether it will remain open at the moment due to funding issues, Leventhorpe is also at risk of closure.

Date of next meeting 30th May 2024 – Via Zoom