

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Swim England Suffolk held via Zoom
on Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 10.30am**

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE SEPTEMBER 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ATTENDEES:

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| Ian Cotton | IC | Chairman | Jeremy Duszynski | JD | Past President |
| Chris Vinter | CV | Secretary | Sam Garnham | SG | Team Ipswich |
| Alison Vinter | AV | Past President | John North | JN | Records |
| Lesley Beevor | LB | Treasurer | Peter Elmer | PE | President/Website |
| Tanya Mason | TMa | Stowmarket | Sarah Elmer | SE | Championship Sec |
| Clint Holmes | CH | Team Waveney | Tristan Gale | TG | League Secretary |
| Caroline Cofield | CCo | Trophies | | | |

1. WELCOME

IC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

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| Ann Byrne | AB | Disability | Sarah Tait | ST | Open Water |
| Louise Perkins | LP | Man. Board Rep | Podge Christian | PC | Officials Coordinator |
| Vicky Emmerson | VE | Leiston | Rob Garry | RG | Mildenhall |
| Fran Vesztrocy | FV | Welfare | Debs Greenhalgh | DG | West Suffolk |
| Chris Bellwood | CB | Man. Board Rep | Tim Millet | TM | Dev Meet Sec. |
| Nikki Hall | NH | Deben | Paul Bowman | PB | Newmarket |
| Sue Purchase | SP | St Felix | | | |

3. RATIFICATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The February Exec Meeting minutes were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Page 2, item 4, JN advised that the timing system meeting is planned for the on 9 July.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

CV informed the meeting that he had received confirmation of County Governance compliance from Swim England. This was a result of a great effort from members of the Management Board. The County is now able to use the new compliance logo on our website and correspondence.

The County had received an update advising that HM Treasury were now accepting submissions for the Trust Registration consultation. IC had responded on behalf of the County and has made it clear that the proposals are not appropriate for organisations such as ours.

A reminder had been received from Swim England for submission of nominations for the various volunteer roles. Clubs are encouraged to send in nominations as these will also be considered for both Regional and County awards

6. FINANCIAL UPDATE

As circulated. LB confirmed that the current balance is circa £36K. The invoice for the pool hire for the Swimability Meet is yet to be received. IC reminded Clubs that funding is still available this year for valid claims.

7. UPDATE ON COUNTY GOVERNANCE

IC confirmed that as advised under item 5 Swim England had confirmed the County Compliance.

8. SEER COUNTY FORUM

CV advised that no County Forum had taken place since the last Executive meeting. IC reported that an issue of conflict had been raised over the use of the Regional Welfare Officer as the County Welfare Officer. This matter is currently being discussed with the Region and Swim England and an update will be provided when more information is available.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNTY OFFICERS

Development Meet – A final draft has been circulated but some queries have been raised particularly regarding the age 15 plus swimmers. SE agreed to have a further look and then advise TM. SG also asked why there was no opportunity for 11 year olds to swim 800m events. SE explained that this is a Swim England requirement for County Championships which the County are required to follow.

Records – as submitted. It was highlighted that William Ellard from Saint Felix had also achieved a world record, a fantastic achievement.

Disability – As circulated. A special vote of thanks was given to Team Waveney for their support at the event.

Welfare – IC encouraged all members to read the detailed report provided by FV.

Trophies - CCo confirmed that there was nothing to report.

Website – PE had provided a report, but it had not been uploaded to Dropbox, CV apologised. Report below:

- Latest news updates on the website have continued as usual. Pages updated include Records, League, Minutes, Opportunities, Calendar, Swimability.

- Web site subscriptions have been renewed for another year. Domain subscription of £14.39 and web site hosting subscription of £48 have been paid and are pending reimbursement.
- As always, please send through any material or ideas that could further improve the site!

10. AOB

SE reported that she had met a new member of Hadleigh and Sudbury SC at the Swim England roadshow in Norwich who had mentioned that there was no clear information on the County website regarding points of contact for welfare issues. It was agreed that SE will prepare a suitable link and once approved by IC it will go live.

LB Advised that the Swimability invoice had now been received and will be paid in a few days.

SG asked if the County would be running swim camps for the younger swimmers. IC advised that we currently do not have anyone to run the camps. IC to provide information that can be circulated to clubs to see if volunteers will come forward.

IC reported that a planning application had been submitted for the new Ipswich pool. Little has changed following the consultation. SG advised that TeamIpswich had a meeting with IBC discuss the latest proposals and it is understood that IBC do not have sufficient funds for the construction. The whole process has stalled due to the upcoming general election. A meeting is to take place on 4th July including TeamIpswich and IC to discuss and agree next actions

CC mentioned that it is still believed that the Felixstowe replacement pool will be built by 2027.

Dates of next meetings

14th September – League AGM and Executive Meeting

30th November - AGM and Executive Meeting