



Swim England East Region
Minutes of the Water Polo Leadership Group Meeting
24th October 2024

Present	Dean Walker (DW)	Manager
	Ian Mackenzie (IM)	Director Representative
	Toni Fenton (TF)	Hitchin SC
	Paul Metcalfe (PM)	Dunstable WPC

Also present: Jo Stalley (JS) Regional Operations Officer and James Salmon (JSa) Regional Manager

24/10	Apologies
24/10.1	DW opened the meeting. The meeting was declared inquorate. There were no apologies for absence.
24/11	Declarations of conflict of interest
24/11.1	None declared.
24/12	Previous minutes
24/12.1	Previous minutes were not discussed.
24/13	Matters arising
24/13.1	Dates will hopefully be sent out within two weeks once they have been confirmed. DW confirmed the training sessions will be Saturday or Sunday mornings.
24/13.2	DW asked PM about junior players following the merger of Milton Keynes with Dunstable. PM responded that the club is purely a seniors club at present. There is a desire to start with juniors again, but the problem has been in finding the pool time in Milton Keynes or Dunstable and being able to afford that pool time. Safeguarding courses have been completed.
24/13.3	DW confirmed that the session in November will be a selection day for the upcoming inter-regional event, but there are insufficient numbers for the under 14 age-group to have an under 14s-only trial. The pool has enough capacity to run the trial and for the coaches to take the older age-group.



24/13.4 DW confirmed that signing off the practical element of a level 1 course will not be possible at the November session as he will not be there. He is trying to find suitable dates and times for people who need the sign-off.

24/13.5 TF said that she is aware of two people who would like to attend a level 2 course, but the booking system says there are no places available. DW responded that the club needs to contact the Institute of Swimming (IoS) to request that places be opened up.

24/14 2025 Plan and Budget

24/14.1 As the meeting was not quorate, the budget could not be fully discussed.

24/14.2 DW mentioned there would be no real changes from last year, with the exception of the possible addition of equipment costs.

24/14.3 IM talked about having branding at regional training sessions/competitions.

IM confirmed that the Toblerone-shaped displays are £40 and the pull-ups are £200. DW mentioned a pop-up banner that comes out of a bag.

If there was generic artwork for the Region then there was an issue with having to go to the storeroom each time to collect the items. There was also the issue of disciplines having an event at the same time. Specific discipline branding would be better.

24/14.4 DW will make reservations for the Grand Prix. Firm bookings will be made when enough clubs have confirmed their participation.

24/14.5 Hats are ok. DW has put the order in for one replacement which is needed.

The regional timing equipment is being fixed.

There is no regional training kit as such. Equipment available at the pool is used. The balls used come from the clubs at the pools being used for the training.

The coaches bring bags and hats.

At competitions the head coaches bring the regional hats, and for the matches inter-regional balls are used.¹

Storage is being looked at for the future, but the status quo will continue for now.

IM suggested including equipment in the budget.

24/15 Any other business



24/15.1 DW confirmed to TF that the tournament dates were on the calendar.

24/16 **Confidential items**

24/16.1 No confidential items.

24/17 **Next meeting**

24/17.1 The date for the next meeting will be advised by email.
