

SWIM ENGLAND EAST REGION - SWIMMING COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 27th February 2019 - Minutes

Present	Tom Baster (TB)	Swimming Manager
	Marcello Tontodonati (MT)	Hertfordshire Representative
	Ian Knight (IK)	Cambridgeshire Representative
	Elaine Bowen (EB)	Norfolk Representative
	Gerry Metcalf (GM)	Bedfordshire Representative
	Sue Purchase (SP)	Suffolk Representative
	David Metcalf (DM)	Swimming Officials Group Representative
	Helen Stephens	Essex Representative

19/1	1. Apologies for absence	
		Simon Gee (SG)
19/2	2. Minutes of previous meeting	
		IK request to be not named as a substitute.
19/3	3. Development Update	
		<p>KP listed the development programmes planned for next financial year.</p> <p>Regional Talent Camp, two, one day camps for selected athletes 2007 born (athletes, coaches and parents)</p> <p>Nationals Development Day – Development Day for those athletes who have qualified for British nationals (excluding those who have attended SE Camps). Will also include parents and coaches.</p> <p>‘International’ Camp – takes a regional team, selected from those likely to medal at the British Nationals/British Championships, to a high quality meet in the UK as preparation.</p> <p>Performance Seminars – two to three seminars, with relevant guest speakers, each open to 250+ swimmers, parents and coaches from across the region</p> <p>Parent talks – parent education talks at regional championships – open to all parents of competing swimmers</p> <p>Regional Performance Foundation Camps – two camps (one youth/one age group) open to those swimmers who have just failed to qualify for the summer nationals – intended outcome retain in sport and qualify in following year</p> <p>Early Traits Athletes – an initiative to identify young swimmers with the traits to be successful (as defined by the SE OADF Programme), pilot for this year, if successful expand in partnership with counties for 2020/21</p> <p>Athlete Development Fund – Discretionary ad hoc funding to enable talented athletes to access one off development opportunities where financial hardship may otherwise prevent this.</p> <p>East Region Coaches Forum – presentation by an external speaker, which would then be cascaded to all coaches via county coach forums</p> <p>Coach Development Day – A development day open to all coaches, SE provide the speaker, ER facilitate the day.</p>

		<p>Bitesize Coach Workshops –Three or four workshops on specific areas, open to all coaches</p> <p>12 for 12 Programme - coaches from clubs with national qualifiers, visiting other performance clubs and coaches from other sports</p> <p>Coach Newsletter – regular newsletter sent to all coaches</p> <p>Coach Development Fund – Additional targeted coach development opportunities that arise during the year</p> <p>Regional Coach Mentor – replicate the current SE Coach Mentor scheme (one per region), by funding a second coach mentor in ER to provide support and training to new and developing coaches</p> <p>University Student Links – recognise and extend the links that are being built up with universities in our region, by providing internship/ event management opportunities at regional competitions and development events.</p> <p>Project 2028 – this umbrella project is in its early stages, but will need some specific publicity to our members.</p>
19/4	4. Licensing Update	
		SG sent an update. Promoter’s workshops run in Essex, 3+4 licensing conditions update.
19/5	5. Online Entry Pilot Proposal	
		TB – Highlighted issues with current entry procedure. Suggested 2019 winters as a trial for online entry system. Keeping the window of entries the same but closing a lot of loops and room for error. Query as to whether times are updated if a faster time is achieved following entry being made.
19/6	6. Regional Entry Fees	
		Winter 2019 onwards price change to £8.00 (individual events). Aligns to the increasing costs of staging the championships. Relay costs will remain the same
19/7	7. Swim England East Region Long Course Championships 2019	
		Pool venue moved for reverse distance events due to facility issues. Session length discussed and 5pm warm up confirmed. DM – Officials for both weekends low. Cost of hotels increased. Big music event in Norwich on the Saturday of the second weekend. Parking considerations are being looked at. Insight survey being piloted at the event. GM – Food arrangements all in hand.
19/8	8. Swim England East Region Short Course Championships 2019	
		TB – Times need adjusting for 2019 championships. This year’s event is at Basildon and pool space will be more limited. Proposal to move to mixed and single gender 4x50 relays. Inclusion of B finals to increase participation in finals.
19/9	9. Swim England East Region Inter County Team Competition 2019	
		Request for lead referee as TB away. 7 th July PM Norwich.
19/10	10. 2020 Planning Proposals	
		TB had previously emailed draft suggestions. Proposals were shared with the group. The intention is for a release of the approved

		programme during the summer 2019. KP to work on launch blurb for this.
19/11	11. Items from County Representatives	
		HS – query about the strobes. Essex county funding their own, clubs will be looking after themselves. IK – successful counties, strobe available. MT – successful counties, strobe available. Query over selection policies. EB - Karen Woodhouse Norwich Swan new Norfolk secretary. DM – Officials training 2020 onwards looking at moving online for J1.
19/12	12. AOB	
		KP raised issues on coach mental health and total swimming project.
19/13	13. Next meeting	Wednesday - 5 th June 7pm