

Swim England East Region
Minutes of the Diving Committee
6th February 2020

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

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

20/01 Welcome and Apologies

20/01.1 Apologies were received from Sharyn Bord (SB) (Cambridgeshire Representative), Chris Sage (CS) (Specialist) and James Hadley (JH) (Essex Representative).

IML thanked the committee on behalf of the Region for all the hard work they had collectively done during 2019.

20/02 Declarations of conflict of interest

20/02.1 None.

20/03 Previous minutes

20/03.1 The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

20/04 Matters arising

20/04.1 All matters were covered by agenda items.

20/05 Correspondence

20/05.1 IML had received and circulated to the committee an update from Sarah Barrow, Swim England Diving Development Officer. There was confusion over the apparent allocation of judge level 1 presenters for each region as the committee believed that individual presenters appointed by Swim England would become part of a Swim England national pool and not specifically appointed as a region's presenter.

20/05.2 IML had received an email from the East Region Chair, Joan Wheeler, regarding a proposal to change the region's financial year from March – April to January – December. It had been agreed by the Regional Management Board but can't be formally adopted until it is voted on at the East Region ACM in September 2020.

20/05.3 National Judge School nominations had been sought from Swim England. The officials working group (BC, DB and IML) had nominated three judges to attend and all three have confirmed they are available. The training will be held in Southend on 29th February 2020 and 1st March 2020.

The two-day residential training will be delivered by IML and funded by the Swim England Diving Leadership Group.

20/05.4 Swim England had requested event conditions from all regions as part of their review into National event conditions. The review is to ensure that their conditions are clear and fair moving forward.

20/06 County Reports

20/06.1 **Cambridgeshire**
No report received.

20/06.2 **Essex**
James Hadley had contacted all Essex diving clubs to set a date for a meeting to discuss the requirements of diving within the county.

20/06.3 **Bedfordshire**
JB was working on a county competition and a small budget had been agreed by the county to help facilitate an event.

20/06.4 **Hertfordshire**
The county currently does not have an active diving committee and no active county diving manager. Clubs have rejected the idea of pulling county results out of regional results at regional competitions.

20/07 Finance Report

20/07.1 The 2019/20 budget was on track. A budget variation had been submitted to the Region to accommodate a change in the Fusion booking procedure which impacted on regional diving competition bookings which now could only be secured with a 60% upfront payment.

20/07.2 The committee thanked SB for her hard work to put together the plan and budget for 200/21. IML confirmed this had been submitted to the region for approval. IML confirmed that, in relation to item 20/05.2, if the region's financial year changed, the last three months of the 2020/21 plan and budget would become the first three months of the 2021 budget and that the budget would need to start being discussed at the September 2020 diving committee meeting.

20/08 Competitions

20/08.1 IR had circulated the event pack for the Regional Skills Competition on 22nd March. One question had been received which IR would forward to IML who would respond. IR would contact Southend to co-ordinate the volunteer workforce for the event.

20/08.2 IML informed the committee that two springboards at Southend had been condemned and subsequently removed. This would impact the running of the Regional Skills Competition if replacement boards were not installed before the event. IML had sought details of when the boards would be replaced but had so far not received confirmation. If they can't be replaced in time, an alternative venue would be needed to host the competition.

ACTION: IML to contact Fusion to get confirmation of when the springboards will be replaced.

19/08.3 Minor updates had been made to regional event conditions for added clarity. The updated conditions were already available on the regional website. All agreed it was very useful to be able to access the conditions at any time.

19/08.4 The addition of a Level 4 Elite competition to the Regional Age Group competition was discussed now that there were 22 divers in the region who competed at Elite level. Elite events could run as part of the age group competition with minimal impact to the event schedule. All agreed this was a good idea and would be a great motivator to younger divers. All agreed that elite events should be added to the 2020 Regional Age Group competition but the Elite events would be closed to East Region divers only, the Age-Group competition would remain open. This would be reviewed before the 2021 Age Group and Elite competition.

19/08.5 IML had contacted officials to request they confirm their availability for regional competitions and had already received fifteen replies, including some of the judges who only qualified last year which was encouraging to see.

20/09 Regional Diving Development Projects

20/09.1 The January athlete development camp had been postponed but LT and AB were working on a new date in March which would be a gym-based day. Final arrangements were being confirmed and information would be sent out as soon as possible to all divers who had been selected for the January camp (Team A and Team B).

ACTION: LT and AB to finalise camp arrangements.

20/09.2 LT had secured a coach for the June 2020 athlete camp and work was underway to book facilities and confirm the availability of a speaker who was originally going to present at the January camp. All agreed the end of June would work best.

ACTION: LT and AB to finalise arrangements for June camp.

20/09.3 IML informed the committee that the Athlete Camp policy document had been updated to include the role of team managers, who would now be entitled to claim mileage costs.

20/09.4 AB was working with the Institute of Swimming and Southend DC to set up an Assistant Coach course, dates are being awaited from a tutor. Southend DC have also expressed an interest in hosting a Coach (Level 2) course later in the year.

20/10 Regional Officials

20/10.1 A judge level 1 course and a recorders course were being run by IML and IR respectively on 23rd February 2020 in Southend. Current booking numbers were lower than expected and it was agreed to extend the booking deadline for another week.

ACTION: All clubs to ensure bookings for both courses are made by the extended deadline of 14th February 2020.

20/10.2 IR confirmed that all three attendees of the recorders course last year had been active at competitions since.

20/11 Any other business

20/11.1 The committee congratulated DB on his Lifetime Service Award he had received from Swim England at the British Diving Champs in Plymouth, which had been presented to him by Alexei Evangulov, National Performance Director for Diving.

20/12 Confidential items

20/12.1 None.

20/13

Next Meeting

20/13.1

The next meetings were confirmed as 28th May, 10th September. The meeting originally planned for 26th November was moved to 12th November 2020 due to multiple committee members having diary clashes on 26th November 2020.

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