

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

**Minutes of the Diving Leadership Group held via video conference
7th December 2023**

Present	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Diving Manager
	Alice Clarke (AC)	Cambridge Representative
	Beth Lee (BL)	Luton Representative
	Kate Mansfield (KM)	Southend Representative
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Competitions Officer

Also, present Emma Winter, Regional Administrator (EW)

- 23/49** **Welcome and Apologies**
- 23/49.1 Apologies – Sharyn Bord (SB), Bill Clark (BC), and Allan Jaunzens (AJ)
- 23/49.2 LT thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all their hard work during 2023.
- 23/50** **Declarations of conflict of interest**
- 23/50.1 None.
- 23/51** **Previous minutes**
- 23/51.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 5th October 2023 were agreed subject to minor amendments.
- 23/52** **Matters arising**
- 23/52.1 23/40.2 The Group had previously discussed a tribute to Derek Beaumont and found that it was not suitable to amend the Club Championships Trophy. IM previously suggested getting a ribbon banner to present to the Diver of the season at the Club Championships in honour of Derek Beaumont. The Group will look at how nominations and voting for the Diver closer to the time. Action closed.
- 23/52.2 23/42.2 LT sent the information for the Allianz Sports Fund to AC. Action closed.
- 23/53** **Correspondence**
- 23/53.1 No correspondence since last meeting.
- 23/54** **Club Reports**
- 23/54.1 Cambridge
AC reported that they are waiting for Dive Gym to come and service some items but they are very busy. A new grant from Cambridge City Council to get some new equipment had been obtained, which they were using to get a new video replay system and new equipment for dryland. Learn to Dive is building with new kids getting into the sport.

- 23/54.2 Southend
KM reported that the Club is building along with volunteers. IR will be doing some training in the New Year with the volunteers on Dive Recording. The Club are keen to hold their own competitions and to build their expertise to be able to hold the competitions. The Club have required two laptops to use for Dive Recorder, and lots of volunteers keen to learn and train. The Club have had some Coaches go on to the Judge Level 2 course. The Club has two new Team Managers and a new Treasure.
- 23/54.3 Luton
The Group congratulated IR on his win on Volunteer of the Year for the East Region and gained the silver award for the National awards.
- The Club have been able to meet with Becky Walker, Josh Devine and a couple of other people from Swim England who have been helping the Club work out a path for 2024 as at present the Club does not have a Head Coach. The club does have a Level 2 Coach who has been doing two evenings a week so there have been some changes to training. The Club is unable at present to be able to accept new members due to capacity but are supporting existing divers.
- 23/54.4 Beaumont
Josh Devine had provided an update to LT in advance of the meeting. LT reported that Beaumont are moving forward with the name change to Hatfield Diving Academy. They are in contact with Jo Stalley, and it is to Josh Devine's understanding that the name change is with Herts County, for their approval.
- Discussions with GLL is stalled currently, but Sophie Waters (Beaumont Chair) and the club volunteers are doing a great job at ensuring the club continues. Josh Devine is providing support where possible with regular contact with Sophie Waters.
- Conversations regarding a potential joint committee for Luton and Hatfield have been initiated.
- 23/54.5 LT advised that there were still spaces available on the Assistant Coaching course in Luton.

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- Operations Update**
- 23/55.1 LT circulated the Budget and Plan prior to the meeting, which was drafted in conjunction with IR, SB and AC and has been submitted to the Board for approval.
- All of the competitions for 2024 have been booked along with venues.
- Skills on the 23rd March - Southend
 - Age Groups 20th & 21st April – Southend
 - Club Championships 5th & 6th October - Southend
- LT reported that with the development side of the budget there was a deficit to be able support the delivery of workshops and camps for the Athletes and Coaches as well as educational courses for volunteers. The deficit would be offset by the surplus made through events. Camps would be run in January, looking at hurdles and in May looking at competition preparation.
- A wet rigging workshop and a handstand and twist workshop would be organised in 2024 for coaches.

LT reported that they have also put into the Budget for Officials/Volunteers courses. Looking at running a recorders course with IR in January and also put on an announcer workshop.

- 23/55.2 LT asked IR if he would be free the weekend of the 20th/21st January 2024, IR confirmed that the Sunday 21st January would be preferable.

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Regional Diving Competitions

- 23/56.1 Regional Club Championships (7th & 8th October 2023)

IR reported that the Championships ran very well and that we have a good team of volunteers working together which makes the competitions run smoothly. We had a few parents from Southend Diving Club who are looking at doing the Diving Recording course in 2024 to help support Southend with their events.

Feedback from the Club Championships was positive, it all ran to time. The volunteers were good and everyone worked well as a team.

- 23/56.2 LT reported that it was good to see new volunteers coming through and we also had a few new officials attend the Championships and they all did really well and hopefully they will keep judging.

23/57

Regional Development

- 23/57.1 LT referred to the update provided under item 55.1.

It was noted that an Assistant Coach course being held in Luton in 2024 and there was possibility of a Coach course going ahead in 2024 too. LT asked that if there is a need for course to please let her or AC know so they can look at what is needed.

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Officials Update

- 23/58.1 LT reported that there were a number of new Judge 1s who attended and judged at the Club Championships in October and all did really well.

- 23/58.2 Sasha Brook attended the Judge Level 2 course in London and successfully passed, LT will update the officials list to include her Judge 2 qualification. We have a number of people working their way through the levels. IR is doing his senior level judge assessment in December.

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Any Other Business

- 23/59.1 LT circulated the 2024 meeting dates prior to the meeting.

- 23/59.2 KM and BL left the meeting at 7.38pm.

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Confidential Items

- 23/60.1 LT circulated the applicants for the EDLG Specialist roles prior to the meeting. The applications were reviewed and appointments agreed. LT had confirmation via email from SB, BC, IM and IR prior to the meeting.

Action – LT to contact applicants.

LT closed the meeting and thanked those attending. Date of next meeting – 8th February 2024 at 7pm.