

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Swim England Suffolk held at St Felix School and via zoom on Sat 26th November 2022, commencing at 11.30am

ATTENDEES IN PERSON:

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary
Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer	Chris Cawood	CCa	Water Polo
David Robinson	DR	Man. B Rep	Rob Garry	RG	Mildenhall
Chris Bellwood	CB	Man. B Rep	Stephen Christian	SC	Officials Coord/President
John North	JN	Records Officer	Vicki Emmerson	VE	Leiston
Nikki Hall	NH	Deben	Sue Purchase	SP	St Felix
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President	Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager
Peter Elmer	PE	Website Manager	Tanya Mason	TM	Stowmarket
Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec			

ATTENDEES VIA ZOOM

Ann Byrne	AB	Disability	Debs Greenhalgh	DG	Ass. Team Manager
Sarah Tait	ST	Open Water	Paul Bowman	PB	Newmarket
Louise Perkins	LP	Team Ipswich	Jeremy Duszynski	JD	Past President
Caroline Cofield	CCo	Trophies	Lucinda Ford	LF	Hadleigh

1. APOLOGIES

Stella Day	SD	Team Ipswich	Tim Millett	TM	Dev. Meet & Winter L Sec
Bobbie Wilson	BW	Welfare	Stephen Bunclark	TB	Deben

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 2021 previously agreed were ratified as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Notes to the accounts 2021 – 2022

Balance at 1st October 2022 - £33289.25

Payments made after 1st October 2022 which relate to the previous year are listed below;

Training fees £2212

County Camp £4090

County Pool hire £7299

Laptop £380

c/fwd Balance revised 1st Oct 2022 = £ 19308

Balances have significantly reduced during the 12 months due to one off payments that have not been balanced with income generation i.e. purchase and installation of blocks (£8054), and live streaming fees (£7800). The cost of transport for the county team needs to be considered for future years as the cost this year was over £2000.

It was agreed that care will need to be taken in future years so that a working balance is maintained. Detailed accounts below.

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Receipts and Payments account –

1st October 2021– 30th September 2022

2020.2021 Receipts	2021.22
Winter and Summer League	30
£174.75 Affiliation Fees	3949.5
£8,677.00 County Championships	20853.75
£170.00 County Camp	675
Development Championships	3226
£2.58 Bank Interest	10.94
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£9,024.33	£29,087.20
Expenditure	
Winter and Summer League	
£452.00 Training and capital assistance	£2,627.50
Badges/ shirts / Hats	£2,955.65
£3,590.16 County Championships	£3,504.54
£500.00 County Camp/ inter county	£3,692.29
£100.00 Masters	
Development Championships	£2,371.22
£216.46 Admin	£147.13
bank charges	£51.60
Trophies and medals	£2,325.02
software	£666.01
open water	£460.00
livestream	£7,800.00
Blocks	£8,064.50
£100.00 memorial donation	
£400.00 Webinars	
£5,358.62	£34,665.46

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Bank reconciliation

1st October 2021- 30th September 2022

Bal B/fwd 1.10.2021	£38,867.51
plus income 2021.2022	£29,087.20
	£67,954.71
less expenditure 2021.22	£34,665.46
total year end 30th Sept 2022	£33,289.25

Bank Balances 30th September 2022

Current account	£25,839.76
Deposit Account	£7,449.49
	£33,289.25

Signed and agreed

AJ Amers - ALISON AMERS 23/11/2022

5. SECRETARIES REPORT

As circulated. CV again thanked Sarah and Ian for their help and support and Ann Byrne for continuing to carry out the Disability role for the County while we try to find a new volunteer

6. CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

As circulated. RG asked if it would be possible to make the schedule of events available so that members could organise winter holidays. SE confirmed that the schedule will be made available. IC confirmed that spectator positioning will remain as previous years. Pre-purchase of spectator tickets to be considered to control the numbers in gallery areas. CV confirmed that the pool bookings had been confirmed.

7. DEVELOPMENT MEET REPORT

As circulated. IC advised that for 2023 the age will be at 31st December. A competition for, younger swimmers only, is being considered to give them the opportunity to acquire county qualifying times for 2024.

8. RECORDS REPORT

As circulated. JN confirmed that it was good to see an increase in records being achieved. Beth Young had also achieved an East Region record. CCo asked if it would be possible to have County Masters Records. JN will look into options.

9. TEAM MANAGERS REPORT

As circulated. Only the one event in the year, the County Team Championships, where Suffolk maintained its Division 1 status. IC thanked NT and DG.

