



## Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region  
President: Greg Coe

### Swimming Committee Minutes 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Zoom call

Present: 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)

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#### S24/13 Apologies

Sheila Mackenzie(SM), Ian Mackenzie(IM), Richard Thornton(RT)

#### S24/14 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes from the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were accepted and have been accepted by the Management Board.

#### S24/15 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

#### S24/16 Action Log

All actions on previous action log have been completed.

#### S24/16 Masters Update

Hertfordshire Masters Championships ran on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Hemel Hempstead. The meet overran on time, but this was due to technical issues. Results have been sent by BT to be uploaded to the website.

LH asked for the Masters Best Times document to be removed from the website as this is incorrect - the document not having been updated for several years. LH working on updating the document. Positive feedback from the Masters and members of the committee about the event.

The President was unable to attend due to being away.

BT mentioned that the Listening Report mentioned that Masters are a group that feel neglected, so by running a championship for them hopefully it makes them feel included within the swimming community.

Some Masters have queried about starting up the Senior League again. Historically this is overseen by Herts. Swimming League (HSL). Members of the HSL committee on the call to raise this at the upcoming HSL committee meeting.

BT not sure on the uptake of Hoodies sold from the Swim England Hertfordshire(SEH) Fine Designs shop. A link is to be sent to AM to be sent out to the Masters Clubs.

#### S24/17 Development Update

Two rounds of the SEH Development Camps have been run. One was a dry session due to issues with the pool, and this replaces the Zoom session; one was a wet session. The final session in this series is due to take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> June in the pool.



BT has currently lost access to the Box account which has the relevant documentation regarding the camps. RT to be nominated to liaise with England Talent regarding the development camps. England Talent wants swimmers to be selected from the long course 200IM, however SEH select from the short course 200IM. SE provides the county with the selection list. The next camps are due to take place in November with the next cohort of swimmers.

Uptake is needed from junior coaches within clubs and more team managers as this is also about developing them.

A Head Coach is needed to lead it, but more junior club coaches also need to get involved.

#### **S24/18 Open Water Update**

The SEH President will be in attendance at the Swim England East Region Open Water Championships on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in Norwich.

SaM has been asked to source a table for the event and a volunteer to assist with the running of the excel spreadsheet.

Bannerettes for the event have not arrived. SaM to contact SM to see where they are. JO has the medals.

Distances for the regional championships are 2k, 3k and 5k

Distances for the national championships are 3k, 5k and 7.5k

Next year it will be £300 per county to run the SEH County Championships within the event.

Reminder of the safe supervision ratios to be sent out to clubs as this is relevant at Open Water events as well.

Entries overall for the region are down by 69 swimmers this year.

#### **S24/19 Records Update**

At the Aquatics GB Championships 4 Long Course Records were broken.

Shannon Stott (Hatfield) – 200m Butterfly and 100m Butterfly

Ben Harrison (Potters Bar) – 100m Breaststroke

James Woodward (Hatfield) – 200m Butterfly

Ben Harrison re-broke the 100m Breaststroke record in May.

The proposal to award County Best Time Certificates for those who have achieved a County Championships Best Time has been accepted by the Swimming Committee. These will be issued if claimed by the individual.

Swimming Committee to bring the proposal to the Management Board.

#### **S24/20 County Championships 2025**

Event Management Group met on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and went through the Conditions. The schedule, QTs/CTs and Conditions have been agreed by the group and were sent to licensing on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

County Championships 2025 will take place at Westminster Lodge on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025.

When the licence numbers are received, the documents will be sent to clubs.

The 16-year-old age group has been dropped, so the top age will be 16years and over.

5 QTs/CTs have been made faster this year.

#### **S24/21 50m Pool Update**

BT gave an update on the 50m pool project.

#### **S24/22 A.O.B**

BT asked JO and NR if they would like to take on the organisation for National Inter-Counties which would involve getting the team together, getting Team Managers, Coaches and Officials,



organising a training session for the Saturday and booking the coach. This would also require selecting the team in January, entering the swimmers on the online entry system and assisting the Team Managers in collating the paperwork for the trip.

BT spoke to Claire Matthews who hopes to be able to attend this year.

BT would like to get more junior coaches involved in assisting at the event, as it would be good for coach development.

Date for the 2024 is 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Ponds Forge, Sheffield.

**Date of next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024– Via Zoom**