



**Swim England East Region**  
**Minutes of the Masters Leadership Group Meeting**  
**16<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Mrs Louise Mackie (LM)</b>	<b>Manager</b>
	<b>Mrs Gerry Metcalf (GM)</b>	<b>Regional Operations</b>
	<b>Mr Doug Drake (DD)</b>	<b>Committee (ROC)</b>
	<b>Mr Andrew MacDonald (AM)</b>	<b>Representative</b>
	<b>Mrs Liz Woolner (LW)</b>	<b>Essex</b>
	<b>Mrs Helen Davis (HD)</b>	<b>Hertfordshire</b>
	<b>Suffolk post is vacant</b>	<b>Bedfordshire</b>
	<b>Norfolk post is vacant</b>	<b>Cambridgeshire</b>
		<b>Substitute</b>

Also present **Emma Winter, Regional Administrator (EW)**

<b>24/01</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
24/01.1	Apologies received from Martyn Fresher (MF) – Cambridgeshire. Helen Davis (HD) attended on behalf of Cambridgeshire.
<b>24/02</b>	<b>Declarations of conflict of interest</b>
24/02.1	None declared
<b>24/03</b>	<b>Previous minutes</b>
24/03.1	The minutes of 11.07.2023 were circulated before the meeting. No amendments were made and the minutes were agreed.
<b>24/04</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>
24/04.1	LW asked if it was known whether the request to the Board to have Masters Records split into long course and short course had been approved. EW said it had and that Louise Hughes had already started to work on this.
24/04.2	LM questioned whether the cost of medals and trophies for the Masters Decathlon, which was over £250 was a good use of the money and whether fewer medals could be purchased next year. Should medals only be purchased for the 1 <sup>st</sup> place individuals and teams?
<b>24/05</b>	<b>Development plan and Competition plan</b>

- 24/05.1 Bury St Edmunds pool to be booked for the Masters Intercounty event. Same time of day on the date of competition when published. Have a proforma for teams so that all relevant information can be collated more efficiently.
- 24/05.2 The East Region Masters Championships to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024. EW will try to book Newmarket pool for that date.
- 24/05.3 It was decided not to hold a development day in 2024. Attendance was poor last year and needs a rethink for activities and which swimmers will be catered for.
- 24/06 Budget and Plan 2024**
- 24/06.1 LM advised that she had requested a revised budget which reflected the income from the Regional Masters Championships and subsequent outgoings. She had not heard if this had been approved.
- 24/07 County Matters - updates from representatives**
- 24/07.1 **Bedfordshire** – Nothing to report.
- 24/07.2 **Essex** – DD Essex Masters Championships will be held on 02/02/2024 at Basildon. All events will be mixed
- 24/07.3 **Hertfordshire** – Nothing to report.
- 24/07.4 **Cambridgeshire** – No representative.
- 24/07.5 **Norfolk** – No Representative.
- 24/07.6 **Suffolk** – Suffolk Masters will be on the 18/02/2024 at Bury St Edmunds.
- 24/08 Any other business**
- 24/08.1 DD also informed the Group that he will shortly be the next County President for Essex.
- 24/09 Confidential items**
- 24/09.1 There were none.
- 24/10 Next meeting**
- 24/10.1 The next meeting will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 @ 19:00 via Zoom.