10. TROPHIES REPORT

As circulated.

New County medals design was approved by the Management Board and sufficient for three years are now in production. The ribbon will incorporate the Swim England Suffolk motif. Some Championship trophies have already been collected or delivered today, CCo will endeavour to collect the remainder so that they can be engraved before the start of the 2023 Championships.

11. LEAGUE REPORTS

As circulated.

12. DISABILITY REPORT

As circulated. It is hoped that the Swimability Meet will take place in 2023 with discussions now taking place with Lowestoft Lions. A preliminary pool booking at Water Lane, Lowestoft, has been made for 15th April 2023.

13. MASTERS REPORT

No report. IC confirmed that GC had resigned from the role, due to work commitments, and we need to find a suitable candidate for the role. A Suffolk Team competed at the Masters Intercounty gala at Braintree on 13th November.

14. OPEN WATER REPORT

ST reported that the Open Water Championships incorporated within the East Region Championships took place on 10th July at Whitlingham. The competition went well apart from issues getting the results agreed and posted for the first event. Chips were being used for the first time for this event, went well and will be used again. ST managed to retrieve trophies from the previous competition and distributed medals on the day. It was disappointing that some Counties had no one present at the event and it was necessary to help competitors from other Counties.

ST mentioned that the Great East Swim will no longer take place at Alton Water due to blue green algae problems.

RG mentioned that availability of results on the day was a problem and ST said that this was a known issue and had been discussed at Region. One of the main issues was lack of helpers on the day.

15. WATER POLO REPORT

As circulated.

16. REGIONAL REPORT

No longer required, item will be removed for future AGM's

17. OFFICIALS REPORT

As circulated. SC thanked officials for their support during the year. It was a good to see so many new officials.

18. WEBSITE REPORT

As circulated. It was agreed that current plus the previous 2 years of information will be available to view on the website.

19. PRESIDENTS REPORT

The year has flown by and sadly I didn't get many chances to appear in my capacity as County President.

I did 'present' at the County Championships which was enjoyable and great to be able to celebrate some quality swimming with Team Ipswich, Beth Young and Myles Turner. I supported the Region President, Paul Kendal, to congratulate Louise Perkins, Dave Champion and Jordan Catchpole on their Swim England Suffolk Awards also.

I was due to be at the Open Water event at Whitlingham in July but had a desperate call to referee at an Open Meet just days before due a shortage of a qualified referee! At least it saved me getting sunburn looking the amazing photographs on the website of the event. Looks like I missed a wonderful event.

I also was due to attend the National County Teams event at Ponds Forge in Sheffield but due to the train strike I couldn't guarantee to get there and back as at the time I couldn't drive either. Again, I know it was a wonderful event and well done to the Suffolk team maintaining League 1 status.

However, I did enjoy my year as County President and wish John North more success in visiting events during his Presidential Year of Office. I do know he is determined to celebrate the sport with as many of you as possible.

Good luck to you all.

Podge

20. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	John North
PRESIDENT ELECT	Peter Elmer (appointed by Management Board)
SECRETARY	Chris Vinter
TREASURER	Lesley Beevor
CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY	Sarah Elmer
LEAGUE SECRETARY	Sarah Elmer

MANAGEMENT BOARD MEMBERS	Chris Bellwood Dave Robinson
DEV MEET SECRETARY	Tim Millett
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	Vacant
OPEN WATER SECRETARY	Sarah Tait
WATER POLO SECRETARY	Chris Cawood
OFFICIALS COORDINATOR	Stephen Christian
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Peter Elmer
COACH LIAISON OFFICER	Dan Pilbrow (to be contacted to confirm)

CLUB	DELEGATE
DEBEN	Nicky Hall
FELIXSTOWE	Caroline Coffield
HADLEIGH	Lucinda Ford
HALESWORTH	
ICENI	
IPSWICH	Stella Day
LEISTON	Vicky Emmerson
MILDENHALL	Rob Garry
NEWMARKET	Paul Bowman
ST FELIX	Sue Purchase
STOWMARKET	Tanya Mason
WAVENEY	
WEST SUFFOLK	Debs Greenhalgh

All appointments were agreed and the Presidential chain of office was presented to John North by Podge Christian.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

LP asked if job specifications were available for the vacant Committee roles. IC confirmed that there were and will be circulated.

DG asked if there had been any progress with the new presidential chain. IC advised that nothing had been received following enquiries with our local medal supplier. ST offered her help, which was gratefully accepted, and she will liaise with DG.

22. DATE OF 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2023 AGM will be held on 25th November 2023.