

East Diving Leadership Group

(the “EDLG” or “Group”)

Minutes of the Diving Leadership Group held via video conference

13th June 2025 at 7pm

Present	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Diving Manager
	Ian Mackenzie (IM)	Director Representative
	Sharyn Bord (SB)	Operations Officer
	Beth Lee (BL)	Luton Representative
	Stephanie Lewis (SL)	Specialist
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Competitions Officer

25/29

Welcome and apologies

- 25/29.1 LT opened the meeting and thanked everyone for accommodating a change in the date for the meeting.
- 25/29.2 Apologies were received from Allen Jaunzens (AJ), Cambridge Representative, Lexie Bushnell (LB), Specialist, and Alice Clarke (AC), Development Officer.
- 25/29.3 LT reported that Justine Green is going to start coming to the meetings on behalf of Bocket (Hatfield) Diving Club. LT will contact her to explain that it does not necessarily need to be her - it is a representative of the club.
- 25/29.4 Sarah Gateshill (SG) sent her apologies after the meeting.

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Declarations of conflict of interest

- 25/30.1 None declared.

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Previous minutes

- 25/31.1 The minutes from the meeting held on 3rd April had been circulated.
- 25/31.2 LT advised that 25/20.2 should say Aachen instead of Arkham.
- 25/31.3 SB raised that it states that LT will send SB the finance information from the Region. This should have been recorded as an action.
- 25/31.4 Subject to the changes the minutes were agreed.

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Matters arising

- 25/32.2 25/23.2 LT to contact Keith Belton regarding the budget – not actioned owing to May development not going ahead.
- 25/32.3 25/21.1 LT to send SB the finance information from the Region - still to be actioned.

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Correspondence

- 25/33.1 LT reported that the only correspondence is in regard to the branding. This was covered in the matters arising.

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Club reports

25/34.1

Cambridge

The club is still going well. The Learn-to-Dive programme which normally drops off at this time of year is maintaining 200 members.

The Talent ID summer camps are filling up.

The club has new platforms on two sides of the diving pit so that the Learn-to-Dive divers have a ledge to dive from. They were made by Dive Gym, and the club secured a grant from the Council to have them installed.

25/34.2

Luton

The club held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) which went well. There is now a nearly full committee. A fundraising officer is being sought.

Nine divers from the club have qualified for the National Skills Finals.

DB Elite Performance Coaching came and held a session alongside the club's training session. Nine divers from Luton attended along with six/seven from other clubs. Everyone had a really good time and got a lot out of it.

25/34.3

Southend

Freedom Leisure is taking over from Fusion from 1st July 2025.

Two athletes from the club, Alice Murphy and Emma Mansfield, went on a Swim England trip to Italy and returned with medals.

Todd Geggus and Connor Lano are competing at the European Juniors.

The club has lost one of their senior coaches and one of the age-group coaches will be leaving. Two coaches are also going to university in September, so it is rather unsettled at the club at the moment.

IM suggested inviting Freedom Leisure to the National Skills Final and to contact Andy Jack (AJ) at Swim England for contact details.

Action: LT to contact AJ regarding contact details for Freedom Leisure.

25/34.4

Dacorum

SG sent in the report for Dacorum after the meeting.

The club is running smoothly. A couple of divers from the Learn-to-Dive programme have been invited to trial in the squad, and that is going well so far. Divers are working hard for various competitions, and the Learn-to-Dive programme is running well.

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Operations update

25/35.1

SB reported that the Age-Group competition ran very smoothly. There was an income of £2263 and an expenditure of £1296, leaving a surplus of £966.

- 25/35.2 SB suggested that it would be worth starting to think about competition dates for 2026 to get them in the diary early.

Action: To start thinking about 2026 dates.

25/36 Regional Diving Competitions

- 25/36.1 IR reported that the Age-Group competition in April ran really well. There was more income on the door, and having the wrist bands and the sum-up card machine worked really well.

- 25/36.2 Entries are coming in for the National Skills Final in July. The close date is 18th July so there is time to get the timetable sorted and published. The pool is booked from 7.30am to 7.30pm, but SL will double-check this.

Action: SL to double-check the pool booking times for the National Skills Final.

25/37 Regional development

- 25/37.1 LT reported that the Development camp is on hold because of the situation at the Southend pool.

LT will make contact with AC and LB and identify some dates for September to hold a bigger camp.

25/38 Officials update

- 25/38.1 LT reported that she ran a Judge Level 1 course for Swim England at the beginning of June. A few attendees were from the East Region.

- 25/38.2 SB asked if there are any more scheduled courses as none are showing on the East Region website. LT confirmed that scheduled courses are only shown on the Swim England website as they are not run by the Region.

LT is going to send an email out, along with the link to register interest in Level 2 diving coach courses, as she would like to run a course within the Region.

- 25/38.3 IR offered to update the regional Diving Development page regarding judges' courses.

LT confirmed that they are run quarterly by Swim England.

Action: IR to update the regional Diving Development page regarding judges' courses.

- 25/38.4 LT reported that there will be a Judge Level 1 course in September and one in December.

- 25/38.5 LT reported that once she has received confirmation of who has passed the judges course, she will update the list of judges and recirculate.

Action: LT to update the list of judges and recirculate.

25/39 Coaches' Forum update

25/39.1 LT reported that she will send an email out containing the link to register interest in courses. She asked everyone at the meeting to encourage people to sign up for the courses.

25/39.2 LT would like to hold a coaching course in September or October if there is enough interest.

25/40 Any other business

25/40.1 None.

25/41 Confidential Items

25/41.1 No confidential items.

25/42 Next meeting

25/42.1 The next meeting will be on 14th August 2025.