

East Diving Leadership Group

(the “EDLG” or “Group”)

Minutes of the Diving Leadership Group held via video conference

8th August 2024

Present	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Diving Manager
	Lexie Bushell (LB)	Specialist
	Sharyn Bord (SB)	Operations Officer
	Sarah Gateshill (SG)	Dacorum Representative
	Allan Jaunzens (AJ)	Cambridge Representative
	Stephanie Lewis (SL)	Specialist
	Beth Lee (BL)	Luton Representative
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Competitions Officer
	James Salmon (JS)	Regional Manager

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Welcome and Apologies

- 24/38.1 Apologies – Alice Clarke (AC), Bill Clark (BC), Kate Mansfield (KM), Ian Mackenzie (IMK)
- 24/38.2 LT welcomed and introduced the new Regional Manager, James Salmon.

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Declarations of conflict of interest

- 24/39.1 None.

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Previous minutes

- 24/40.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 4th April were approved with a minor amendment to item 24/30.1.

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Matters arising

- 24/41.1 24/30.2 LT confirmed that regional funding for fulcrum upgrades at Southend was now agreed and completed.
- 24/41.2 24/30.4 LT reported that no suitable alternative company for bubbles repair had been identified she would update Dacorum if there was any further news.
- 24/41.3 24/31.1 SB reported a healthy medals supply for regional events was now available.
- 24/41.4 24/36.2 Scoring system information had been circulated as agreed.

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Correspondence

- 24/42.1 LT reported that the East Region was looking for a new chairperson of the Board and asked EDLG members to circulate details within their clubs. No other correspondence of note had been received.

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Club Reports

- 24/43.1 Luton
BL reported lots of new starters at the club. Admin system had been streamlined introducing google docs for membership forms etc. A new bubbles machine had been installed late July and summer squad training was going well. Assistant Head Coach Jack Tempest had also started to stamp his own influence on the club making changes to the programme. BL reported the continued need for more coaching courses including a wish to secure 2 under 16s onto an Assistance Coaching course if possible.
- 24/43.2 Cambridge
AJ reported increased level of enquires for new starters at the club associated with Team GB success at Olympics. Summer camps were ongoing also with good attendance levels. Tadhg Owers had now decided to begin university in 2024 and the club would be looking for creative ways to secure a third coach enabling further growth. Swim Mark reaccreditation preparations were set to begin at the end Q3 2024.
- 24/43.3 Dacorum
SL reported that the club was back to their own pool for training but that some limited training continued at Amersham (1 to 2 days per week) as the bubbles at Hemel Hempstead were still out of action. Diver numbers were healthy and the club was hoping to send one under 16 participant to the upcoming Assistant Coaching course at Cambridge.
Action: Sarah to request official underage exception with support for completion of paperwork from AC if required.
- 24/43.4 Southend
SL reported that the club had had its most successful season for many years. Having the Australian and Malaysian Olympic teams on site for training with viewing access to the public too had also been inspirational for divers. The planned fulcrum replacements were now completed.

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Operations Update

- 24/44.1 LT had circulated budget papers in advance of the meeting. SB reported her confidence that finances were healthy as regional events had produced good surpluses but that overall figures reported currently did not yet reflect all costs incurred so far as pool hire invoices were still missing.
- LT also reported that some expenditure planned for regional development had not been incurred as activities had been pushed out until later in the calendar year. The next development activity hosted in Southend would concentrate on preparing divers for Talent Games and the new conditions for this year's event.

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Regional Diving Competitions

- 24/45.1 LT had received great feedback after the National Skills event. IR confirmed how challenging the event had been including managing late entries but was pleased by smoothly things had run and what a great job all volunteers had done to keep events on time. LT expressed her thanks to SL, SB, IR and the whole team that had done so much to make National Skills a success.
- 24/45.2 LT confirmed that the official renaming process for the "Beaumont Team Challenge" was now complete. The coaches forum had been consulted on entry conditions and entry packs drafted. IR confirmed that guest entries were being accepted. SB confirmed plenty of medals were available.

- 24/46**
- 24/46.1 **Regional Development**
In AC absence LT reported that planning for two upcoming events was ongoing, both for September / October time frame.
- 24/47**
- 24/47.1 **Officials Update**
LT reminded EDLG representatives of J1 courses running in October and November, and currently expected a J2 course would run later in the year for which she would circulate details when available.
- 24/48**
- 24/48.1 **Coaches Forum**
Shan Veasey was coordinating regular communications via a WhatsApp Group and periodic online meetings were planned.
- 24/49**
- 24/49.1 **Any Other Business**
EDLG membership
LT will review with IM for future planning. **Action LT**
- 24/49.2 Team Challenge
A new points system has now been proposed with points scored only by top two divers for each club.
- 24/50**
- 24/50.1 **Confidential Items**
None
- LT closed the meeting and thanked those attending. Date of next meeting – 10th October 2024 at 7pm.