

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Swim England Suffolk held via zoom on
Sat 27th November 2021 via zoom, commencing at 10am**

ATTENDEES:

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary
Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer	Chris Cawood	CCa	Water Polo
David Robinson	DR	Regional Rep	Paul Bowman	PB	Newmarket
Chris Bellwood	CB	Man B Rep	Stephen Christian	SC	Officials Coord/Pres Elect
John North	JN	Records Officer	Tom Pawle	TP	Leiston
Nikki Hall	NH	Deben	Jeremy Duszynski	JD	Past President
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President	Bobbie Wilson	BW	Welfare Officer
Anne Byrne	AB	Disability	Debs Greenhalgh	DG	Ass. Team Manager
Peter Elmer	PE	Website Manager	Rob Garry	RG	Mildenhall
Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec	Gemma Cannon	GC	Masters Secretary
Nick Hutton	NH	Stowmarket	Louise Perkins	LP	Covid-19 Rep

1. APOLOGIES

Stella Day	SD	Team Ipswich	Tim Millett	TM	Dev. Meet & Winter L Sec
Sue Purchase	SP	President	Debbie Roberts	DRo	West Suffolk
Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager	Dave Whelan	DW	Hon Life President
Dan Pilbrow	DP	Coach Liaison			

CV read out an email from Dave Whelan who was unable to attend the meeting.

I had intended to join you but I am trying to get everything organised towards leaving for Australia. I have a flight booked for Monday 6th December, just hoping nothing goes wrong between now and then.

Please can you convey my thanks and best wishes to everyone I have worked with over my time in swimming. Ann and I had lots of good times and enjoyable company over many years, but is now time to move on and join my family in Australia.

All present wished him well, he will be missed by all.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. CONSIDER PROPOSED COUNTY RULE CHANGE

Existing Rule

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5. TREASURERS REPORT

As circulated. NT queried the £8,700 receipt entry under County Championships. LB advised that this included some late club payments from the previous accounting year.

6. SECRETARIES REPORT

As circulated.

7. CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

As circulated. SE conformed that she was in discussion with Licensing to agree changing the submitted schedule B to Schedule A. Club coaches had been asked for their thoughts on the two options and the consensus of opinion was that the programme should remain similar to pre-covid years. The latest agreed protocol with Crown Pools allows a total of 300 including officials and other volunteers. It is therefore unlikely that spectators will be allowed.

8. DEVELOPMENT MEET REPORT

IC reported that TM was unavailable due to the recent birth of his second child. The October Development meet had gone well with a circa 30% reduction in competitors. The live streaming had been very well received. A decision needs to be made for 2022, whether to return to the date in June or keep to October going forward.

8. RECORDS REPORT

As circulated. JN confirmed that it had been a very quiet year due to the lack of competition.

10. TEAM MANAGERS REPORT

IC advised that there was no report as there had been no competition.

11. TROPHIES REPORT

IC advised that there was little to report but he was in discussion with CCo to arrange collection and delivery of trophies in time for the Championships in February 2022.

12. LEAGUE REPORTS

IC advised that no competition had occurred in the past year. Following consultation the a new format of a single competition is proposed and this will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting following the AGM.

13. DISABILITY REPORT

IC thanked AB for her continuing help whilst we look for a volunteer to take on the role. AB reported on the fantastic news of Jordon Catchpole's gold medal at the recent Paralympic Games. She also reported the sad news on the death of Cheryl Betts.

14. MASTERS REPORT

As circulated. GC added that there were problems locating a venue for the Regional Masters. DR advised that the swimmers from Diss should not be included in the report as they were Norfolk swimmers.

15. OPEN WATER REPORT

Nothing to report.

16. WATER POLO REPORT

CCa reported that after a very quiet period competition was starting again. Regional trials will be taking place in January. Suffolk Torpedoes have acquired a further 2 hours of pool time at Deben. CCa also reported that an Ipswich player had competed for GB at U17 level.

17. REGIONAL REPORT

DR reported that regional County representation ended in April 2021 therefore item to be removed in future years

18. OFFICIALS REPORT

SC reported that there had been little activity in the year. Level 2 and 2S online courses are now available for each region online, candidates are welcome to join any region's course.

19. WEBSITE REPORT

As circulated. PE asked for anyone who had any thoughts or comments to let him know. GC said that the new site looked very good.

20. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Where to start? What a couple of years everyone has faced, but you should be so proud of how most have coped and come through one of the most challenging times in years. My role within the County, although spread over two years, it has been very limited and in fact only involved one County Championships and unfortunately no other event.

I am very honored to have been asked and am happy to pass on the chain to Podge. Hopefully he will be able to experience the full role, as things start to get back to some form of normal, and enjoy the fantastic sport we all enjoy.

I would like to thank everyone from the Management and Executive Committees, Club Reps, Coaches, Parents and especially the Swimmers for their resilience and endeavor to get Clubs back in the pool. I am sure there will be a few more "hiccups" along the way but WELL DONE everyone. I wish everyone all the very best for the 2022 season and I am sure to see you all poolside at some point.

Sue Purchase

21. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Stephen (Podge) Christian
PRESIDENT ELECT	John North
SECRETARY	Chris Vinter
TREASURER	Lesley Beevor
CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY	Sarah Elmer
LEAGUE SECRETARY	Sarah Elmer and Tim Millett
MANAGEMENT BOARD MEMBERS	Chris Bellwood Dave Robinson

DEV MEET SECRETARY	Tim Millet
RECORDS OFFICER	John North
TEAM MANAGER	Nick Thompson
ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGER	Vacant
TROPHY SECRETARY	Caroline Cofield
WELFARE OFFICER	Bobbie Wilson
VOLUNTEERING COORDINATOR	Ian Cotton
DISABILITY LIAISON OFFICER	Temporarily Anne Byrne until replacement found
MASTERS SECRETARY	Gemma Cannon
OPEN WATER SECRETARY	Sarah Tait
WATER POLO SECRETARY	Chris Cawood
OFFICIALS COORDINATOR	Stephen Christian
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Peter Elmer
COACH LIAISON OFFICER	Dan Pilbrow

CLUB	DELEGATE
DEBEN	Nicky Hall
FELIXSTOWE	
HADLEIGH	Lucinda Ford
HALESWORTH	
ICENI	
IPSWICH	Stella Day
LEISTON	Tom Pawle
MILDENHALL	Rob Garry
NEWMARKET	Paul Bowman
ST FELIX	Sue Purchase
STOWMARKET	Nick Hutton
SUDBURY	Club is folding
SUFFOLK COASTAL TORPEDOES	
WAVENEY	Jess Adcock
WEST SUFFOLK	

All appointments were agreed

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DG reported that as of the 17th December 2021 Sudbury Storm SC will no longer exist. Arrangements have been made with Hadleigh to accept members and they will be taking on a couple of the sessions at Kingfisher Pool. There may be a Club name change at some time in the future. The catalyst was the inability to appoint a club coach. IC thanked DG for all her hard work for the County over many years.

SE mentioned that it is planned to incorporate Para swimming in the County Championships.

DG reported that it was hoped that the Valentines Meet will be taken on by another Club. DG will liaise with GC

IC thanked everyone for their efforts during this difficult time.

DR and CV also thanked IC for the huge amount of work that he does on behalf of the County.

22. DATE OF 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2022 AGM will be held on 26th November 2022.