



**Swim England East Region**  
**Minutes of the Disability Leadership Group Meeting**  
**5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 @ 8pm**

<b>Present</b>	Jackie Harvey (JH)	Manager – Attended at 8.05pm
	Helen Stephens (HS)	ROC Representative
	Ann Byrne (AB)	Suffolk Representative
	Carl Cooper (CC)	Para-Swimming Talent Coach
	Paula Durrant (PD)	Cambridgeshire Representative
	Anthony More (AM)	Norfolk Representative
	Laura Neury (LN)	Essex Representative
	Peter Winter (PW)	Specialist

Also, present Emma Winter, Regional Administrator (EW)

**22/24**                      **Apologies**

- 22/24.1      None
- 22/24.2      JH welcomed the Group to the meeting.

**22/25**                      **Declarations of conflict of interest**

- 22/25.1      None

**22/26**                      **Previous minutes**

- 22/26.1      Minutes from the meeting held on the 20.04.2022 were circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed.

**22/27**                      **Matters arising**

- 22/27.1      EW introduced HS to the group as the new ROC Representative.
- 22/27.2      HS informed the Group what her position consisted of within the Group.

**22/28**                      **Athlete Recognition**

- 22/28.1      CC informed the Group that Rowan Brenham from Basildon has claimed the S9 50m Butterfly British Record and he is on the National Development programme.

- 22/28.2 AM asked JH if she has the results from the World Para-swimming Championships as Jessica Jane medal.
- 22/28.3 JH informed the Group that Jessica-Jane Applegate competed in 5 events, and she is world champion as part of the mixed 4x 100-meter freestyle relay team, and she achieved 3 silver medals and 1 bronze medal.
- 22/28.4 Jordan Catchpole achieved 5<sup>th</sup> place in the 100-meter backstroke, Louise Fiddes from Hatfield achieved 2 bronze medals, one in the 200 IM and one in the 200 Freestyle, Ellie Chalis is the World Champion in the SB2 Breaststroke, and she also achieved 3 silver medals and Grace Harvey achieved a silver, bronze medals and a World Champion in the 100-meter Breaststroke.

## 22/29

### County Reports

- 22/29.1 **Norfolk** – AM informed the Group that Norfolk held their swim ability meet, in the disability swimming groups it still seems as popular as before, the meet attracted swimmers from Colchester, Benfleet, Runnymede, Teamipswich, Great Yarmouth, Norwich Swan and special Olympic Norfolk. The plan is to run the meet again next year.
- 22/29.2 **Cambridgeshire** – PD informed the Group that they are still trying to rebuild. Cambridgeshire have had their County Championships and a County Development meet what has come of these meets is that swimmers have come forward who haven't gone through classification.
- 22/29.3 CC discussed with Cambridgeshire and the Group that the best place to start with the process of classification is to go to a regional training session, which the Region puts on 3 times a year and its good quality of training. Swimmers need their skills observed before being put forward for classification.
- 22/29.4 CC explained the process that swimmers need to go through to be put forward for classification and what the classifiers will be looking for.
- 22/29.5 PD asked if there was a stepped process that they could put out on their website. CC gave the British Swimming website <https://www.britishswimming.org/performance/para-swimming/classification/>. CC is happy to do a zoom meeting for coaches to go through the process of classification.
- 22/29.6 JH there needs to be an education drive for coaches and Officials as there has been new people join the sport both swimmers and officials.
- 22/29.7 **Suffolk** – AB nothing much to report, still trying to find someone to take over the Suffolk Representative position but happy to carry on. Suffolk didn't hold their swim ability meet but hoping to hold it next year.
- 22/29.8 **Essex** – LN nothing to report.
- 22/29.9 **Hertfordshire** – JH we are still building up the Para-swimming, we have one new swimmer at Royston Harry Arnold-Pepper CC confirmed he is on the England programme.



