

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

Minutes of the Diving Leadership Group held via video conference

8th April 2021

Present	Ian Mackenzie (IMK)	Management Board Representative
	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
	Beth Lee (BL)	Luton Representative
	Alex Revell (AR)	Bedford Eagles Representative
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Competitions Officer & Luton Representative
	Ian Ryman (IRY)	Southend Representative

21/36		Welcome and Apologies
	21/36.1	Apologies – Lottie Thompson (LT) Beth Lee (Luton Representative) & Dacorum Representative The meeting was chaired by Ian Mackenzie in the absence of LT.
	21/36.2	21/26.2 The committee welcomed Bedford Eagles Representative Alex Revell and recorded its thanks to AC for helping to resolve open membership issues at Bedford.
	21/36.3	21/13.2 The committee welcomed that Beth Lee is the new representative for Luton.
21/37		Declarations of conflict of interest
	21/23.1	None.
21/38		Previous minutes
	21/38.1	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.
21/39		Matters arising
	21/39.1	20/43.2 – Issue of missing rigging CPD certificate for Elora Graham has now been closed.
	21/39.2	21/23.1 – BC has made good progress an up-to-date regional officials register and this should be completed shortly. DB confirmed that Alex Belson would remain on the judging register whilst Chris Sage should be removed. Action: BC to circulate updated list by end of April.

	21/39.3	21/32.1 – Beaumont Diving Academy reported that they still had no clear information on date of new equipment installation. Action: IMK to follow up at meeting with GLL on 9th April
21/40		Correspondence
	21/40.1	LT had prepared an East Region Diving Manager’s Information Round Up. The committee recorded its thanks for a very useful document including important contacts.
21/42		Club Reports
	21/32.1	<p><u>Beaumont Diving Academy</u> KB reported that the club was preparing for a restart on 4th May assuming equipment was installed in time. New training hours had been negotiated with GLL. However, there was a lot of uncertainty about the numbers of divers planning to return with only 2 divers confirmed so far. IMK reported similar feedback form other disciplines in aquatics with many losing confidence in their ability to compete successfully after so many training interruptions. AC reported importance of boosting diver’s confidence and providing reassurance not to worry as all divers were “in the same boat”</p> <p><u>Cambridge Dive Team</u> AJ confirmed that all was set for return of both squad sessions and Learn To Dive programme on 12th April. Move to new Dryland facility was almost complete and should be ready in time. Signs were encouraging so far that almost all divers on both competitive and recreational programmes would return.</p> <p><u>Southend Diving Club</u> IRY reported club was all set to return on 12th with training times as before last lockdown. Current pool floor issue remained unresolved. All club divers had enjoyed first round of Level X competition but participation levels for next round were not yet clear.</p> <p><u>Bedford Diving Club</u> AR reported issues of club restart after such a long absence from the pool. No firm start date was yet agreed with Fusion, and although coaches worked on an unpaid voluntary basis the potentially low diver numbers would bring financial difficulties for covering pool hire costs. The club had access to one level 2 and two level 1 coaches, but the retirement of their experienced Head Coach also left a gap in coaching capabilities and would limit what they could offer. The committee recommended AR contact both Leanne Brace at the regional office and also the local town council to enquire about any restart support available. (practical or financial)</p> <p><u>Luton</u> No issues to report. Zoom training had been continuing as usual. Club planned to restart training in the pool on 12th April.</p>
21/43		Operation Update
	21/43.1	No concerns to report from SB.
21/44		Regional Diving Competitions
	21/44.1	Still too early to make detailed arrangements but IR confirmed that planning was still for regional championships in Southend in October.
21/45		Regional Development camps

	21/45.1	AC reported that a regional Level X camp had taken place on 7 th April attended by around 25 divers. A further camp would take place on the weekend of the 17 th /18 th April including judge input to help divers better understand the scoring structure.
	21/45.2	AC was still planning for the regional Category II Camp in June. It would be difficult to find optimum times due to wide variety of club squad training times at the weekend. According to feedback from last camp, AC was also investigating splitting camp training sessions according to diver age/level.
21/46		Any Other Business
	21/46.1	BC reported that current system for registering interest to attend online training courses appeared to be working well with good level of interest from the East region
	21/46.2	Following sad news of death of Ben Roberts, DB reported difficulties in retrieving the Herts County Trophies from Dacorum Diving. Action: IMK to follow up
21/47		Confidential items
	21/47.1	No confidential items to report
21/48		IMK closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Next meeting is scheduled for 6 th May at 7,00pm