

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Swim England Suffolk held via Zoom  
on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 11.00am**

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NOVEMBER 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**ATTENDEES:**

Peter Elmer	PE	President/Website	Jeremy Duszynski	JD	Past President
Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary	Sam Garnham	SG	Team Ipswich
Chris Bellwood	CB	Man. Board Rep	Nikki Hall	NH	Deben
Rob Garry	RG	Mildenhall	Sarah Tait	ST	Open Water
Tanya Mason	TMa	Stowmarket	Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec
Ann Byrne	AB	Disability	Tristan Gale	TG	League Secretary
Caroline Cofield	CCo	Trophies			

**1. WELCOME**

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Peter Elmer who chaired the meeting in the absence of Ian Cotton.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Dan Pilbrow	DP	Coach Liaison
Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer	Sue Purchase	SP	St Felix
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President			

**3. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The June Exec Meeting minutes were approved.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

None

**5. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Nothing not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**6. FINANCIAL UPDATE**

As circulated. Costs of attendance at the County Team Championships yet to be accounted for.

**7. UPDATE ON COUNTY GOVERNANCE**

No action required at this time

**8. SEER COUNTY FORUM**

CV advised that a meeting will be taking place next week. The issues of lack of confirmed dates for both National and Regional events will be raised.

## 9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNTY OFFICERS

**Championship Secretary** – As circulated. A query was raised about why the long distance qualifiers were not swam as a level 3 event. SE advised that running as a level 4 event enables pools such as St Felix School to be used and it's easier to find volunteer officials.

TMa asked how swimmers will be selected for the Long distance Qualifier, SE confirmed that rejections would be based on those who have most recently reached the county qualifying time.

**Disability** – As circulated. It was agreed that the Swimability Meet date for 2025 will be 5<sup>th</sup> April but is still subject to the confirmation of the regional dates.

**Masters** – CCo confirmed that the Regional Masters will be taking place on 10 November with the team for the intercounty Masters in November still be selected.

**Coach Liaison** – CV reported that DP had advised that the next East Region coach forum is scheduled for the end of October/ early November, and he will send any feedback to club coaches.

**Open Water** – As circulated. ST advised that a para swimmer entered the open water champs in 2024 and whether a trophy should be available. It was agreed that CCo will look to see if there were any unused trophies that could be recycled.

## 10. AOB

RG asked if licensed times were required for entry to the Development Meet. It was confirmed that it is not a requirement.

Whilst no longer swimming for a Suffolk Club, Angharad Evans ,100 metre breaststroke British record at the Olympics was commended by all.

### Dates of next meetings

23<sup>rd</sup> November - AGM and Executive Meeting