

Swim England East Region
Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting
15th September 2018 at 10.30am
Freckenham Village Hall, Freckenham

Present:

Board Members: Joan Wheeler (Chairman), David Metcalf (Past President/ Vice-Chairman), Keith Belton (Finance Manager), Tom Baster (Elected Board Member), Ian Cotton (Elected Board Member), Paul Hayes (Past President/Essex County ASA), Ian Knight (Past President/Cambridgeshire ASA), Sheila Mackenzie (Past President/ Swim England Hertfordshire), Ian Mackenzie (Past President/Elected Board Member/ASA Sport Governing Board Representative), Geraldine Metcalf (Past President/Elected Board Member), Andy Morton (Past President/ Elected Board Member), Stewart Murray (President/Norfolk County ASA), Phil Pelling (Bedfordshire ASA), David Robinson (Past President/ Suffolk County ASA) and Marcello Tontodonati (Elected Board Member)

Bedfordshire: Modernian SC and Sandra Grant (Flitwick Dolphins SC)

Cambridgeshire: Mike Rayner (Past President/ Wisbech SC)

Essex: Chelmsford City SC, Colchester SC, Fred Gale (Essex County ASA), Ian Macleod (Southend Diving) and Kay Maguire (Past President/ Essex County ASA),

Hertfordshire: Hoddesdon SC, Derek Beaumont (Beaumont Diving Academy), and Janet Warrington (Swim England Hertfordshire)

Norfolk: Jacqui Kendall (Dereham & District SC), Paul Kendall (Norfolk County ASA), John Toll (Past President/West Norfolk SC) and Margaret Toll (West Norfolk SC)

Suffolk: Deben SC, Lowestoft & Oulton Broad SC, Newmarket & District SC, Stella Day (Teamipswich Swimming), Alison Vinter (Suffolk County ASA), and Chris Vinter (Suffolk County ASA)

Swim England East Region staff: Amy Bryant (Regional Development Officer), Kevin Pickard (Regional Swimming Talent Officer) and Jo Stalley (Regional Administrator).

Also present: Stephen Christian (Awardee), Caroline Cofield (Awardee), Andy Fitt (Awardee), Chris Galer (Regional Membership Officer), Michael Haines (Awardee), Andy Hunter (Awardee), Sean Jarvis (Awardee), Ben Negus (Award winner), Roger Page (Awardee), Eleanor Short (Award winner), Deborah Swann (Award winner), Janet Rayner, Dean Walker (Swim England Club Development Officer) and George Wood (Director of Sport Development Swim England),

Apologies:

Clubs: Welwyn Garden SC

Individuals: Charles Dainton (Award winner)
Adam Lelean (Award winner)
Wade Piercy (Award winner)
Jill Walker (Award winner)

Staff: Leanne Brace (Regional Development Manager – on maternity leave)

18/01 **Welcome and introduction by the Chairman**

18/01.1 The Regional Chairman, Joan Wheeler, introduced herself. She welcomed everyone, and she thanked them for attending in such good numbers. On behalf of the region, she expressed thanks to all volunteers and the regional staff for all their hard work over the last year.

18/02 **Apologies for absence**

18/02.1 Apologies received were as shown above.

18/03 **Declarations of Conflict of Interests**

18/03.1 None declared.

18/04 **Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting on 9th September 2017**

18/04.1 The minutes of the previous years' Annual Council Meeting were accepted as a true record.

18/05 **Matters arising**

18/05.1 None.

18/06 **Motions**

18/06.1 No proposals had been received in accordance with Section 13.2.1 of the constitution.

18/07 **ASA East Region Annual Report and Accounts**

18/07.1 The Annual Report for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 was published in May, enabling members to view it, and copies were available during the meeting. The Chairman asked for questions on the Annual Report, but there were none.

18/07.2 The Annual Report for the year to 31st March 2018 was approved.

18/07.3 The Annual Accounts were presented. The Chairman reported that these have been examined by the independent examiner, and they have been agreed and signed-off by the Management Board.

18/07.4 The Finance Manager clarified that the minimal differences between the document being considered, and that published originally on the website, were owing to minor changes required by the independent examiner.

18/07.5 The Finance Manager commented that the income from affiliation fees was larger than would have been expected because the payment from Swim England, expected in March, was received in April.

- 18/07.6 No questions were received on the accounts.
- 18/07.7 The independently examined Annual Accounts for the year to 31st March 2018 were approved.
- 18/07.8 No questions on the minutes of the Management Board or its committees were received in accordance with Section 13.3.2 of the constitution.

18/08 Amendments to Swim England East Region Constitution/ Rules

- 18/08.1 No amendments had been proposed.
- 18/08.2 The Chairman advised that changes of wording were required because of the change from ASA to Swim England, and the subsequent change of name for the region. Changes were also necessary to reflect the fact that the national governing body was now incorporated. The Management Board will deal with the changes required, at a meeting following this Council Meeting.

18/09 Swim England

- 18/09.1 George Wood, Director of Sport Development Swim England, gave a presentation on key priorities and issues.
- 18/09.2 George commented that because so many different disciplines were involved, the development of the sport of swimming was complicated. It was in fact like the development of several different sports.
- 18/09.3 In response to a question about working with other sports (Triathlon and Open Water for example), George said that some work was being done, but there was still a massive amount which could be done. The transfer of athletes from one sport to another was another challenge which needed addressing.

18/10 Presentation of Swim England East Region Awards

- 18/10.1 The Chairman expressed her thanks to all the volunteers within the region, and she thanked those that took the time to make nominations. A good number of nominations had been received.
- 18/10.2 Stewart Murray, Swim England East Region President, read the citations for the winners who were present, and presented those winners with their awards. If a winner was not present, their award was announced, and will be presented to them at a suitable time.

