



**Swim England East Region**  
**Minutes of the Water Polo Leadership Group Meeting**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

<b>Present</b>	Dean Walker (DW)	Manager
	Ian Mackenzie (IM)	ROC Representative
	Chris Cawood (CC)	Suffolk
	Stephen Chambers (SC)	Watford
	Martin Hackett (MH)	Dunstable
	Anna Leeson (AL)	Cambridge University
	Jackie Spinks (JS)	Hitchin

Also present Emma Winter, Regional Administrator (EW)

**22/01**                      **Apologies**

- 22/01.1      Tom Mills (TM) Teamipswich SC, Peter Mole (PM) Hatfield SC, Tom Perry (TP) Bedford WPC, Nick West (NW) Norwich WPC & John Larry (JL) Hartford
- 22/01.2      DW welcomes everyone to the meeting.
- 22/01.3      IM joins the meeting at 19.20pm.

**22/02**                      **Declarations of conflict of interest**

- 22/02.1      There were none.

**22/03**                      **Previous minutes**

- 22/03.1      DW the main thing from the previous minutes were membership numbers, only one club has come back with a breakdown of number of membership.
- 22/03.2      A breakdown of membership into age groups over 18's, Under 18's, Under 16's, Under 14's just so we know the exact numbers each club has.
- 22/03.3      DW explains to the Group why we need to know the breakdown of number of membership so that we can tally up with what Swim England has to what the Region has down for memberships in Water polo.

**22/04**                      **Inter-Regional Competition Reports**

- 22/04.2      JS gave a brief report on how the U18 Girls got on at the Inter-regionals held in Bolton. JS reported that the girls did well and got better as the weekend went on and everyone enjoyed themselves.

- 22/04.3 DW reported that there was good feedback from the organisers and the spectators.
- 22/04.4 DW congratulated the Girls and they did really well as they were a very young team.
- 22/04.5 DW thanked JS from the Region for taking on the Girls team as it was a last minute organisation.
- 22/04.6 DW gave a brief report from the U18 Boys Inter-regionals held in Blackpool. The selection was last minute, the boys played and did well considering the lack of training and pool time before the competition due to current situation.
- 22/04.7 SC asked if the preparation could have been different.
- 22/04.8 DW explained that the preparation this time couldn't be different due to the release of the dates for the U18, pool time availability for making the bookings.
- 22/04.9 A discussion took place regarding going forward and how the preparation could be better for the teams and coaches.

## **22/05**

### **Regional Academy Bookings and Support**

- 22/05.1 JS asked if it would be possible to release dates for 2 or 3 months in advance as you may get more coaches and team managers turn up.
- 22/05.2 DW we can have 10 Regional academy in a year not having one in August and December.
- 22/05.3 DW explained that this year has proven difficult at getting pool time booked and finding pools around the region so that not the same people are always traveling.
- 22/05.4 A discussion took place around what pool may be available within the region with the minimum standard with goals. University pools and Lido pools are a possibility when warmer weather comes, a few pools that were mentched are Letchworth, Jesus Green in Cambridge, Beccles and the Abbey.
- 22/05.5 DW explain about the booking system and that all players sign up before attending the Region Academy Training sessions. This is so that payment is taken through the booking form and that all players are members of Swim England, this is the same for Coaches and Team Managers so that DBS and Safeguarding is in date. This is a regional policy and for insurance reason.
- 22/05.6 JS asked if she is able to have a list of names who have signed up to the Regional Academy so she knows who she needs to chase up to book on.
- 22/05.7 EW confirmed that the closing date for the April Regional Academy will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11pm.
- 22/05.8 DW explained the reason why the closing date is on a Thursday is so the Regional office staff can do checks and sort the registers to be sent out to the Coaches and Team Managers.



## **22/06**

### **Club Referee and Table Official Training update.**

- 22/06.1 DW informed the Group that the Club Referee course was really well attended and the money raised from that paid for the new Water polo hats.
- 22/06.1 The Table Official course will be 14+ in June DW to confirm date. We will do 14 and 15 year olds in the morning and 16+ in the afternoon. It's a 2 hour course and Adults will be able to attend it.

## **22/07**

### **Any other business**

- 22/07.1 CC informed the Group that he attended a school event where they were introducing Water polo to junior schools and the Woodbridge area of Suffolk is going to have an Inter school Water polo competition, CC will keep the Group posted on this.
- 22/07.2 IM asked JS to give names of who played at the Inter-Regionals Boys and Girls from Hertfordshire area. It is so the County can award County colours.
- 22/07.3 IM informed the Group that he attended the Inter-Regionals in Blackpool and the Boys played really well and it was a good weekend.

## **22/08**

### **Next meeting**

- 22/08.1 The next meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm via Zoom.