

Swim England East Region
Minutes of the Diving Committee
31st May 2018

Present	Sharyn Bord (SB)	Cambridgeshire Representative
	Roger Page (RP)	Specialist
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Bedfordshire Representative
	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Co-opted Member

Also present: Amy Bryant (ABr), Regional Development Officer
Ian Mackenzie (IM), Acting Diving Manager and Management Board Representative, joined the meeting by conference call

18/17 Welcome and Apologies

18/17.1 Apologies were received from Bill Clark (BC), Essex Representative, Derek Beaumont (DB), Specialist and Alex Belson (ABe), Hertfordshire Representative.

18/18 Declarations of conflict of interest

18/18.1 None.

18/19 Previous minutes

18/19.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

18/20 Matters arising

18/20.1 All matters arising covered as part of the meeting agenda.

18/21 Correspondence

18/21.1 No correspondence had been received.

18/22 Diving Manager Update

18/22.1 ABr had reviewed and updated the role description for the Diving Manager position to reflect the existing committee set-up where responsibilities were shared among the committee and not solely down to the manager to deliver. As a result of this, Ian Macleod had agreed to take on the role of Regional Diving Manager. The committee agreed unanimously to appoint Ian, subject to Management Board approval at the next meeting on 10th June.

ACTION: IM to recommend to the Management Board that Ian Macleod be appointed as Regional Diving Manager.

18/23 County Reports

18/23.1 Cambridgeshire

LT would be delivering an Aquatic Helper course, ten people had signed up.

18/23.2 Essex

No report received.

18/23.3 Bedfordshire

Luton DC were planning two competitions in 2018, one in September, the format for both was

yet to be finalised.

18/23.4

Hertfordshire
No report received.

18/24

Development Update

18/24.1

The next regional diving camp for athletes would take place on 2nd June in Southend. Different coaches would be leading on the camp after the lead coach had pulled out. Attendance was low compared to the previous two camps which the same group of athletes had attended.

18/24.2

As the camp on 2nd June is the last for the current selection of divers, the committee discussed the aims of the regional athlete development camp, the level of diver the next camps should be aimed at and how divers should be selected. Divers for camps from September 2017 – June 2018 had been selected from National Age Group results. It was agreed that the results from the Regional Club Championships would be the best way to select divers as this would then ensure the divers competing at the highest levels would be selected with the aim that the camps would then help to push them on to higher levels of competition. The committee agreed that around thirty divers should be selected, including a couple of wildcard places to allow for divers who may have been unable to compete, for example through injury. The selection would not include those already involved in other development camps, e.g. Swim England camps. The selection of coaches was also discussed with some possible names being suggested.

18/24.3

ABr had been to a meeting at Luton and discussed the possibility of the next camp running there in September. Further to the discussion on selection criteria for athletes, as the 2018 club champs aren't until October, the selection for the September camp would be made from the results of the 2017 Club Championships. The results for the 2018 Club Championships could then be taken into consideration for the next camps in 2019.

18/24.4

The next regional coaching conference was in the 2018/19 plan for January 2019. The next athlete camp would also be in January. The committee discussed whether it might be better to run an athlete camp one day and the coaching conference the next as that might make it easier for people if both events just covered one weekend. Potential topics were also discussed, any ideas to be sent to ABr who will pull a shortlist together ready for discussion at the next meeting.

ACTION: ALL to send idea on topics to be covered and any potential speakers for the next coaching conference and to encourage other coaches around the region to do the same.

18/24.5

An Assistant Coach course had been held at Hemel Hempstead on 4th, 5th, 6th of May with only five people booked on. The Diving Coach course in July/August at Southend also had low numbers. Luton DC had expressed an urgent need for Assistant Coaches and the Institute of Swimming were checking tutor availability for September time but this will be confirmed. A Diving Coach course would be requested to be held in Luton in early 2019.

18/24.6

Luton DC were also running a ballet CPD for coaches on 9th and 10th June, clubs from around the region had been invited to send coaches.

18/25

Development Projects

18/25.1

The Judge Development Seminar on 24th February had 13 people attend and ran very well. Several officials had attended for FINA updates and others were new to judging with those who passed the exam being added to the regional list. DB had fed back that it was the best seminar yet.

18/25.2 RP said the best time to run a recorders course would be before Club Champs as it would be easier to mentor people at that event. IR offered his help in running a course with RP.

ACTION: RP and IR to look at potential dates to run a recorders course prior to Club Champs.

18/25.3 RP would speak to IM regarding national documents being produced for announcer and field of play.

ACTION: RP to speak to IM.

18/25.4 There was no longer an allocated budget for coaches to visit other clubs outside the region. The restricted fund for diving could not be used as this had already been allocated to sending an extra official to the National Skills Competition for the next couple of years. Any coaches still interested in visiting other clubs should contact ABr.

18/26 National Skills Finals

18/26.1 Three judges had been selected to attend the National Skills Finals in Manchester. One reserve had also been appointed. The committee thought one person had attended the previous year.

ACTION: SB to check officials sent to National Skills in 2017.

18/26.2 It was thought the 2019 National Skills would be held in Plymouth and that there were potential discussions around a planned rotation of the event between the regions.

18/27 2018/19 Plan and Budget

18/27.1 The 2018/19 diving plan and budget had been approved by the management board in March.

18/28 Sub-Groups of Committee

18/28.1 Currently there were sub-groups for officials and event management. The committee discussed the remit of each group and who was currently a part of the groups. It was decided this should be discussed further at the next meeting once the new regional manager was in post.

ACTION: Committee sub-groups to be discussed at next meeting.

18/29 ER Competitions 2018

18/29.1 The regional skills competition had been moved from 24th March to 16th June due to building work on poolside at Southend. All entry fees had now been received from East Region clubs and IR was chasing outstanding fees from two other clubs.

18/29.2 Club Champs would be held in Southend on 6th & 7th October, the closing date for entries would be in early September.

18/29.3 The Age Group competition in April had gone well, a surplus on expected entries had been made.

18/29.4 ABr had chased Inspire Luton multiple times regarding holding the March 2019 Regional Skills

competition and had eventually received a reply saying this would not be possible. The committee expressed their disappointment that the region were unable to use the diving facilities at Luton, particularly as initial enquiries had been made for March 2019 in August 2017. ABr had enquired with Inspire Luton as to what requirements would need to be met in order that a diving booking be accepted but had received no response.

18/29.5 The committee discussed accepting late entries for regional events and whether the wording in conditions was clear enough. All agreed that conditions should be reviewed at the next meeting to include late entries, payments for entries and any other parts deemed necessary.

18/30 Any other business

18/30.1 LT had been speaking to coaches at the Age Group competition and had received feedback regarding the training of officials. Coaches had concerns regarding judges being mentored at events which were used as national qualifying events. It was agreed that mentoring had gone well at the competition but that coaches felt it would be better to have one judge being mentored on each panel if possible.

ACTION: LT to pass feedback to officials group.

18/30.2 LT also raised the continued confusion regarding whether officials should be licensed or not, particularly as conditions for national events imply that officials who are not licensed will be turned away.

ACTION: ABr to investigate officials licensing.

18/31 Confidential items

18/31.1 None.

18/32 Next Meeting

18/32.1 The committee will meet on the following dates in 2018, all meetings will be held at Harlow:
6th September
15th November