

**East Diving Leadership Group
(the "EDLG" or "Group")**

Minutes of the Diving Leadership Group held via video conference

11th August 2022

Present	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Diving Manager
	Derek Beaumont (DB)	Specialist
	Sharyn Bord (SB)	Operations Officer
	Allan Jaunzens (AJ)	Cambridge Representative
	Beth Lee (BL)	Luton Representative
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Competitions Officer

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Welcome and Apologies

- 22/26.1 Apologies – Alice Clarke (AC), Bill Clark (BC) No representatives from Beaumont Diving Academy, Dacorum or Southend Diving Club.
- 22/26.2 LT opened the meeting by congratulating the East Region, particularly Southend Diving Club and Luton Diving Club for its outstanding contribution to the Diving competitions at the recent Commonwealth Games and Junior Europeans. Bronze medal success for Amy Rollinson, Luton Diving Club, had been complimented by our strong contribution to the officials list at the Commonwealth Games including Assistant Referee, Secretariat, and Field of Play management. Many clubs in the region had also had great success at the Swim England National Age Groups and National Skills Finals.

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Declarations of conflict of interest

- 22/27.1 None.

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Previous minutes

- 22/28.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed without amendment.

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Matters arising

- 22/29.1 22/4.1 LT Draft event conditions for SEER Elites had been prepared by LT and distributed prior to the meeting.
- 22/29.2 22/18.3 DB reported that registration of Beaumont Academy Diver for Assistant Coach Course had been completed successfully. DB reported urgent need for access to more Assistant Coach Courses to strengthen his coaching team.
- 22/29.3 22/20.1 To be covered under item 22/35
- 22/29.4 22/22.2 LT reported that issue was now resolved. Procedures would be put to test at upcoming Regional Club Championships in October.
- 22/29.5 22/24.1 Completed. LT had circulated One Drive login details.

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- 22/30.1 **Correspondence**
Nothing to report.
- 22/31**
- 22/31.1 **Club Reports**
Luton
BL reported that new coach Ben Carmen (BC) was settling in well with good level of support from club volunteers. Head Coach Kirsteen Mitchell had also now resigned to take up a post at London Aquatics Centre which was unfortunate as BC had only recently arrived.
- Action: LT to reach out to offer support for BC and the club.
- 22/31.2 Cambridge
AJ reported that new administrators appointed by the club had settled in well reducing admin workload for AC and SB. The club has also initiated a 13 month duration Diving Apprenticeship for one of its existing divers starting in September 2022 in the hope that he may contribute to an enhanced coaching team at Cambridge and also pursue a long term career in Diving. Club activities including both learn to dive and squad training remained stable. The club was also proud of the success at recent Commonwealth Games by former members Daniel Goodfellow and Ben Cutmore.
- 22/31.3 Beaumont
In absence of a club representative, DB reported ongoing critical situation for viability of the club. Diver numbers were growing slowly (now up to 35 compared with pre pandemic 80) but limited coaching, lifeguarding resource and lack of committee member support were making running and financing of club difficult. Volunteers to fill committee member positions would need to be found for upcoming club AGM in September 2022. DB recorded his thanks for the excellent support given by Leanne Brace over the last months.
- Action: Subject to demand, LT to enquire with IOS to run a further Level 1 course in addition to the upcoming course planned to Cambridge to enable more Beaumont representatives to participate.
- 22/31.4 Southend
In absence of a club rep, LT congratulated Southend Divers who had been selected for and had competed at the recent Junior European Championships. As far as she was aware the club had not been successful in filling the advertised third coach position.
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- 22/32.1 **Operations update**
SB reported overall satisfactory financial situation. Regional Skills and Age Groups had generated surpluses of £785 and £671 respectively. Expenses paid to National Skills judges had amounted to £743 which was within the planned budget .
- Main outstanding item of concern related to pool hire invoice at Southend for Club Championships which had still not been received. The EDLG agreed to the following diver entry costs for the event
- £15 per diver per individual event
£40 if diver enters all three boards
£16 per pair per synchronised event

Action: SB to chase invoice again at same time as enquiring for 2023 bookings (See item 22/33)

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- 22/33.1 **Regional Diving Competitions**
Skills & Age Groups feedback
As discussed at previous meeting IR reported that both skills and age group competitions had run well with excellent level of volunteer support and willingness.
- IR recommended that all clubs in the region continue to work on encouraging more volunteers to come forward to ensure good ongoing supply of officials
- 22/33.2 Regional Club Championships 2022
Action : IR to send out Club Championships invitations
Action: LT to ask Leanne Brace/Emma Winter to send out requests for judges
- 22/33.3 Future Regional Elites planning
Regional Elites conditions document was presented by LT. Competition will be held as straight finals, the day before the Regional Skills event. Competition rules will be made available via the East Region website.
- 22/33.4 2023 Dates
The following 2023 dates were agreed:
- Elites - 25th March 2023
 - Skills - 26th March 2023
 - Age Groups - 29th and 30th April 2023
 - Club Championships 7th and 8th October
- Action: SB to check dates and book at Southend if possible.

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- 22/34.1 **Regional Development**
Autumn Camp
In absence of AC, LT reported ongoing difficulties to trying to secure pool booking at Southend for regional camp. (Provisionally either 17th or 18th September) Tutor Sam Hydes remained ready to support once date was fixed.
- Action: SB to chase pool booking (IR to pass on possible additional Southend email contact details)
- 22/34.2 An updated Athlete and Coach Development Day Policy document had been circulated by LT prior to the meeting and was adopted by the EDLG.

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- 22/35.1 **Officials Update**
On a national level, LT reported that contribution and judging performance level of East Region judges at recent national events had been well received. Overall, the region was in a good place in respect of officials.
- At regional events SB commented that debrief sessions after events had been very helpful. However, the committee recognised challenges associated with judging certain aspects of the regional skills event in particular and recommended some additional training prior to the 2023 event.

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Any Other Business

Since the last EDLG meeting CDT had hosted a well-attended meeting to try to “kick start” the Cambridge County aquatics organisation. It was hoped that this would lead to a reinvigorated County committee going forwards with strong participation from the leading swim clubs.

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Confidential Items

No items to discuss

LT closed the meeting and thanked those attending. Next meeting is scheduled for 6th October 2022 at 7.00pm via Zoom.