

**East Diving Leadership Group  
(the “EDLG” or “Group”)**

**Minutes of the Diving Leadership Group held via video conference**

**14<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

<b>Present</b>	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Diving Manager
	Derek Beaumont (DB)	Specialist
	Karen Bent (KB)	Beaumont Representative
	Sharyn Bord (SB)	Operations Officer
	Bill Clark (BC)	Specialist
	Alice Clarke (AC)	Development Officer
	Allan Jaunzens (AJ)	Cambridge Representative & Minute Secretary
	Ian Mackenzie (IMK)	Management Board Representative
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Competitions Officer & Luton Representative
	Chris White (CW)	Dacorum Representative

**21/01**

**Welcome and Apologies**

- 21/01.1 Apologies - Southend Representative and Bedford Eagles Representative
- 21/01.2 LT welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting the new structure of the Group.

**21/02**

**Declarations of conflict of interest**

- 21/02.1 None.

**21/03**

**Previous minutes**

- 21/03.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record, subject to minor amendments.

**21/04**

**Matters arising**

- 21/04.1 20/43.2 – Missing Elora Graham Rigging CPD certificate should now have been issued.  
**Action: AC to check Elora Graham has received safely.**
- 21/04.2 20/69.2 - The Group agreed that clubs could vary their representatives attending EDLG meetings according to availability (e.g. the Southend representative could swap between Shan Veasey, James Hadley or a suitable alternate).
- 21/04.3 20/70.2 - SB/IR have received no reply from Southend following request to make a provisional booking for Regional Club Championships in October but will follow up again when the situation regarding return to diving and competitions is clearer.

**21/05**

**Appointment of Specialist Member**

- 21/05.1 The new Group structure allows for 2 specialist members to be appointed by the Group. Following election of Bill Clark during his presence at the previous meeting Derek

Beaumont had also now confirmed his willingness to act in this role. His election was proposed by LT, seconded by SB and confirmed unanimously by the Group.

## 21/06

### Update on Requirements for Competitions

21/06.1 With reference to actions against 20/71.1 IMK had now received good news, following request to CEO of Swim England, that EDLG could have 5 spare laptops for competition use. IR confirmed that there had been no further correspondence with Ian MacLeod about access to other spare equipment or support but would revisit as necessary once pathway for return to competition was clearer.

## 21/07

### Development Camp

21/07.1 LT presented provisional programme timetable and event promotional "flyer" for virtual development camp on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February. Sessions on Twisting and Mindfulness on Day 1 will be led by Sam Hydes and Jessica Paton respectively. Day 2 will comprise a further session hosted by Sam and a session on flexibility lead by Amy Bryant. Proposed speaker fees were agreed by the Group, with a total expenditure of £300 for the development camp. It was agreed that divers will need to be category 2 registered to participate and coaches, parents and second divers within a family can attend without cost.

Action: LT/AC to complete flyer with images and pass on to clubs for individual distribution.

## 21/08

### 2021 Meeting Dates

21/08.1 The Group agreed to continue with monthly meetings during Covid pandemic and bi-monthly meetings thereafter. To simplify planning it was agreed to continue at present with Thursday meetings starting at 7.00pm but remain open to later requests for other days if required.

Action: LT/AC to circulate the remaining 2021 meeting dates.

## 21/09

### Correspondence

21/09.1 Shan Veasey has requested that the Group consider providing support to skills, talent and pre competition level divers in the region. DB confirmed that Beaumont is not currently able to offer its divers any online training. CW confirmed that divers from other clubs could join their club sessions.

AC has written to clubs within the region to clarify what is currently being offered to divers of this level, with intention to create a cross club group of volunteer coaches to provide online training to diverse. The Group confirmed support for offering zoom sessions providing workload could be shared fairly between clubs according to their size and resources.

Action: AC to chase answers from both Luton and Southend before making proposals for next steps.

## 21/10

### Any Other Business

21/10.1 BC raised potential need for further judges training / refresher courses to ensure region is able to handle competitions as and when we return to the pool.

Action: LT to distribute link for online courses currently available.

Action: BC to check if Ian Macleod would be willing to run a specific refresher by Zoom for the region.

21/10.2 DB gave summary of current difficulties at Beaumont including problems accessing installation/ maintenance support to keep 3m springboards and 5m platforms in action during the last year and sad loss of a number of its divers.

Action: IMK to try and assist in getting works at Beaumont prioritised.

21/10.3 SB raised issue of financial hardship for many families currently and extra costs in registering divers with Swim England as Category 2 at a time when no competitions could be run. IMK acknowledged difficulties. Divers should continue to be registered as usual, but where finances were under pressure it would be better to register as Category 1 now and upgrade later to at least retain divers in the sport.

**21/11 Confidential items**

21/ 11.1 None.

**22/12** LT closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Next meeting will be 11<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm.