

SUFFOLK COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION (AFFILIATED TO SWIM ENGLAND EAST REGION)

Minutes of the Executive Meeting of the Suffolk County Amateur Swimming Association held at The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath on Saturday 16th March 2019

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE NEXT MEETING ON 29th JUNE 2019

ATTENDEES:

lan Cotton	IC	Chairman	David Robinson	DR	Regional Delegate
Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary	Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer
Clive Evans	CE	Sudbury	Debbie Roberts	DeR	West Suffolk
Dave Whelan	DW	Hon Life Vice President	Nick Hutton	NHu	Stowmarket
John North	JN	Records Officer	Emma Howard	EH	Masters
Chris Bellwood	СВ	President	Barry Wolstenholme	BWo	Leiston
Debs Greenhalgh	DG	Asst Team Manager	Stella Day	SD	TeamIpswich
Chris Cawood	CCa	Water Polo	Bobbie Wilson	BWi	Welfare Officer
Maggie Wright	MW	LOBSC	Caroline Cofield	ССо	Trophy Sec./ Felixstowe
Sarah Tait	ST	Open Water	Nikki Hall	NHa	Deben
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President	Rob Garry	RG	Mildenhall
Jill Walker	JW	Past President	Tim Millett	ТМ	Developments
Amanda Tucker	AT	Leiston	Kate Willis	KW	Hadleigh

1. APOLOGIES

Ann Byrne	AB	Disability / Beccles	Jeremy Duszynski	JD	Past President
Chris Deaton	CD	Newmarket	Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec
Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager	Peter Elmer	PE	Website
Sue Purchase	SP	St Felix	Stephen Christian	SC	Officials Coordinator

Item	Action
2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
The minutes of the last Executive meeting held on 12 th January 2019 were agreed with one amendment – the name abbreviations of Nikki Hall and Nick Hutton need to be changed so that they can be distinguished.	
3. MATTERS ARISING:	
None	
4. CORRESPONDENCE:	
CV reported that he had received an invitation from Bedfordshire to attend the Junior Intercounty Gala at Luton on 22 nd September 2019. After consultation with the NT and DG the invitation was accepted.	



An email of thanks had been received from Andy and Jill Walker which CV had replied to and CV again thanked them for their service.

CV had received copy of the email issued to Clubs regarding the review of Club constitutions. If Clubs have any enquiries they should email <u>east@swimming.org</u>

CV has completed and returned the annual return to Swim England.

5. FINANCIAL UPDATE:

As circulated.

IC reported that the County had been advised by Ipswich Borough Council (IBC) that the Aries element of the AOE system at Crown Pools is no longer supported and if it fails nothing can be done. It requires replacement with a new Quantum system with required mobile harness and supplementary flash start. The flash start being a Swim England future requirement for Open Meets. Quotes have been received and a meeting held with IBC with representation from TeamIpswich. The cost excluding VAT is £9,197.00 and the principle of a 3 way split has been agreed, IBC being under extreme pressure to reduce costs. IBC will order the equipment and be responsible for its storage, insurance and maintenance. It was agreed that the County should contribute a third of the cost. IC to confirm with IBC so the item can be ordered with an expected delivery in April/May

6. OFFICER REPORTS

a. County Championships

SE was unable to attend but IC thanked her and her team's effort in running another successful championships. SE experienced some problems with Sports Sys but it's appreciated that this software is far easier for Club entries.

As circulated it is proposed that the dates of the 2020 Championships will be:

18/19 January 2020 – Long Distance at UEA. Subject to agreement with Norfolk

25/26 January 2020

1/2 February 2020

9 February 2020

Closing Date 23 December 2019

IC reported that the need for the change was as a result of the movement of the changes to the Regional qualifying period.

It was agreed to retain the2019 Schedule.

It was agreed that the entry fee for each event should be increased to £5 per event. It was also agreed that a £5 fine should be imposed for swimmers failing to withdraw from an event, Clubs to be fined and proceeds to go to nominated charity.

The draft qualifying times have been made available before the meeting. The Girls 14U 200 IM time looks incorrect. To be checked and final version to be circulated before the 1st April 2019.

Meet conditions to require earlier submission of relay swimmers names.

Other improvements to be considered for future Championships, such as:

SE

IC



• Nev	v backstroke flags
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- **New Starting Blocks** ٠
- ٠ Replacement Scoreboard
- Using outside specialist for announcing
- New presentation banner/backdrop for use at the start end of the pool •

Costs to be established and reported for consideration at a future meeting. NHu suggested IC that funding assistance might be available from companies such as Persimmon.

