



**Swim England East Region**

**Minutes of the Disability Leadership Group Meeting**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 @ 8pm**

<b>Present</b>	Peter Winter (PW)	Manager
	Helen Stephens (HS)	Regional Operations Committee (ROC) Representative
	Ann Byrne (AB)	Suffolk Representative
	Carl Cooper (CC)	Para-Swimming Talent Coach
	Louise Hughes (LH)	Hertfordshire Representative
	Tony Moore (TM)	Norfolk Representative Substitute
	Christopher Pagan (CP)	Essex Representative

Also, present Emma Winter, Regional Administrator (EW)

<b>24/01</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
24/01.1	No apologies received from Paula Durrant (PD) Cambridgeshire.
24/01.2	No representative for Bedfordshire.
<b>24/02</b>	<b>Declarations of conflict of interest</b>
24/02.1	None
<b>24/03</b>	<b>Previous minutes</b>
24/03.1	Minutes from the meeting held on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023 were circulated prior to the meeting were agreed.
<b>24/04</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>
24/04.1	No matters arising.
<b>24/05</b>	<b>Athlete Recognition</b>
24/05.1	Suffolk - AB – Winter Nationals were successful for William Ellard with 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 400m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medal which are all British records. Also Jordan Catchpole come

first in the 100m Backstroke, and Corey Hare also competed at the Winter Nationals.

24/05.2 LH – Informed the Group that William Ellard and Jude Gunner from St Felix School also got a Regional record for the S14 100m Butterfly.

24/05.3 Norfolk – CC informed the Group that Jessica-Jane Applegate did well at the Winter Nationals and set a couple of British records. The Winter Nationals wasn't licensed for World Para-Swimming which is a shame for William Ellard and Jessica-Jane Applegate as they would have had a World Record each if it had been licensed.

24/05.4 AB informed the Group that Timon Chapman from Norwich Swan got two Regional records at the Short course Regionals in November in the S14 100m Breaststroke and the 100m Individual Medley. He also broke the British Short course record for the 100m Individual Medley and the English Record for the 100m Breaststroke at the Winter Regionals at Luton.

24/05.5 Essex – CP informed the Group that there were a couple of swimmers who went to the Winter Regionals - Connie Ratley from Colchester and Roan Brennan S10 from Basildon and Phoenix did well in the 100m Butterfly. At the Downsyndrome British Championships three swimmers attended - Mark Holmes S14 from Colchester Phoenix - Hannah Bocking S14 from Colchester Phoenix and Stephane Rouyer-Brown S14 from Runnymede, all going to the Downsyndrome World Championships in Turkey in March.

24/05.6 Hertfordshire – Nothing to report.

24/05.7 CC – Louise Fiddes had a really good Winter Nationals. CC also suggested that if the Region could get a mixed S14 relay team together they would be good relay team.

**24/06 County Reports**

24/06.1 Suffolk – Holding their SwimAbility meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> April at Lowestoft. AB confirmed that she has already received entries from a swimmer at Potters Bar and Berkhamsted.

24/06.2 Essex – Nothing to report regarding any meets.

24/06.3 Hertfordshire – Apart from Counties nothing to report.

24/06.4 Bedfordshire – No representative.

24/06.5      Cambridgeshire – No report given.

24/06.6      Norfolk – Will be running their SwimAbility gala at the Riverside pool on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - just awaiting pool confirmation.

**24/07            Regional Training Sessions 2024**

24/07.1      PW informed the Group that we are waiting for Louise King to come back with potential dates for the next Regional training session. We are looking at holding the first session in March and then again in June just before the National Junior Para-Swimming Championships in Coventry.

24/07.2      CC shared the potential date for the National Junior Para-Swimming Championships to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**24/08            SEER Para-swimming meet 2024**

24/08.1      The Regional Para-Swimming meet will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Newmarket Leisure Centre.

24/08.2      There will hopefully be classification on the Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

24/08.3      CC asked PW if he had received his conditions back - PW confirmed that Martin Lees has not come back to him regarding condition 6 regarding which events swimmers who are being classified need to swim. CC confirmed that they need to enter at least one of the following events - 100m Backstroke, 100m Butterfly, 100m Freestyle and 100m Breaststroke.

24/08.4      PW confirmed that he will amend the conditions and will circulate them to the Group.

**24/09            2024 Budget and Plan**

24/09.1      PW confirmed that the budget and plan for 2024 has been approved.

**24/10            Any other business**

24/10.1      CC informed the Group that on 23<sup>rd</sup> March there will be a National camp held at Oundle Pool. During the morning it will be land training and during the afternoon it will be pool work. Any Coaches who would like to attend to contact CC - all Coaches do need to have a valid DBS and Safeguarding.

**24/11            Confidential items**

24/11.1      None

**24/12            Next meeting**

24/12.1      Dates of meetings for the next 12 months will be:  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 8pm



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 8pm  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm

All meetings will be held via Zoom.