

**Minutes of the Swim England Suffolk, Executive Committee Meeting  
held via Zoom on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 starting at 11.15am**

**ATTENDEES:**

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Sarah Elmer	SJE	Championship Sec
Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary	David Robinson	DR	Regional Delegate
Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager	Nick Hutton	NHu	Stowmarket
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President	Bobbie Wilson	BWi	Welfare Officer
Dan Pilbrow	DP	Coach Liaison	Peter Elmer	PE	Website
Stephen Bunclark	SB	Deben Chair	Nikki Hall	NHa	Deben
Debs Greenhalgh	DG	Ass Team Manager	Will Talbot	WT	Newmarket

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<p><b>1. WELCOME TO ALL</b></p> <p>IC welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>																														
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<p><b>3. CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>CV advised that nothing had been received that won't be covered under an agenda item.</p>																														
<p><b>4. FINANCIAL UPDATE</b></p> <p>IC reported that the bank balances are:</p> <p>Current Account £25,828.82</p> <p>Deposit Account £13,038.69</p> <p>This does not include contribution to Crown Pools blocks, £5,664.50</p>																														

## **5. COUNTY COMPETITIONS**

IC confirmed that the information on the Development Meet had been circulated and the entry pack should be available for circulation early next week. In accordance with the pool operators requirements no spectators will be able to attend the Meet. It is planned that the events will be streamed on line and discussions are underway with providers. A long distance meet is planned for 20/21 November at St Felix School and information will be circulated in the next few weeks. It's planned that the 2022 County Championships will be run as near normal with the long distance events being run at UEA, long course, alongside the Norfolk ASA Champs, as in previous years. It was confirmed that the replacement blocks are now available at Crown Pools and will be tried out by Team Ipswich later in the month. They are approximately 15cm higher than the old blocks and it is proposed to issue guidance to clubs and Coaches prior to the meet to ensure that swimmers are suitably briefed.

## **6. EAST REGION COUNTY FORUM**

CV reported that the East Region County Forum will be taking place next week and this is an opportunity for Clubs to raise issues and ask questions of the Region.

IC will ask the Region if they have planned/provisional dates for their competitions in 2022? We are starting to look at dates for our leagues, etc next year and obviously don't wish to clash.

SB mentioned that a number of coaching course practical sessions have been cancelled making it difficult for members to complete these courses. Is there anything that can be done to improve the situation, perhaps using more local pools.

## **7. COUNTY AWARDS**

IC reported that Suffolk members had been awarded two of the Regional Awards, Dave Champion and Louise Perkins, both of Team Ipswich. It had been agreed at a previous Exec that the County would use these nominations to issue County Awards. As nominations were only received in two of the categories it had been agreed by the Management Board that all nominees should receive a certificate. The awards will be announced at the Development Meet and awards to the category winners made during the County Championships in 2022.

## **8. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNTY OFFICERS**

A report had been posted by the Records Officer of a new County record achieved by William Ellard from St Felix School in the 50m long course freestyle. The report shows Senior but it is believed this is a Junior record.

### **9 COUNTY CAMPS**

A virtual County Camp was held in 2021. The options for 2022 are being considered by Swim England for 11 year old swimmers and we are currently awaiting further information from Swim England.

### **10. COVID-19 UPDATE**

IC advised that this item had been retained so that Clubs could raise any issues of concern relating the Covid-19. No items were raised.

### **9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

CV mentioned that we had received the sad news, via Lesley Beevor, that one of the Swim England Award nominees from Team Waveney had passed away. IC will contact LB to discuss how to proceed and will also inform East Region.

SE suggested that it would be a good idea to invite Jordan Catchpole to attend the Development Meet to interact with swimmers and show them his medal. IC to contact TM and LB to see if this would work.

SB raised the issue of WiFi suitability at Crown Pools for live streaming, this issue will be dealt with by the providers of the live streaming.

NT mentioned about the safeguarding issues associated with live streaming and IC confirmed that this has been discussed with the streaming providers.

SB asked if information regarding streaming and other data will be shared with Clubs. IC confirmed that all documents will be made available to Clubs.

### **Dates of Next Meetings**

The future agreed meetings are as follows:

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (AGM)

A decision will need to be made on whether future meetings will be held via zoom or at The Pavilion at Martlesham Heath. IC felt that a mixture of formats would probably be the best way forward.