

**Swim England East Region  
Minutes of the DISABILITY COMMITTEE Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Present** Mrs Jackie Harvey (JH) Disability Manager  
Mrs Sandra Grant (SG) Bedfordshire Representative  
Mrs Paula Durrant (PD) Cambridgeshire Representative  
Mr Ian Mackenzie (IM) Hertfordshire Representative  
Mrs Ann Byrne (ABy) Suffolk Representative  
Mr Carl Cooper (CC) Para Swimming Talent Coach  
Mrs Sheila Mackenzie (SM) Board Representative

Also present Miss Amy Bryant (AB) Regional Development Officer

**19/01 Apologies**

19/01.1 Mrs Jo-Jo Cranfield (Essex)  
Mr Tony Moore (Norfolk)

**19/02 Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

19/02.1 No conflicts of interest were declared.

**19/03 Previous Minutes**

19/03.1 Minutes dated 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were circulated in advance of the meeting and were accepted as an accurate record, which were approved by the committee.

**19/04 Matters Arising**

19/04.1 No matters raised.

**19/05 Athlete Recognition**

19/05.1 Fourteen-year-old Ellie Challis (Colchester Phoenix SC), broke the 50m Breaststroke SB2 British Record at the National Para Swim Meet in Manchester in a time of 1:11.53. Ellie was comfortably inside the previous record by 3 seconds which had stood for 26 years. Well done Ellie.

Although early in the season, there were strong swims from Regional swimmers with lots of personal best times.

**19/06 County Reports**

19/06.1 **Bedfordshire:** Regional Training has been arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019, at Flitwick. There are no QT's for Para athletes entering Beds County Championships. Athlete's classification class will not appear on the programmes. Medals are awarded.

19/06.2 **Cambridgeshire:** Currently there are no QT's for Para athletes entering Cambridgeshire County Championships, but the setting QT's is being considered, recognising that para athletes wish to be treated like their abled bodied peers.  
JH to attend a County Meeting with PD to promote and develop Disability swimming in Cambridgeshire clubs.

19/06.3 **Essex:** JC to attend Swimming Committee meeting where Disability swimming is an agenda item.

- 19/06.4 **Hertfordshire:** There are County Championships QT's for Para swimmers and 2 swimmers have entered.

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019: Regional training session will include talk with Para-athlete Louise Fiddes and land training for both Coaches and athletes delivered by Steve Batchelor. Incorporated in the Coach Development Day is the CPD – 'Coaching the Person In Front Of You' which has a Disability component, and Janet Warrington will deliver 'Integrating Autistic Swimmers' seminar.

IM highlighted that strobes will be required at all licensed meets from 2020. He also warned of taking care of strobes and not leaving them at poolside after meets and ensuring that they were dry. A local club needed to repair a strobe after it corroded.

- 19/06.5 **Norfolk:** Swimability gala – 5<sup>th</sup> July at Riverside.

- 19/06.6 **Suffolk:** Swimability gala 2019 will be 13<sup>th</sup> April in Lowestoft supported by the Lions. Nine clubs out of the County have entered including Regional Para-swimmers.

## 19/07 Regional Training Sessions

19/07.1

### Swim England Hertfordshire Development Weekend 2019 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 – Hertfordshire Sports Village

Land Training technique for Coaches	13.00 – 15.00	Steve Batchelor
Motivational Speaker	15.15 – 16.00	Louise Fiddes
Land Training for Athletes	16.15 – 17.00	Steve Batchelor
Pool Session	17.15 – 20.00	JW, OW, AP
Talent ID	17.15 – 18.30	CC, TM

### Future Regional Training Sessions

1	Bedfordshire	Flitwick	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
2	Cambridgeshire	TBC	July - TBC
3	Suffolk	Newmarket	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2019
4	Essex	Basildon	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 - TBC
5	Hertfordshire	HSV	February 2020- TBC

## 19/08 SEER Para Swimming Meet 2019

- 19/08.1 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Newmarket Leisure Centre.

Pool booking has been confirmed. Provisions made for 2 Classification teams and CC will inform Classification Office.

Gala warm up to begin at 17.00.

JH to liaise with David Metcalf for an Officials CPD and to be Lead Referee.

All Committee members volunteered for tasks in preparation of and the smooth running of the gala.

**PD** suggested merchandising at the Para meet.

Unfortunately, there is a clash with the Suffolk Development meet, which may affect the

availability of Officials with Para swimming CPD.

**19/09 Budget 2019/20**

19/09.1 The budget plan and budget proposal were drafted and with minor alterations were agreed by the Committee. This will be forwarded to the Management Board for their approval.

**19/10 Polo Shirts**

19/10.1 SG has suggested polo shirts for athletes who attend Regional training, and this was supported by the Committee. SG has been in contact with a supplier who would supply a quantity of shirts without cost in return for their logo to be attached on the shirts and social media reference given. SG to provide AB with further details to put forward to the Management Board.

**19/11 Any Other Business**

19/11.1 **CC:** Funding is available for clubs to put on Bridging sessions for athletes who have been identified through Talent ID sessions. Following assessment, athlete will be signposted to local clubs, and the funding will support coaching and development costs.

19/11.2 **CC:** Newcomers meet with Classifications and time trials will take place in early February

19/11.3 **IM:** Received correspondence from a West Midlands club with a proposal to run a National gala based on FINA and WPS points. It was confirmed by the committee that it was probably unworkable, as there was no commonality between the two points systems.

**19/12 Dates of next Meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 at the Regional Office at 7.00pm