

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

Minutes of the Diving Leadership Group held via video conference

8th July 2021

Present	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Diving Manager
	Sharyn Bord (SB)	Operations Officer
	Bill Clark (BC)	Specialist
	Allan Jaunzens (AJ)	Cambridge Representative
	Ian Mackenzie (IMK)	Management Board Representative
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Competitions Officer
	Ian Ryman (IRY)	Southend Representative

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Welcome and Apologies

21/74.1 Apologies – Karen Bent (Beaumont Representative), Beth Lee (Luton Representative) Alice Clarke (Development Officer), Derek Beaumont (Specialist) Alex Revell (Bedford Eagles). No representative from Dacorum.

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Declarations of conflict of interest

21/75.1 None.

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Previous minutes

21/76.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

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Matters arising

21/77.1 21/66.2 Diving boards had still not been installed at Beaumont Diving Academy

IMK to make further enquiries to understand reasons and latest planning

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Correspondence

21/78.1 LT had circulated correspondence received from Joan Wheeler, Chairman of Swim England East Region, about issues discussed at the recent Regional Operations Committee including expense policies, office arrangements and budget constraints. Most changes reported including revised expense rates would not have much impact on EDLG as this was already aligned with the current expense policy adopted for diving. The upcoming Recognition Awards were of note and would be handled under AOB.

21/79

Club Reports

21/79.1 Southend

Only item of note is ongoing floor issue. Latest information suggested repairs would be carried out late September (24th), just shortly before current planned date for regional club championships. IR reported concern that repair may be delayed leading to organisation issues and potential competition cancellation at short notice. See item 81.

21/79.2 Cambridge
Return to pool making gradual progress on increasing pool time back to pre-Covid levels, albeit with further changes to the timetable for both squad and learn to dive activities.

21/79.3 Luton
IR reported improvement in coaching resource was helping to make more coaching capacity available to help build the Learn To Dive programme back up to pre Covid levels of around 250 children

The EDLG congratulated Amy Rollinson on her success achieving a bronze medal on 1m whilst representing team GB at the recent European Junior Championships in Croatia. Her success would encourage other coaches and divers within our region.

21/79.4 Bedford
LT reported that Bedford Eagles were still not operational. SB reported that Cambridge had offered support with a business plan but noted that Bedford were struggling without any coaching resource and limited financial resource to kick start activities.

LT to contact Leanne Brace and Suzie Collins in case they have access to coaching / financial resources to support

21/80

21/80.1 **Operations update**
SB reported small losses of around £40 after payment of coaching fees for the most recent regional development camp

LT to ensure improved communications to the EDLG in advance of future events and to SB regarding fee arrangements.

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21/81.1 **Regional Diving Competitions**
IR reported that planning for Regional Club Championships needed to start approximately 2 months in advance of competition date. Last minute cancellation should be avoided as a result of Southend Pool repairs not being completed in time. Options were to change entry conditions limiting divers to 7.5metre or to put back competition date to date of Luton Challenge which would not be run in 2021 because of financial constraints of Luton pool operator (Fusion). Keeping the date was preferred overall.

IRY to try to establish more details of expected Southend pool repairs and report to EDLG (e.g is the problem clear so that confidence of repair on 24th September is high or does diagnosis still need to be completed.) so that the EDLG can then make decision for continuation, conditions change or delay

21/81.2 LT presented options for recognition of divers within the region who had achieved success at Level X events including possible distribution of medals but this was agreed to be difficult in view of budget constraints. The EDLG members agreed that successful divers from each club should be recognised through a dedicated page on the East Region website. EDLG members agreed that each club might then recognise divers in their own way at a local level including handing out medals as they wished.

LT to contact Leanne Brace for page set up

21/82

21/82.1 **Regional Development**
In AC absence LT reported relatively low attendance for last regional camp help first weekend of July. Despite low attendance however, feedback from divers who had

attended was positive including the Q&A session held with Ben Cutmore. It was noted that demand for development events via Zoom had decreased as restrictions continued to ease.

21/82.2 EDLG members agreed to delay the coaches conference currently planned for September to a date in October after the regional club championships. Possible date could be last weekend of November. To be discussed at next meeting according to any changes in plans for Regional Club Championships.

21/83

Officials Update

21/83.1 BC reported plans to update regional publications including protocols and judges evaluations. Planned meeting with DB had been postponed but would be rescheduled shortly. Most amendments would be minor. BC expressed concerns that process for selection of judges at national level was not transparent. The region was lucky to have a large resource of well qualified officials and we deserved to be well represented. LT believed that selection processes had not always been as rigorous as it could partly through poor communication but hoped that situation would now improve using the “Integra” platform.

21/84

Courses

21/84.1 LT confirmed that she had received interest from around 29 candidates with the region for an “assistant coach” course. Sam Hydes was available to deliver a course in Luton in August. She was hopeful that a second course could then be run in Cambridge too.

Local Head Coaches should also encourage candidates to complete the safeguarding / DBS assessments too

21/84.2 IR reinforced the need for courses to improve Dive Recorder skills following last software updates. Preference would be for live training rather than online

LT to collect input from clubs with the region on level of interest

21/85

AOB

21/85.1 LT requested that EDLG members emailed her with any nominations for upcoming Swim England Awards that might be made by the EDLG. Individual clubs were encouraged to make nominations directly through the website.

Action- All

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Confidential Items

21/86.1 No confidential items to report.

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LT closed the meeting and thanked those attending. Next meeting is scheduled for 9th September at 7.00pm via Zoom.

Recommendations to ROC

Income £745

Expenditure £325.74