

East Diving Leadership Group
(the “EDLG” or “Group”)
Minutes of the Diving Leadership Group held via video conference
4th April 2024

Present	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Diving Manager
	Sharyn Bord (SB)	Operations Officer
	Alice Clarke (AC)	Development Officer
	Bill Clark (BC)	Specialist
	Stephanie Lewis (SL)	Specialist
	Sarah Gateshill (SG)	Dacorum Representative
	Beth Lee (BL)	Luton Representative
	Ian Mackenzie (IMK)	Regional Representative
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Competitions Officer

- 24/13** **Welcome and Apologies**
- 24/13.1 Apologies – Allan Jaunzens (AJ), Lexie Bushnell (LB) and Kate Mansfield (KM).
- 24/14** **Declarations of conflict of interest**
- 24/14.1 None.
- 24/15** **Previous minutes**
- 24/15.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 8th February 2024 were agreed, subject to minor amendments.
- 24/16** **Matters arising**
- 24/16.1 24/06.5 LT reported no further update had been received from Josh Devine regarding Beaumont. **Action: LT to contact Sophie Waters directly.**
- 24/17** **Correspondence**
- 24/17.1 No correspondence had been received.
- 24/18** **Club Reports**
- 24/18.1 Dacorum
SG reported that the 3m and 5m boards were currently out of action following an incident during a session run by the sports centre. The bubble machine would need to be moved to provide sufficient clearance in accordance with the required pool depth under these boards. There was no update available on the timescale for this. In the meantime, the club had rescheduled training sessions at Amersham twice per week and were exploring other potential training options.

24/18.2

Luton

BL reported that Justine Green had taken some divers to the East Region Skills event and although some divers had won medals no divers had qualified for the 2024 National Skills Finals. BL highlighted that Justine currently attended competitions on a Saturday as a volunteer and the club was very grateful for this.

Everyone on the club committee had stepped down except for BL and the website coordinator. The roles on the committee were now being filled with new volunteers.

In terms of coaching staff, David McCullagh was close to completing his Diving Coaching (Level 2) course and it was anticipated that Jack Tempest would be appointed as the Assistant Head Coach by Active Luton in due course. It was noted that BL would support Jack with the diving calendar and club related matters. BL mentioned Becky Walker (Swim England, Club Growth & Programme Manager) had been very supportive in recent months and had provided the club with helpful advice and guidance.

The Group was pleased to hear this positive news and that good progress was being made with Active Luton.

24/18.3

Cambridge

SB reported that the club was running smoothly. The club's Annual General Meeting was held during the previous week, and a full committee had been elected. Learn to Dive numbers were slightly down, however a recruitment drive was in place to help boost numbers. Competitions had been going well for the club's competitive members.

AC highlighted that many of the club's coaches would be going to university in September 2024; accordingly, the club was looking for new coaches to help run Learn to Dive and some squad sessions. AC was planning to contact coaches from other sports and also the IOS to organise an Assistant Coaching (Level 1) course during the year. The Group discussed the demand for an Assistant Coaching (Level 1) course and noted that September 2024 would be a good time to hold a course as many of the clubs had interest from potential candidate that would be turning 16 later in the year.

Action: AC to contact IOS and LT to re-circulate the link to clubs to register interest for coaching courses to determine the demand in the East Region.

24/18.4

Southend

SL confirmed that the club was still waiting for approval from Fusion to purchase the new foam for the foam pit. They were also waiting for a date from Dive Gym for the new fulcrums, therefore the club was not sure if Team Australia would use the pool as a training venue for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. SL was unsure if the 1m board had been fixed.

SL reported that they were waiting for two new Assistant Coaches (Level 1s) to be employed by Fusion. Overall, the club was getting back to pre-pandemic levels of divers and coaches. So far, 2024 had been the most successful year for the club at competitions.

The club's committee had a full membership and they had also created a fundraising committee with two new volunteers leading this.

Action: LT to contact the Head Coach for an update on the 1m board.

24/19		Operations Update
	24/19.1	SB reported that the new officials' shirts had been received and labelled for distribution to the officials at upcoming events. SB confirmed that the East Region Skills event had been a financial success and SB thanked the clubs for their organisation and assistance as all clubs had paid before the event which was the first time that this had happened.
	24/19.2	It was noted that the medals for the East Region Age Group event had been collected.
24/20		Regional Diving Competitions
	24/20.1	IR confirmed that the Regional Skills event on 23 rd March 2024 had gone well with only one technical problem with DiveRecorder which the recording team were able to fix on the day with little delay to the competition.
	24/20.2	It was reported that all preparations were in hand for Regional Age Group event in Southend on 20 th and 21 st April 2024. The Group discussed the timetable and it was agreed to provide separate restricted training sessions for the Female Group A & B platform event and the Female Group C & D platform event being held on 20 th April to reduce the number of divers on the boards. It was also agreed that it would be useful to have a board caller during the Female Group A & B platform event.
		Action: IR to update the timetable and LT to be board caller.
	24/20.3	LT reported that an email had already been circulated to possible officials asking them to confirm their participation and that she would circulate a further email to seek additional judges.
24/21		Regional Development
	24/21.1	AC reported that the athlete development day in Luton on 17 th February 2024 had gone very well and positive feedback had been received from coaches, parents and athletes.
	24/21.2	For the next development day, AC was liaising with Sam Buck regarding the delivery of an armstand / gymnastics focused session.
24/22		Officials Update
	24/22.1	BC noted that there was no further update to the Officials List since the previous meeting. LT noted that a J2 course had been held in Leeds in March 2024, however the East Region candidates were unable to attend the course due to prior commitments. A J1 course had also been held in March 2024 and BC was awaiting an update regarding whether any East Region candidates had attended the course.
24/23		Any Other Business
	24/23.1	<u>National Skills Finals 2025</u> LT informed the Group that it was to consider whether it would like to host the National Skills Finals again in 2025. Following due consideration, the Group agreed that it would be beneficial to host the event again 2025 from a continuity and financial perspective. IMK advised that the Board was supportive of this.
	24/23.2	<u>Derek Beaumont Tribute</u> SB suggested that it would be a suitable homage to Derek to rename the Club Championships event to the Beaumont Team Challenge. The Group agreed that this was a suitable tribute to Derek as he had been pivotal in the creation of the Club Championship event.

Action: BC to contact Derek's family regarding this suggestion to seek their approval.

24/23.3

Regional Updates

IMK informed the Group that the East Region's Annual General Meeting would be held on 24th April 2024 and at this meeting Ian Cotton would be stepping down as Chairman of the East Region due to work commitments. IMK urged the Group to consider any potential candidates for the role.

IMK also advised that Josh Devine had now left the East Region and interviews for the Regional Manager role would take place on 8th April 2024.

24/24

Confidential Items

24/24.1

None

LT closed the meeting and thanked those attending. Date of next meeting – 6th June 2024 at 7pm.