Officials to be encouraged to claim expenses.	
b. Development Meet	
IC informed the meeting that the pool had been double booked and unfortunately is not available for 15/16 June. After numerous emails and conversations it has been agreed that the Development Meet will now be held on 29/30 June 2019 . The Summer League Grand Final will need to move to Saturday 22 June 2019 . IC apologised to the meeting but there was no other option.	
Qualifying times to be made available as soon as possible. CV to publish.	CV
TM reported that a license has been requested but the Licensing officer has rejected our conditions relating to the 9 year age group. TM has emailed the Licensing Officer asking why the conditions were acceptable last year, but not this, no reply received. The application will now need to be resubmitted with the new dates.	TM
It was agreed that CCo should purchase a new trophy for top Club and two new shields for Top Boy and Top Girl.	ССо
It was agreed that CV would be the single contact for all future pool bookings.	
c. Records	
As circulated. SE to produce age on day report for junior records at County Championships but JN was aware that this was not straight forward with the results in Sports Sys.	
d. Team Managers	
NT had informed CV that there was nothing to report apart from the acceptance of the Junior Intercounty Gala in Luton on 22 September 2019 and that the next competition will be the East Region Intercounty on 7 July 2019.	
e. Trophies	
CCo reported that all trophies had been presented but she was still waiting for the delivery of the medals. These will be issued to Clubs as soon as they become available.	
f. Leagues	
As circulated. The Summer League should contain 14 teams and CCo informed the meeting the Felixstowe Pool had been booked for the first two rounds.	
IC referred to the document that was made available in advance of the meeting looking at possible options going forward. These included:	
Staying as isDo away with altogether	



 Make changes to encourage more Clubs to enter such as licensing all rounds and changing age groups. 	
It was agreed that the 2019 competition should continue and IC and TM will agree and then circulate a suggestion for the way forward.	IC/ TM
g. Disability	
As circulated. CV informed the meeting that relays would be included for the first time this year and asked that County Medals could be made available for competitors. This was agreed, AB to request from CCo	AB
h. Masters	
As circulated. Date and venue for Masters Intercounty gala not agreed as yet. DR asked when the results of the County Masters at Sudbury will be available. DG advised that there had been a few problems finalising the results but they should be available soon.	
i. Open Water	
As circulated. ST also mentioned that a 3 year plan was in place which included training opportunities for officials. There are only circa 100 active open water officials in the country.	
DR asked if training with Norfolk was going to be available again this year, CV to contact Norfolk	CV
j. Water Polo	
As circulated. CCa informed the meeting that a Teamipswich player had been selected as a U19 International. It was noted that the proposed Suffolk Water Polo tournament on the 22 June now clashes with the Summer League Grand Final but unfortunately there was no other option. It was also suggested that Deben may be holding a long distance meet on that day.	
k. Regional	
As circulated.	
I. Officials	
As circulated. CV reported for SC that a new process for Judge Level 1 training will be implemented in January 2020. There will be transition period but candidates should be aware that for those already in training the old scheme will cease on 31 July 2020. It was agreed that this information should be made available on the website.	SC
Letter to be circulated with the minutes.	
m. Website	
As circulated.	
n. County Funding Update/Club Development/Funding Update/Education	
County Funding Update as circulated. IC reminded Clubs that the deadline for the ring fenced £1000 per Club is 31 March and date approaches.	



IC informed the meeting that a training day will take place on 8 September 2019 and the	
	All
7. COUNTY CAMPS	
As circulated. IC informed the meeting that David Harrison had taken on the lead role ably supported by DG and NT. Three venues have been booked;	
 Sunday 28th April 2019 – Ipswich High School, Woolverstone Saturday 1st June 2019 – Culford School, Bury St Edmunds Sunday 8th September 2019 – St Felix School, Southwold 	
IC reminded the meeting that the camps are for the top 11 year old at the County Championships.	
8. COACHES FORUM	
IC informed the meeting that there was not much to report at the moment.	
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
DeR informed the meeting that their pool operator had given notice of large increase in pool fees staggered over 2 years with the 2021 charges being 200% higher than the current rate. Other Clubs suggested that they were under pressure from pool operators to sacrifice their Swim Schools. If Clubs wish they can submit their pool hire costs to CV so that a comparison can be made. It would also be useful to have details of the Club fee structure. A form will be produced and circulated to Clubs so that the information can be provided in a consistent manner for easy comparison. Providing the information is entirely voluntary.	
It was reported that one Suffolk Club was on the Swim England suspended list, TriSudbury.	
Dates of Next Meetings: Sat 29th June (10.45 at Ipswich Institute)	
Sat 7th September (including League AGM)	
Sat 30th November (AGM)	