



Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region
President: Greg Coe

Swimming Committee Minutes 11th September 2024 Zoom call

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

S24/23 Apologies

Sara Matthews and Richard Thornton

S24/24 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and were also approved by the Management Board.

S24/25 Matters arising

No matters arising.

S24/26 Action log

All actions on previous action log have been completed.

S24/27 Masters update

East Region Masters competition on the 29th September 2024 (in 2 weeks) is due to take place at Newmarket, and Masters Inter-County competition is due to take place on the 10th November 2024 in Bury St Edmunds.

AM was unable to attend the last Regional Leadership Group meeting, SM reminded AM that if he is unable to attend he needs to send a replacement to the meeting so that Hertfordshire has representation.

AM was asked if he can put a report together for the website about Masters competitions that take place.

AM is putting a team together to enter Regional Inter-Counties.

S24/28 Development update

BT has received several emails from coaches suggesting that if the development camps are handed over to them they would be the best in the Region. BT explained that the development camps need to be run in the way the Swim England Talent Team want them to be run.

This year's camps need to be organised and the coaches need to be appointed. The swimmers have been identified.

BT wants to invite Dan Fogg (Hatfield) as he has asked a lot about it already and is on the National Development pathway. The skills coaches which need to be appointed should not be head coaches of clubs. They should be second in command or development coaches. BT wants



to get the younger coaches involved.

BT to chase coaches and send a list of swimmers to RT.

No information has been released on how much coaches need to be paid for their participation.

This needs to be explored.

S24/29 Records update

One record was broken this summer in the Men's 100m Breaststroke at the Aquatics GB Summer Championships.

S24/30 Open Water update

One bannerette has been handed to the wrong swimmer. SM in the process of trying to get it back and delivered to the correct swimmer. No report has been put on the website from the East Region Open Water Championships or the National Championships.

S24/31 County Championships 2025

Pools have been booked and licences approved. The Consideration Times/Qualifying Times (CTs/QTs), conditions and schedule are on the website and have been distributed to the clubs. BT to send updated paperwork to the website. Dates are due to be sorted for the site visit. The entry system is currently being put together by Graham Spratt and Mark Nelson.

S24/32 50m Pool update

BT gave an update on the 50m pool project.

S24/33 Any other business

National Inter-Counties: The coach has been booked and insurance cover sorted. Officials and staff are in place. Trying to book a training session for the weekend before the competition, There are two options of locations for this - Haberdasher's Boys School or Haileybury. Still trying to get the last few swimmers as a couple more are needed in the senior age-groups. One of the bigger clubs pulled their swimmers from the competition owing to attending an Open Meet.

BT to talk to Luke Ames regarding the team, as it needs to be uploaded into the entry system by the 20th September 2024.

Half Colours – County team

Full Colours – Grace Harvey and Louise Fiddes

Colours recommendations to be taken to the Management Board. The WhatsApp group had asked for additional recognition of these swimmers at the Annual General Meeting. This was discussed and will be taken to the Management Board.

There was a proposal to present different awards to these swimmers.

Date of next meeting 21st November 2024– Via Zoom