

	<p>18/6.3</p> <p>18/6.4</p> <p>18/6.5</p>	<p>encouraged all clubs to ensure that they check slide 4 in the Competition Framework slides.</p> <p>Another change that may impact our clubs is that for the Combo Cup, they have amended the 12 & Under grade levels in the divisions. For Division 1, swimmers in this age category are now only grades 0-2 and Division 2 will now be for grades 2 and above for this age category. The other age groups have remained the same. AD highlighted that swimmers CANNOT swim up, i.e. a grade 4 swimmer cannot swim with grades 2 and below and compete in Division 2.</p> <p><u>Deductions in Judging Execution</u></p> <p>AD highlighted that those attending at the meeting have already attended a Judge Level 1 update so therefore have been made aware of the changes to judging. All judges are encouraged to read through these slides as a reminder of the update and keep a note. AD asked that these be forwarded to all judges in your clubs. Judges must attend an update before they will be able to judge again.</p> <p><u>Swim England Grades</u></p> <p>AD highlighted a few pages from this slide deck. There has been a concern that the pass rate for grade 1 silver has been low due to judges being too harsh on simple elements. A reminder that you are still marking out of 10 for just a back layout so swimmers should be awarded high if performed well.</p> <p>AD highlighted that splits are now given a zero if higher than 20cm from the floor. Judges are allowed to tell swimmers that they need to correct something whilst performing their splits but swimmers are not allowed to come out of the splits and do it again, they just have to adjust what they are already showing, i.e. if a judge says “your hips need to be square” or “your back leg is bent” they can adjust themselves to perform it better, but they can’t stand up and start again.</p> <p><u>Land Grades</u></p> <p>Land grades have now been released but AB explained that they are quite difficult and coaches will need to be trained properly to ensure that swimmers are not injured or doing things incorrectly. Swim England are rolling this out until April to review how it has gone so we will organise a CPD day for the region to come along and learn how to coach these properly. AB will look into this and we will arrange a day for around June 2018. AD said that she will keep clubs updated and said clubs should refrain from doing land grades until after this time.</p> <p>Land Grades would have to be done from the beginning i.e. a grade 4 swimmer would need to start with land grade 1 as they are progressive and need to be completed from the start to avoid injuries.</p> <p>Action</p> <p><i>AD to circulate slides and presentations from Conference to all clubs.</i></p> <p><i>AD to circulate Summary Document from Conference to all clubs.</i></p> <p><i>AD to circulate updated Synchro Plan.</i></p>
<p>18/7</p>	<p>18/7.1</p>	<p>7. Budget and Plan</p> <p><u>Budget</u></p> <p>AD and the committee members present discussed the budget and AD will send out a final version for approval from all committee members for comment. The deadline for responding to AD would be 14 FEBRUARY 2018.</p> <p>AD explained that she had started putting together a budget for the year which needs to be agreed by the committee and then put to the board for approval. AD explained that the spreadsheet is for each month and shows expenditure and income from the various events that we hold in the region in those months. Therefore dates and months that we intend to hold things have to be budgeted for. AD said that she would circulate the budget to the committee members not present to confirm their approval or to ask any questions/raise concerns they have with it.</p>

	<p>18/7.2</p> <p>18/7.2.1</p> <p>18/7.2.2</p> <p>18/7.2.3</p> <p>18/7.2.4</p>	<p>TB, SC and CP confirmed that they agreed with the budget for the year as presented and amended at the meeting.</p> <p><u>Plan</u></p> <p>AD explained that from the previous meeting provisional dates were circulated. AB had produced a further document which went beyond July due to planning required for April 2018 to March 2019. AD said that following the meeting she would update it with comments made and circulate to all clubs so that they all had the dates in advance.</p> <p><u>Judge Courses</u></p> <p>AD explained that due to judges within the region only qualifying in April and October 2017, there is no need to hold a level 2 course until later in the year to ensure that all level 1 judges have had the year required before moving onto level 2. It was therefore agreed that early December would be a good time to hold a level 2 course.</p> <p>AD explained that we are holding a level 1 judge course next weekend, 10 February and we intend to hold another one in September.