

**Minutes of the League AGM of Swim England Suffolk held via zoom  
on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10am**

**ATTENDEES:**

Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary	Nicki Hall	NH	Deben
Peter Elmer	PE	President	Caroline Cofield	CCo	Felixstowe
Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec	Sylvia Harrison	SH	Stowmarket
Tristan Gale	TG	League Secretary	Debs Greenhalgh	DG	West Suffolk
Chris Bellwood	CB	MB			

**1. Apologies**

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Tanya Mason	TM	Stowmarket
Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer	Sue Purchase	SP	St Felix

As Ian Cotton was unable to attend, Chris Vinter agreed to chair the meeting.

The minutes of the 2023 had been previously agreed at the first Exec meeting after the AGM but they were accepted as ratified by those who had attended,

**2. League Report 2024**

CV thanked Tristan for coming forward and taking on the role. His report had been previously submitted as follows.

A total of 8 teams entered the Suffolk League this year representing 8 clubs from around the County. Many thanks to the clubs who hosted rounds 1 and 2, special thanks to Waveney who hosted for the first time with a last-minute cancellation for round 1 to save the day. It was great to welcome West Suffolk club to join us this year in addition to all the returning clubs.

The Grand Final was held at Crown Pools this year on 29<sup>th</sup> June and it made a riveting event taking the competition to the wire as to who would be triumphant. The winners of the League, Grand Final and Boys winners – Stowmarket; Girls winners – Deben.

The spectator entry costs across all rounds of £3 at each venue worked well to offset the pool hire fees for the hosting clubs and the remaining bill paid for by the County. It is still an

option for any club to host the league at a pool which is not their own, should the requirement be feasible.

On feedback from several clubs during the course of the rounds, and post final, there is a plan to update the rules.

Proposed dates for 2025 are 29<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June (Grand Final).

### **3. Discuss and Agree League Rules for 2025**

The proposed rules that had previously been submitted were discussed and it was agreed that they would be redrafted and issued to all for agreement.

The main area for amendment was the process for registration of swimmers. It was agreed to adopt the process similar to that used in Arena League.

The minimum age of swimmers competing was discussed. CV stated that the minimum age of competition is clearly defined in the Swim England rules and regulations and should not need to be specified in the League competition rules.

### **4. Agree Dates for 2024**

Proposed dates for 2025 are 29<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June (Grand Final) but these dates would need to be checked against possible conflict with other competitions including Regional dates.

### **5. AOB**

SB raised the issue of host clubs being reimbursed for costs not covered by spectator entry fees. It was agreed that no host club should have to cover the cost of all or part of the pool hire.

CV advised that there had been an issue with the trophy whilst in storage at Newmarket and CB confirmed that the club will arrange repair and will have it available for presentation at the Development Champs.

It was agreed that clubs from outside the county should be invited to compete in the league.