



Swim England East Region
Minutes of the Artistic Swimming Leadership Group Meeting
4th March 2023 @ 10am

Present	Amy Davis (AD)	East Region Artistic Swimming Manager
	Amy Bryant (AB)	Hatfield
	Karen Brennan (KB1)	Aqualina
	Emily Gower (EG)	Norwich
	Laura Neary (LN)	Chelmsford
	Suzanne Rushe (SR)	Dacorum

Also present Emma Winter, Regional Administrator (EW)

23/01 **Apologies**

- 23/01.1 AD welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all who had attended.
- 23/01.2 Apologies were received from Sheila Mackenzie (SM) ROC Representative.
- 23/01.3 EW contacted HS and KB to see if they were available to attend the meeting in SM absence.
- 23/01.4 LN joined the meeting at 10:30am.

23/02 **Declarations of conflict of interest**

- 23/02.1 There were none.

23/03 **Grading Days for 2023**

- 23/03.1 AD informed the Group that EW has been helping find venues to hold the grading days.
- 23/03.2 Riverside, Chelmsford has availability but is expensive, but would need to make sure there were enough swimmers. Whitham can only accommodate for an hour and a half and can give both pools.
- 23/03.3 AD asked the Group of dates to hold the first grading day. EG informed the Group that the Championships are being held on the weekend of the 22nd April.
- 23/03.4 As there are three bank holidays in May AD asked if the 13th or 20th May would work.

- 23/03.5 The Group decided to go with mid-May, mid-October and late November/early December.
- 23/03.6 AD asked with the new routine grades would the Group like the routine grades done separately or still on the same days as the other grades.
- 23/03.7 The Group are happy to do all grades on the same day.

23/04

Officials Training

- 23/04.1 AD informed the Group that she has been in contact with Steve regarding Judges courses, Steve has informed AD that he is unsure on how they will be run due to the changes this year and he wouldn't feel confident to run a course. He did inform AD that they will still be run centrally.
- 23/04.2 AD will find out if courses are being run and will get dates and circulate them to everyone.
- 23/04.3 A discussion took place around there being an opportunity to do some shadowing at NAGs.

23/05

Level 1 and 2 Coach Courses

- 23/05.1 AD informed the Group that there is a Level 2 Artistic Swimming Coach in April with spaces still.
- 23/05.2 AD asked the Group what demand is there within their clubs for Level 1 and Level 2 course.
- 23/05.3 EG needs Level 1 she has 2 or 3 swimmers she would like to put through.
- 23/05.4 AB informed the Group that she could run a Level 1 course out of Hatfield but needs to know what the demand is. She will be able to take 6/7 people on the course if run at Hatfield.
- 23/05.5 AB informed the Group that she will wait to run a course until the grading days have taken place. Also the level 2 course being run in April is a test as it is the new spec and is unsure how it will be rolled out to other tutors. May be kept centrally.
- 23/05.6 KB informed AD that they have a lady who is interested in doing some sort of scoring course. AD to find out if there is some sort of course for scoring.

23/06

Development

- 23/06.1 AD informed the Group that within the Region there are a few under 12's and possible look at doing a couple of development days towards the end of the year. One day for the 9 to 10 year olds, ungraded grade 1 and 2 then 11 to 12 year olds, grade 1 and 2.
- 23/06.2 AB informed the Group that she could run a development day for the 9 to 10 ungraded swimmers, and then do the other half of the day for any other 12 and under swimmers who have a grade.
- 23/06.3 AB suggested running a development day in June between the Regional Competition and the Combo Cup. Then do another day at the end of September.



- 23/06.4 The main challenge is getting pool in to do both ungraded and graded swimmers on the same day. AB will enquire at Hatfield about availability.
- 23/06.5 LN asked a question on how ungraded can the swimmers be, AB confirmed that it is more about the concentration as they will be doing an hour land training followed by an hour pool session.
- 23/06.6 AB did inform the Group that due to the age of the swimmers the development day cannot run without a Team Manger so if any of the parents would like to do their Team Manager course or have their Team Manger and can help out on the day.
- 23/06.7 EW informed the Group that the Region run regular Team Manger courses and all the dates are on the Regions website. EW also offered that if they are struggling for a Team Manager for one of the Development Days that she would be happy to help as she has her Team Manager.

23/07 February Competition – Comments/thoughts/format

- 23/07.1 AD informed the Group that the competition was very busy and that it was lovely to see so many figure entries and lots of new swimmers.
- 23/07.2 AD asked if anyone has any comments or thoughts from the competition to let her know as she is open to comments.
- 23/07.3 AB the only comment that was raised was by a Clarke who wasn't sure if they could take a break or not and they wasn't sure how it works, so maybe a more clarification for volunteers.
- 23/07.4 AD ask if there is anyone left to pay entries fees to get them in.
- 23/07.5 KB informed AD that their club has a new competition secretary.

23/08 March Competition – Questions and Coach Card Clarification

- 23/08.1 AD asked LN when would she like the coach cards in for the March Competition. LN asked for them to be in at least a week before so she can look over them.
- 23/08.2 LN asked if she could have extra help so that there is more people checking them.
- 23/08.3 LN asked if anyone has attended the online coach card webinars. KB confirmed herself and Kerrie had attended one.
- 23/08.4 SR informed the Group that there is a YouTube video on how to fill them out. AD is also going to circulate the coach card template to everyone.

23/08.5 AD informed the Group that KB has a good idea of having a WhatsApp group for the Regional coaches to share knowledge and ideas and to support each other with changes.

23/08.6 AD asked KB regarding the age change to 19 for the combo cup, as she was a little concerned regarding their entry. KB confirmed that it has changed to 15 – 19. A discussion took place regarding the age change and that it would be good.

23/09 Any other business

23/09.1 LN asked if anyone did any club/county competitions. The Group confirmed that they don't but would be happy to attend and would like more competitions.

23/10 Confidential items

23/10.1 There were none.

23/11 Next meeting

23/11.1 The next meeting to take place on Saturday 20th May 2023 at 10am Via Zoom.