- 22/29.10 **Bedfordshire** – No report given.
- 22/29.11 PW informed the Group that he has been working with the Master Working Group to poetically include a Para-swimming competition at the Swim England National Masters in October, but nothing has been confirmed.
- 22/29.12 CC informed the Group that Elizabeth Gray from Essex has been recently classified. Have been doing some work around preselection for next year. From September the talent programmes will be integrated but not fully.
- 22/29.13 The Regional talent programmes for swimmers your Para-swimmers aged 11/12-year-old will be involved in the integrated programme as well as having a Para programme. When it comes to pre selections the Region is looking quite strong. With the integration there will be more opportunities for knowledge and expertise within coaches, so more coaches will have a touch point with Para-swimming.
- 22/29.14 Had the first pilot this year which was held in Birmingham, and the test event (prep the pool) which was a combined team of Para and Olympic swimming which worked well.

## **22/30 Regional Training Sessions**

- 22/30.1 EW reported back to the Group about the Regional Training session which was held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Flitwick, we had 10 swimmers attend and 6 Coaches/Team Managers. It was a good day in all Sandra Grant Team Manage the day alongside Louise King who was lead coach. The swimmers had a 1.5-hour land training session followed by 1.5-hour pool session. We had a couple of new swimmers attend this session which is very positive, and lots of great feedback.
- 22/30.2 EW informed the Group that if they would like to hold a 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Training session, they will need to submit a variation to plan/budget as a 3<sup>rd</sup> training session wasn't put into the budget and will need to agree on a month on which to hold the session.
- 22/30.3 A discussion took place on when to hold the next regional training, the decision was made to look at possible Basildon in November.
- 22/30.4 EW to look into Basildon and possible other pools around the same county.

## **22/31 SEER Para-swimming meet 2022**

- 22/31.1 JH informed the Group that the East Region Para-swimming meet will take place on Sunday 9th October at The Venue, Borehamwood. JH informed EW that the conditions for the meet are coming. The meet is hoping to hold classification along with Regional Officials training from David Metcalf, then will have a one session gala in the afternoon.

- 22/31.2 The Region has received the invoice from The Venue, Borehamwood as it came in a lot more expensive than original quoted. EW informed the Group that The Venue, Borehamwood is now charging us for the whole pool all day, EW suggest that we look for an alternative venue to hold the meet.
- 22/31.3 EW asked the Group what venue they would like the Region to try and book if we need to change venues.
- 22/31.4 A discussion took place regarding other pools within the Region, Newmarket Leisure Centre was a popular choice.
- 22/31.5 A discussion took place regarding if we need two lanes for classification or if we can have just the one lane. CC confirmed that it depends on how many teams turn up.
- 22/31.6 AB informed the Group that she will not be able to attend the meet, but David Metcalf is helping arrange the officials, AB just needs confirmation of what is required for the Officials training, the venue, start times and expenses.
- 22/31.7 JH confirmed to run the Officials training, expenses will be the regional rate, will provide refreshments. Gala to start at 3:30pm and the training to start around 10am.
- 22/31.8 AB asked if the event is to be moved to Newmarket what will happen regarding parking charges. EW confirmed that Newmarket informs the council of an event happening and parking charges will not apply.
- 22/31.9 EW to confirm venue with AB.
- 22/32 Any other business**
- 22/32.1 CC thanked Norfolk for a great swim ability meet as he attended, and he thought it was a great meet.
- 22/32.2 PD attended the Junior event as club team leader in Coventry and it was nice to see new swimmers coming through.
- 22/32.3 JH went to the prep the pool it was nice to see all the swimmers being able to swim in a brand new 50m pool, it was a great event.
- 22/33 Confidential items**
- 22/33.1 None
- 22/34 Next meeting**
- 22/34.1 EW informed the Group that the Regional Chairman would like all Leadership Groups to book in 4 meetings spread over 12 months.
- 22/34.2 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 @ 8pm via Zoom.
- 22/34.3 Meeting booked in for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 @ 8pm via Zoom.
- 22/34.4 Meeting booked in for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 @ 8pm via Zoom.
- 22/34.5 Meeting booked in for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 @ 8pm via Zoom.

Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting



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