- 18/10.3 The winners were:

Young Volunteer of the Year	Eleanor Short, Hoddesdon SC
Volunteer of the Year	Deborah Swann, Lowestoft & Oulton Broad SC
Teacher of the Year	Wade Piercy, Canvey Island SC
Coach of the Year	Ben Negus, City of Peterborough SC
Services to Aquatics	Jill Walker, Lowestoft & Oulton Broad SC

- 18/10.4 **The Jeff Cook Salver**

This award is awarded to the individual, team or club who has made a significant contribution to sport of swimming within the region.

For 2018, the Jeff Cook Salver was awarded to Derek Beaumont of Beaumont Diving Academy.

18/10.5 **Swim England East Region Silver Pin**

The Silver Pin is presented for long and/or significant contribution to swimming in any discipline. Award recipients were as follows;

Tom Baster	Management Board
Stephen Christian	Deben SC
Caroline Cofield	Felixstowe SC
Charles Dainton	Berkhamsted SC
Andy Fitt	St Ives SC
Michael Haines	City of Cambridge SC
Andy Hunter	St Ives SC
Sean Jarvis	Thurrock SC
Jacqui Kendall	Open Water Committee
Paul Kendall	Dereham & District SC
Adam Lelean	Diss Otters SC
Ian Macleod	Southend DC
Andrew Morton	Management Board
Stewart Murray	West Norfolk SC
Roger Page	Dacorum DC

18/11 **President's address**

- 18/11.1 The Chairman thanked Stewart Murray for his time over the past year as President. The Chairman commented that Stewart had attended many events, and he had been an excellent ambassador for Swim England East Region.
- 18/11.2 Stewart Murray reflected on his time as Regional President, highlighting the events he had attended at county, regional and a national level. Stewart had been able to attend events for all the disciplines, and he had greatly enjoyed his role. Stewart expressed his gratitude for being given the opportunity to be the Swim England East Region President.

18/12 **Election of Swim England East Region President 2018/19**

- 18/12.1 One nomination for Regional President was received, proposing Chris Vinter, Teamipswich Swimming. The proposal was uncontested, and Chris was duly elected as the 2018/19 Regional President.

18/13 **Inauguration of the new President and presentation of Consort's Medallion**

- 18/13.1 Stewart Murray presented Chris Vinter with the President's Chain, and presented Alison Vinter with the Consort's Medallion, congratulating them in the process.

18/14 **Presentation of the Past President's Pin**

- 18/14.1 The incoming President presented Stewart Murray with a Past President's Pin.

18/15 **Election of Swim England East Region President Elect 2018/19**

- 18/15.1 As only one nomination had been received, no vote was necessary, and David Metcalf (Biggleswade SC) was duly elected as Swim England East Region President Elect 2018/19.

18/16 **Election of Swim England Management Board Elected Members**

18/16.1 The Chairman said that Andy Morton was standing down as an Elected Board Member. She thanked Andy for his tremendous support for the region since its inception, and for providing his valuable expertise, particularly for the discipline of water polo. Andy Morton had decided that he would retire after 62 years of service to the sport.

18/16.2 The election of two Elected Board Members was required. Two nominations had been received, so no vote was necessary.
Tom Baster (Basildon & Phoenix SC) and Stewart Murray (West Norfolk SC) were duly elected.

18/17 Election for the post of Diving Manager

18/17.1 One nomination had been received, for the vacancy following a resignation, so no vote was necessary.
Ian Macleod (Southend DC) was duly elected as Diving Manager, for the remaining term, until September 2019.

18/18 Appointments of Custodians for 2018/19

18/18.1 The meeting was asked to note that the Custodians of the region, for the forthcoming year; were Joan Wheeler, Chairman, David Metcalf, Vice- Chairman, and Keith Belton, Finance Manager.

18/19 Swim England Vice President 2018/19

18/19.1 The Chairman explained that this year Swim England East Region were required to nominate the Vice President for Swim England for 2018/19. The Management Board has agreed to nominate Ian Mackenzie (Hoddesdon SC).

18/20 Election of Swim England East Region Members of the Members' Forum

18/20.1 The Chairman reported that, based on the regional membership, Swim England East Region is requested to appoint ten Members to Swim England Member's Forum. The constitution allowed for the President and Chairman to attend by right. Eight nominations had been received for the remaining eight places, so no vote was necessary. The following Members were therefore elected.

- Keith Belton, Norwich Swan SC
- Paul Hayes, Thurrock SC
- Ian Knight, Wisbech SC
- Ian Mackenzie, Hoddesdon SC
- Sheila Mackenzie, Hoddesdon SC
- David Metcalf, Biggleswade SC
- Geraldine Metcalf, Biggleswade SC
- Chris Vinter, Teamipswich Swimming
- Joan Wheeler. Modernian SC

18/21 Swim England Annual Report

18/21.1 The Swim England Annual Report had previously been received, and copies were available at the meeting. No questions were received regarding the report.

18/22 Appointment of Independent Financial Examiners

18/22.1 The proposal to continue with the current financial examiners, Hastings Wade, was agreed.

18/23 Date of next Annual Council Meeting

18/23.1 The next Annual Council Meeting will be held on 14th September 2019.

18/24 Closing remarks by the Chairman

18/24.1 The Chairman, Joan Wheeler, again thanked all the volunteers that commit their time to help develop the sport through their involvement in the Management Board, regional committees, and at clubs.

She also thanked the regional staff for their tremendous hard work and dedication to the region. Joan said that Leanne Brace, the Regional Development Manager, had started her maternity leave, and Leanne was wished all the best over the coming weeks.

18/24.2 The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.