

**Minutes of the League AGM of Swim England Suffolk held via zoom
on Saturday 18th September 2021 at 10am**

ATTENDEES:

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Nicky Harvey	NH	Deben
Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary	Jacqueline Chamberlain	JC	West Suffolk
Dave Robinson	DR	MB	Sylvia Harrison	SH	Stowmarket
Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec	Debs Greenhalgh	DG	Sudbury
Lu Ford	LF	Hadleigh	Stephen Bunclark	SB	Deben
Will Talbot	WT	Newmarket			

1. Apologies

Debbie Roberts	West Suffolk
Chris Deaton	Newmarket

2. Discussion on Future Competition

IC welcomed all attendees and explained that due to the lack of competition as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic the format of the AGM would be different to previous years. A discussion document had been circulated to all, outlining the possible options for the future of a league structure. IC opening the floor to Clubs to give their opinions on what they would like from the League in 2022. There was a healthy debate, and it was agreed that the following would be preferred by most:

- A generally fun competition.
- One competition in the spring/summer months of 3 rounds.
- Grand Final to be held at Crown Pools.
- Licenced rounds if possible but it was appreciated that this would be very difficult in early rounds.
- Encourage Clubs, where possible, to have only up to County level swimmers competing. This may be difficult for some smaller Clubs; joint teams will be encouraged.
- Age and under age groups to be used rather than fixed age groups.
- More relays and mixed relays to be included in the programme and events will be limited to 50m and 100m

WT stated that Newmarket would be happy to host a round. DG was unsure whether Sudbury would be in a position to field a team in 2022.

It was agreed that the following actions would be taken.

- East Region to be asked for dates of their competitions in 2022 to avoid clashes.
- Dates to be agreed in late spring, early summer, once the Region's dates are known.
- The preferences listed above to be considered by the Competition Working Group (CWG) at their next meeting on 28th September.
- The CWG to produce a schedule of events and league rules for submission and approval at the County AGM in November.

3. AOB

SH understood that her question did relate to the League but wanted to know how consideration times would be accepted on the entry file. SE confirmed that both times would be accepted.

SH asked about the height of the new blocks at Crown Pools. IC confirmed that they were approximately 150mm higher than the old blocks and within the legal limits.

JC had noted that the County were considering issuing awards in 2021 based on Level X times. IC confirmed that this would not be happening as not all swimmers were able to compete in Level X events.