



ASA East Region
Minutes of the Diving Committee
23rd November 2017

Present	Ian Mackenzie (IM)	Acting Diving Manager and Management Board Representative
	Sharyn Bord (SB)	Cambridgeshire Representative
	Derek Beaumont (DB)	Specialist
	Alex Belson (ABe)	Hertfordshire Representative
	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Co-opted Member

Also present: Amy Bryant (ABr), Regional Development Officer

17/46 Welcome and Apologies

- 17/46.1 Apologies were received from Bill Clark (BC), Essex Representative; Roger Page (RP), Specialist; Ian Rollinson (IR), Bedfordshire Representative and John McCrae, Co-opted member
- 17/46.2 IM welcomed LT to the meeting.
- 17/46.3 The committee congratulated IM on receiving the Harold Fern Award.

17/47 Declarations of conflict of interest

- 17/47.1 None.

17/48 Previous minutes

- 17/48.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

17/49 Matters arising

- 17/49.1 ABr had created an example newsletter which had been circulated to the committee for feedback. All were happy with it and agreed the sign up for the newsletter should be promoted and the first newsletter sent before Christmas.

ACTION: ABr to promote newsletter sign up and create first newsletter to be sent out.

17/50 Correspondence

- 17/50.1 No correspondence had been received.

17/51 Diving Manager Vacancy

- 17/51.1 No enquiries regarding the role had been received although there had been some interest from an individual who would confirm in early 2018 if they are able to take on the role.
- 17/51.2 Following on from the last meeting, there was further discussion regarding the structure of the committee and ways to involve more of the diving community in the region. All agreed this would best be discussed at the next meeting when there may be a new manager in post.

17/52 County Reports

17/52.1 Cambridgeshire

Developments of the diving programme at Peterborough were continuing with both SB and ABr in contact with staff at the centre to offer support. They had run and put staff on a diving stages 8-10 CPD and sent two people on a Diving Assistant Coach Course who also hope to complete the Diving Coach course as soon as possible.

17/52.2 Essex

No report received.



17/52.3

Bedfordshire

IR sent a report to say there had been no major activity since the last meeting. The Luton Challenge was being held at the weekend and the new diving coaches were due to start at the club in January.

17/52.4

Hertfordshire

ABe confirmed that a county diving committee had been arranged for January where re-instating county diving competitions would be discussed.

17/53

Development Update

17/53.1

The athlete camp in Luton had received good feedback and AB had made arrangements for the next camp to be held at Southend on 20th January 2018 with Shan Veasey leading the day.

ACTION: ABr to contact Shan Veasey to confirm timetable for 20th January.

17/53.2

No arrangements had been made regarding a coaches forum meeting. All agreed it would be best to add a 'networking' opportunity to the planned coaching conference in February. ABr had contacted coaches around the region for potential topics to be covered but only received a couple of replies. After discussion, the committee agreed to ask Alexei Evangulov if he was available.

ACTION: ABr to contact Alexei to ask if he is available for the coaching conference.

17/53.3

Southend had confirmed they would be able to host a Diving Coach (Level 2) course at the end of July/beginning of August 2018. ABr had been in contact with the IoS to see if a tutor can be found for a course at that time. It was agreed it would be good to run an Assistant Coach course as soon as possible in 2018. A poolside helper course was also discussed.

ACTION: ABr to investigate the possibility of an Assistant Coach course for early 2018. ABr to ask whether there is a diving-specific poolside helper course planned.

17/54

Development Projects

17/54.1

A Judges Development Seminar had been confirmed for 24th February 2018 in Harlow to be run by Ian Macleod. Information is available on the East Region website. Ian Macleod has produced a FINA update document which IM has circulated to all Swim England diving clubs. A FINA update would be included on 24th February.

17/54.2

The timing of a possible recorders course in proximity to an event to allow people to practice soon after a course was discussed, as was the potential format of a course.

ACTION: ABr to contact RP to see if he is available to run a course and get his thoughts on the best format for a recorders course.

17/54.3

IM reported that the Diving Management Group would be working to put together guidance documents for announcers and field of play. The region would therefore await further information to save RP time in putting a similar document together.

17/54.4

ABr reminded the committee that there was a fund available for coaches to claim mileage for visiting other clubs and programmes as part of their coach development. SB reported a coach from Cambridge had found their visit very beneficial. Any interested Level 2 coaches should contact ABr (amy.bryant@swimming.org) who will then contact the club they are interested in visiting to ascertain whether this is ok with the club before any arrangements are made.

ACTION: ALL – promote coach development fund to coaches in the region.

17/55

Swim England Diving Management Group

17/55.1

IM and DB had attended the last meeting of the Diving Management Group on 12th November. A new 'bounce' competition element had been discussed targeted at Age Group divers, regions are to await further information before deciding when and how this could be implemented.



- 17/55.2 National Skills Finals 2018 venue is TBC but Manchester is a possibility.
- 17/56 Club Development Group (CDG)**
- 17/56.1 There had not been a meeting of the Club Development Group since the last Diving Committee meeting. SB confirmed she would be attending the next CDG meeting on 4th December.
- 17/57 ER Club Champs 2017 - Review**
- 17/57.1 All agreed that the Club Champs in October had been a very successful event, particularly the reintroduction of platform events and the introduction of 'genderless' synchro events (pairs being either two male, two female or one diver of each sex) which the divers had really enjoyed. SB reported that the entry system had worked better this time. Warm up had been busy and the organisation of this at future events may need to be considered. DB reported a good standard of judging.
- 17/57.2 It was noted there had been some issues with communication between the referee and the recorders. All agreed this could be easily resolved in future by making radios available to aid communication.
- 17/58 ER Competitions 2018**
- 17/58.1 SB confirmed the following dates had been booked at Southend for regional competitions in 2018:
- Skills – 24th March
 - Age Groups – 28th & 29th April
 - Club Champs – 6th & 7th October
- 17/58.2 SB advised that BC was working on establishing better communication with officials and putting together a list of active officials as it had been noted by the committee at the last meeting that some people on the list had moved out of the region or were never able to help. All agreed this would be a huge help for organising officials for 2018 events.
- 17/58.3 ABr confirmed she had enquired with Inspire Luton regarding holding the March 2019 Regional Skills competition there and was awaiting the outcome of a planning meeting at the centre.
- 17/59 Budget Update**
- 17/59.1 SB would circulate figures for 2017 and some suggestions for 2018/19. All were encouraged to put forward any suggestions or new ideas for the 2018/19 budget.
- ACTION: SB and ABr to arrange meeting to discuss the 2018/19 plan and budget.**
- 17/60 Any other business**
- 17/60.1 LT said she had received an officials licensing document which didn't seem relevant to diving and asked whether this was something she and other judges should be completing and returning. IM advised that the licensing scheme was still being finalised and to complete the documents currently issued until advised otherwise.
- 17/61 Confidential items**
- 17/61.1 None.
- 17/62 Next meeting**
- 17/62.1 The committee set dates for meetings in 2018, all to be held at Harlow, bookings to be made by ER office:
- 15th February
31st May
6th September
15th November