

Swim England East Region
Minutes of the Diving Committee
14th February 2019

Present	Ian Macleod (IML)	Regional Diving Manager
	Derek Beaumont (DB)	Specialist
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Specialist
	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Specialist
	Jon Bush (JB)	Bedfordshire Representative
	Ian Mackenzie (IMK)	Management Board Representative

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

19/01 Welcome and Apologies

19/01.1 Apologies were received from Sharyn Bord (SB), Cambridgeshire Representative and Bill Clark (BC), Essex Representative.

19/02 Declarations of conflict of interest

19/02.1 None.

19/03 Previous minutes

19/03.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

19/04 Matters arising

19/04.1 18/50.1 J-Pads service had been added to the 2019/20 budget submission.

19/04.2 18/56.2 The East Region Management Board had agreed the region could host the National Skills Finals in 2020.

All other matters were covered by agenda items.

19/05 Correspondence

19/05.1 IML had been informed that only officials holding Judge Level 2 could be put forward to officiate at the National Skills Finals, IML has queried this with Swim England.

19/05.2 The region had been invited to put forward individuals for a Judge Level 2 course in March. The officials working group had identified four judges who would be ready to progress from Judge Level 1, with three available to attend the training.

19/05.3 IML had received an email from the East Region Chair, Joan Wheeler, on a number of subjects, including regional policies. IML would forward the email to the rest of the committee for their information.

19/06 County Reports

19/06.1 Cambridgeshire

SB sent a report. A safeguarding course had run which was attended by members of Cambridge Dive Team. A county skills competition had been held and used as a selection event for Regional Skills.

Essex

19/06.2 BC sent a report. Work had continued with Essex ASA to formally appoint a county diving manager and a meeting had taken place to discuss moving things forward.

Bedfordshire

19/06.3 JB had been appointed as the diving manager for Bedfordshire and had been tasked with putting together a development plan for diving in the county. North Bedford DC would not be re-affiliating in 2019.

Hertfordshire

19/06.4 The last planned meeting of the Hertfordshire diving committee was cancelled, however, the county competition planned for 16th November 2018 in Hatfield still ran.

19/07

Finance Report

19/07.1 The plan and budget for 2019/20 had been submitted for approval by the East Region Management Board at their meeting on 17th March. Provision had been made for the National Skills Finals in 2020.

19/08

Competitions

19/08.1 Changes to the wording in regional conditions regarding photography had been circulated by email. All agreed to adopt the wording in regional event conditions.

19/08.2 Conditions for Regional Skills had also been updated and circulated prior to the meeting for comment. The changes were agreed by the committee.

19/08.3 A question around the eligibility for regional skills events had been raised and discussed by the committee via email. The committee confirmed that the term 'Grand Prix' events covered invitational events which were considered to be the same level as Age Groups. The intention of the policy is to ensure that divers aren't able to compete at one level and then move down to another, e.g. from Age Groups to Skills, as this would disadvantage divers in that event who had only competed at the lower level. Any clubs unsure about events that would be considered 'Grand Prix' events should contact the committee for clarification.

19/08.4 As discussed in 19/05.2, the region was putting forward three candidates for a Level 2 Judge course in March and it was therefore agreed that the final nominations from the region for Judges to attend the National Skills Finals should be postponed until the result of that course is known as there may then be more judges available for nomination.

19/09

Regional Diving Development Projects

Athlete Camps

19/09.1.1 LT confirmed 26 divers had attended the Team B camp on 20th January in Luton. The camp had run well but would have been improved with more coaches in attendance to support. LT had identified areas with the lead coaches which future camps would benefit from focusing on.

19/09.1.2 Low coach attendance was discussed at length to try and understand why clubs weren't sending coaches and how best to get the message out there that these camps are an excellent coach development opportunity. More coaches are needed at camps to provide more support for the lead coaches, and also, coaches will know what their divers have worked on and can then take that knowledge back to their clubs for the rest of their club to benefit from. It was agreed that it would become a requirement for any clubs with divers in attendance at regional camps to send a coach.

ACTION: IML to review athlete camp selection policy regarding coach attendance.

19/09.1.3 The next athlete camp would be running on 16th June with David Jenkins leading. AB had been working on sourcing a psychologist and nutritionist for sessions with divers, coaches and parents. LT would aim to send out new Team A and B selections after the Age Group competition so clubs can plan further in advance.

19/09.2 **ACTION: LT to send AB timetable for venue booking to be confirmed for June.**
Coach Development

19/09.3 In addition to the coach development opportunities the athlete camps offer, a coaching conference had also been planned, part of which would include a rigging CPD. However, there were questions surrounding the insurance cover of coaches who completed the rigging CPD in relation to trampolining, and also, around whether a CPD covered coaches for insurance purposes. AB had spoken to the National Diving Development Officer who was making enquiries at Swim England to try and clarify the situation and provide further guidance and a resolution to some of the issues identified. IMK agreed to investigate this further.

The committee had previously identified a need for a Diving Coach course to be run in the region after running three Assistant Coach courses in 2018. AB had been working with the Institute of Swimming and Inspire Luton to put a course in place. An Assistant Coach course was not being planned as there were currently not enough learners identified. If clubs identified learners for an Assistant Coach course they should contact AB who can then arrange a course when there are enough learners.

19/10 Regional Officials Training

19/10.1 A joint training day for Level 1 Judges and recorders was running in Southend on 24th February with 13 booked on to the judging course and 3 on the recorders course. Even though the numbers were low for the recorders course, it was an excellent opportunity for IR to get trained up to deliver future courses in the region and so the course would still go ahead. Southend DC had arranged for a group of divers to take part in a competition simulation in order for the judges and recorders to put their courses into practice on the same day.

19/11 Any other business

19/11.1 IML suggested a working group of himself, IR and SB set up to deal with preparations for running the National Skills Finals in 2020. All agreed. IML proposed several dates in May 2020 and would contact the Diving Management Group to propose the committee's preferred dates.

19/11.2 AB informed the group that online manual handling training was available to anyone the committee consider to need it.

19/12 Confidential items

19/12.1 None.

19/13 Next Meeting

19/13.1 The diving committee dates for 2019 were confirmed as:

28th May
5th September
21st November

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