



Swim England Hertfordshire

County Association of Swim England East Region
President: Greg Coe

Swimming Committee Minutes 21st November 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)

S24/34 Apologies

Sara Matthews, Richard Thornton

S24/35 Minutes of last meeting

Accurate record of the meeting

S24/36 Matters arising

Apply full names to Graham Spratt and Mark Nelson on previous meeting minutes.

S24/37 Action log

Item 24/27.1 remains. Item 24/28.1 and 24/30.1 remain ongoing. Items 24/31.1 and 24/33.1 are completed.

S24/38 Masters update

Masters Intercounty Championships took place at Bury St Edmunds. Hertfordshire came 3rd in the Region and 20th out of 31 county's nationally. Overall the competition was really good.

AM looking to book a pool for the Masters County Championships for 2025 to take place in June at Hemel Hempstead.

IM asked why the Intercounty Team did not have blue shirts. It was agreed that this was an oversight and to make sure that they have them for next year.

AM received an email regarding updating the shirts and making them more modern, BT is in support of redesigning them, but the current stock of blue shirts needs to be used up.

S24/39 Development update

The head coach and the skills coaches are in place. Currently there is no team manager for this year but BT will ask Mark Nelson to see if he is available to do it. BT will also contact Richard Thornton and Daniel Fogg to talk about dates for the camps. BT to ask Kate Liddiard to book the



pools. Dates for the camps will be chosen after the County Swimming Championships.. This year there are a lot more swimmers who are eligible for the camps. There will not be space to accommodate all of them so some swimmers will have to be rejected. Richard Thornton is happy to lead this again this year.

S24/40 Open Water update

Swim England East Region Open Water Championships 2025 is on the 13th July 2025. SM reported that there are still a couple of issues to be resolved regarding the correct presentation of bannerettes.

If counties want to hold their county championships within the Swim England East Region Open Water Championships 2025 there will be a cost of £300.

S24/41 Records update

No new records after regional events although some are expected after the Swim England National Winter Meet in December.

S24/42 County Championships 2025

Four weekends in January/February at Westminster Lodge. The Events Management Group are deep in the planning stages of the event. The entry system is being put together by Graham Spratt and Mark Nelson and links are ready to be distributed. Site visits have taken place by both the Event Management Group and the companies that will also be working with the County at the event. The Events Management Group are meeting regularly in the build up to the championships to complete the planning process.

S24/43 50m Pool update

BT gave an update on the 50m Pool project.

S24/44 A.O.B

National Inter-counties 2025 –The lead coaches will be the same as for the 2024 competition. Mark Nelson to be lead team manager again and the plan is to have the team stay overnight in a hotel for the 2025. In 2026 Harry Maishman to be lead coach for two years and someone else to be deputy of two years.

There has been a change of coaching at Watford SC – Jamie Irvine has left the club

Date of next meeting 13th February 2025– Via Zoom

Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting

