

**East Diving Leadership Group  
(the “EDLG” or “Group”)**

**Minutes of the Diving Leadership Group held via video conference**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

<b>Present</b>	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Diving Manager
	Bill Clark (BC)	Specialist
	Sharyn Bord (SB)	Operations Officer
	Sarah Gateshill (SG)	Dacorum Representative
	Beth Lee (BL)	Luton Representative
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Competitions Officer
	Josh Devine (JD)	Regional Manager

**23/13 Welcome and Apologies**

- 23/13.1 Apologies – Derek Beaumont (DB), Alice Clarke (AC) Allan Jaunzens (AJ), Kate Mansfield (KM), Ian Mackenzie (IMK)
- 23/13.2 LT welcomed SG and JD to the meeting.

**23/14 Declarations of conflict of interest**

- 23/14.1 None.

**23/15 Previous minutes**

- 23/15.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed subject to a minor amendment.

**23/16 Matters arising**

- 23/16.1 23/5.1 BL provided an update under item 18.1.
- 23/16.2 23/6.1 Action closed - IR advised that additional coaches could be employed on a casual basis with Active Luton. AJ & SB had discussed whether Cambridge Dive Team coaches could support Luton Diving Club and confirmed they were happy to help if needed.
- 23/16.3 23/8.1 Action closed – IMK had provided a regional printer for competition use. SB would collect the appropriate medals for the upcoming events. David Aldridge from Cambridge would attend and support recording at events going forward.

**23/17 Correspondence**

- 23/17.1 No correspondence was reported.

**23/18 Club Reports**

- 23/18.1 Luton  
BL reported Ben Carmen’s last day with Luton was Tuesday 4 April 2024 and Alliyah Omar had taken the reins on an interim basis. A new Level 1 coach, Jack Tempest, had recently joined having previously coached at Stevenage. Jack was keen to do his Level 2 course and was currently coaching learn to dive as well as some squads. Another Level 2 coach, Justine Green, was also now coaching at Luton on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It was reported that the Head Coach advert had been published and circulated to the diving community.

BL advised that Swim Mark had been completed and the club had also completed the Swim England Health Tracker.

23/18.2

Cambridge

SB reported that hire costs would increase by 9.4%, commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. The club had completed the Swim England Health Tracker and was pleased with the positive results.

It was confirmed that the stairs to the 3m springboard and 5m platform had now been replaced, unfortunately the matting on the 5m platform was incorrect and would hopefully be replaced in the coming week.

23/18.3

Southend

BC advised that he attended the Southend Diving club night and reported that it was going well and created a positive atmosphere for divers and parents. It was noted that Connor Lano and Todd Geggus had attended a GB synchro camp in Sheffield. BC confirmed that the club's Swim Mark submission had been completed.

23/18.4

Dacorum

SG reported that the club was currently working on the Swim Mark submission. Following the pandemic, the club had faced uncertainty with decreased number of coaches and divers, but SG was pleased to report that the club was now doing well. The club was now more stable, with people on the waiting list, new poolside helpers and new coaches coming through. A new welfare officer had recently been appointed and the club was currently refreshing the committee members as some long serving members were taking a step back.

23/18.5

Beaumont

LT advised that she had been in contact with Sophie Waters (Beaumont Chair) and Hayley Sage (Beaumont Coach) regarding getting candidates onto the upcoming Level 1 course.

**23/19**

**Operations Update**

23/19.1

SB reported that the Skills event had been successful with c.£1920 in entry fees and c.£720 on spectator fees, which was above budget due to the large number of guest club entries and the addition of the SumUp machine to take payments. SB recommended that going forward the region should budget and pay for overnight stays for officials coming from further away as it was more cost effective versus the additional mileage claim. The Group was supportive of this approach.

**23/20**

**Regional Diving Competitions**

23/20.1

IR confirmed that there were 129 entrants for the Skills event. Despite a slight technical problem, the event had gone very well. It run smoothly and on time. David Aldridge had recorded at the event had and would be assisting at the Age Groups event. IR thanked Southend for providing great volunteers as always and specifically thanked KM for her help on Front of House.

It was noted that the Age Group & Group A skills invite had been circulated to clubs.

## **23/21**

23/21.1

### **Regional Development**

It was highlighted that the region was very supportive of development opportunities and there had been discussions regarding what the region could do to better support athletes and coaches, noting that cross discipline activities could be an option. The region had funds to put into development and JD advised that he was in conversation with British Weightlifting to put on a closed course for coaches in the region at a discount. The Group was encouraged to let JD know of any development needs, to which the Group highlighted the need for trampolining courses.

SB highlighted the issue with lack of tutors in diving and JD confirmed that he had spoken to the IOS regarding courses and CPDs.

## **23/22**

23/22.1

### **Officials Update**

LT reported that James Hadley had been selected to be the Chief Referee at National Skills Finals which was a great achievement. LT urged club reps to encourage people within their clubs to volunteer for judging and register their interest for the J1 course. It was noted that the link to this was broken.

Action – JD to email Swim England regarding this.

## **23/23**

23/23.1

### **Any Other Business**

#### Coach Conference

BC asked whether there were any resources available from the recent Swim England Coaches Conference.

Action: JD to confirm if/how the Coaches Conference materials would be distributed.

23/23.2

#### Coach Plus Membership

JD made the Group aware of the benefits of the Swim England Coach Plus membership including refunds for IOS membership and vouchers to attend coaching connect sessions. It was highlighted that work was being done to try to arrange a diving specific coaching connect sessions.

## **23/24**

23/24.1

### **Confidential Items**

No items to discuss.

LT closed the meeting and thanked those attending. Next meeting is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.00pm via Zoom.