



Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region
President: Greg Coe

Swimming Committee Minutes 18th February 2025 Zoom call

Present: Bryan Thompson (BT) Swim England Hertfordshire Swimming Manager / Chairman
Sheila Mackenzie (SM) Swim England Hertfordshire Secretary
Louise Hughes (LH)
Jane O'Brien (JO)
Ian Mackenzie (IM)
Mark Horrod (MH)
Greg Coe (GC)

S25/1 Apologies

Richard Thornton, Andrew McDonald and Karen Huckle

S25/2 Previous Minutes

Minutes of last meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee.

S25/3 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

S25/4 Action Log

Items 24/28.1 has been completed. Item 24/27.1 is still outstanding along with item 24/30.1 but this action has now been assigned to LH.

S25/5 Masters Update

Masters' County Championships will be held on 1st June at Hemel Hempstead.

S25/6 Development Update

Development camp was first run on 5th January 2025. Keelan McCorrison (City of St Albans ASC) asked for the Development camp criteria to be posted to the website. Next camp was supposed to be on a date which clashed with Swim England East Region Championships so therefore this date needs to be moved.

S25/7 Open Water Update

No Open Water manager currently. LH to send an email to all clubs regarding appointing an Open Water manager to the Swimming Committee.

S25/8 Records Update

Swim England Winter National Meet:–

1 Open record – Ben Harrison (Potters Bar) 100m Breaststroke

3 Female records – Charlotte Williams (Hatfield) 100IM, Shannon Stott (Hatfield) 100m and 200m Butterfly.

County Championship Best Times – 24 Best Times were achieved at the 2025 Swim England Hertfordshire County Championships.



Dewi Fordyce (Berkhamsted) 5 best times in the 12 years age-group.
Alexandra Nurney (Hatfield) 6 best times in the 15 years age-group and Junior Championship.
European Records set at the Hemel Hempstead Masters Meet.

S25/9 County Championships 2025

Massively successful County Championships in 2025.

In 2024 there was 50% occupancy of events and in the 2025 there was 80% occupancy in events. For 2026 the 12year-old Open QTs will be harder and in other age-groups 7 or 8 other QTs will be harder.

The 14 and 15year-old age-groups is where there is a noticeable COVID dip in numbers in the age-group, but this gap is filtering out.

A lot of swimmers were rejected in 2025, so times need to be tightened up to avoid this happening in 2026.

The Events Management Group had a debrief after the Championships which was ultimately very positive. There is a coaches debrief on 19th February 2025. A lot of the feedback is people asking for more breaks between heats and finals however this adds time to the event and makes the days longer.

Bookings have been secured at Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre for the next 2-3 years.

S25/10 50m Pool Update

Things are progressing well; there is a new site and the owners are not averse to putting money into the project. It will be fabric structure and a 12-15 million pounds build. Architects to view the site and if all are on board and planning permission is in place, it would be an 18–24 month build.

S25/11 Any Other Business

AOE hire – Jonn Sandon is stepping down from running the AOE account and Louise to take on the role of managing bookings and care of the AOE.

Questions about DQ codes on results. IM advised that DQ codes should not be on the results in case of a protest. If a coach wants to find out why a swimmer has been disqualified, they can approach the referee to view the paperwork.

Date of next meeting 29th May 2025 via Zoom