</p> <p><u>Grading Days</u></p> <p>We already have 12 May booked for our next grading day. We will then hold one in November 2018 and AD will enquire with Hartham Leisure Centre for days they have availability.</p> <p><u>Competitions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Grade 0 Figures / Masters / Combos Competition</i> <p>As the region will know we are booked to hold our Grade 0 Figures, Masters (all events) and All Levels Combos competition on 23 June in Stevenage. AD will apply for a competition licence and circulate forms and information nearer the time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>All Levels Regional Competition – October/November 2018</i> <p>The committee discussed a date for our All Levels regional competition for this year. Due to half term and national competition dates, all present agreed that the best date would be 13 October. AD said that she would enquire with Stevenage and Colchester to see if that date was available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Grade 1+ Competition</i> <p>As previously explained, the calendar will change slightly in 2019 due to the new competition framework. Our Grade 1+ competition will therefore be held in early February 2019. This competition will be for all Grade 1 and above swimmers for figures, solos and duets. Combos will not be swum as they will be part of the March competition (as below) and no need to swim the same combinations twice in the space of two months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Grade 0 Figures / All Levels Combos Competition</i> <p>The Grade 0 figures and all levels combinations competition will be held in late March 2019.</p> <p><u>Development</u></p> <p>Good feedback from swimmers had been received regarding the development camps which had run in 2017.</p> <p>It was emphasised that any Level 2 coaches from clubs in the region who would like to run these days can, so far only Amy Bryant (in her capacity as a Hatfield coach) had led on the days and Sam Dowson has expressed an interest in running future days. If anyone had any questions regarding what would be required to run a day, they should contact AB who would be happy to discuss that with them.</p> <p>The committee then discussed how to encourage other coaches to come along and help on development days. All agreed that mileage should be paid for those attending to help the lead coach. It was also agreed that the lead coach should charge for their time and mileage and then a maximum of two support coaches could also charge for their time and mileage but time would be charged at a reduced rate to the lead coach. Allowance for this was already in the budget but the committee wanted to ensure all coaches were clear on this. It was also agreed</p>
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18/8	18/8.1	<p>8. March Competition</p> <p>AD apologised that it has taken so long to get approved rules to clubs. Due to changes from January 2018 there has been a delay getting these agreed. AD said that she has had to make some amendments to the draft rules she circulated to clubs in January (for them to prepare) but nothing that has affected the entry requirements. She will circulate final rules, forms and information as soon as she has heard back from Mandy Fuller.</p> <p>AD reminded those present that it was agreed at the last meeting that we would try a new system of emailing music for routines to her prior to the competition to be downloaded onto one central iPod for smooth running of the competition.</p> <p>Also again confirmed that we will be displaying results from the figure sections as soon as ready after each section has competed and the plan for the day would involve medal presentations for top 3 throughout the competition.</p> <p>The other change we will be trying at the competition is spectators downloading the programme to save printing costs and waste.</p> <p>Action</p> <p>AD to send round finalised rules and forms next week to clubs.</p>
18/9	18/9.1	<p>9. 12&U Development</p> <p>AB is organising a 12&U development day on 25 March in Colchester. Sam Dowson will be leading on this day.</p> <p>AB said that following the grading day later today, she would go through all swimmers 12&U in the region who hold Grade 1 and above and invite them to the development day.</p> <p>Action</p> <p>AB to send out invitations to development day following grading day.</p>
18/10		<p>10. Any other urgent business</p> <p>N/A</p>
18/11		<p>11. Confidential items</p> <p>Nothing was raised.</p>
18/12		<p>12. Next Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that the next committee meeting would be held at the next grading day in May. AD would circulate an agenda and timings etc nearer the time.</p> <p>AD thanked everyone for coming and for their continued support. She said that if anything comes up in the meantime, she would send out emails.</p>