



**SUFFOLK COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
(AFFILIATED TO SWIM ENGLAND EAST REGION)**

**Minutes of the Executive Meeting of the Suffolk County Amateur Swimming Association held at
The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath on Saturday 16th March 2019**

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE NEXT MEETING ON 29th JUNE 2019

ATTENDEES:

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	David Robinson	DR	Regional Delegate
Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary	Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer
Clive Evans	CE	Sudbury	Debbie Roberts	DeR	West Suffolk
Dave Whelan	DW	Hon Life Vice President	Nick Hutton	NHu	Stowmarket
John North	JN	Records Officer	Emma Howard	EH	Masters
Chris Bellwood	CB	President	Barry Wolstenholme	BWo	Leiston
Debs Greenhalgh	DG	Asst Team Manager	Stella Day	SD	Team Ipswich
Chris Cawood	CCa	Water Polo	Bobbie Wilson	BWi	Welfare Officer
Maggie Wright	MW	LOBSC	Caroline Cofield	CCo	Trophy Sec./ Felixstowe
Sarah Tait	ST	Open Water	Nikki Hall	NHa	Deben
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President	Rob Garry	RG	Mildenhall
Jill Walker	JW	Past President	Tim Millett	TM	Developments
Amanda Tucker	AT	Leiston	Kate Willis	KW	Hadleigh

1. APOLOGIES

Ann Byrne	AB	Disability / Beccles	Jeremy Duszynski	JD	Past President
Chris Deaton	CD	Newmarket	Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec
Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager	Peter Elmer	PE	Website
Sue Purchase	SP	St Felix	Stephen Christian	SC	Officials Coordinator

Item	Action
<p>2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the last Executive meeting held on 12th January 2019 were agreed with one amendment – the name abbreviations of Nikki Hall and Nick Hutton need to be changed so that they can be distinguished.</p>	
<p>3. MATTERS ARISING:</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>4. CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <p>CV reported that he had received an invitation from Bedfordshire to attend the Junior Intercounty Gala at Luton on 22nd September 2019. After consultation with the NT and DG the invitation was accepted.</p>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New backstroke flags • New Starting Blocks • Replacement Scoreboard • Using outside specialist for announcing • New presentation banner/backdrop for use at the start end of the pool <p>Costs to be established and reported for consideration at a future meeting. NHu suggested that funding assistance might be available from companies such as Persimmon.</p> <p>Officials to be encouraged to claim expenses.</p>	IC
<p>b. Development Meet</p> <p>IC informed the meeting that the pool had been double booked and unfortunately is not available for 15/16 June. After numerous emails and conversations it has been agreed that the Development Meet will now be held on 29/30 June 2019. The Summer League Grand Final will need to move to Saturday 22 June 2019. IC apologised to the meeting but there was no other option.</p> <p>Qualifying times to be made available as soon as possible. CV to publish.</p> <p>TM reported that a license has been requested but the Licensing officer has rejected our conditions relating to the 9 year age group. TM has emailed the Licensing Officer asking why the conditions were acceptable last year, but not this, no reply received. The application will now need to be resubmitted with the new dates.</p> <p>It was agreed that CCo should purchase a new trophy for top Club and two new shields for Top Boy and Top Girl.</p> <p>It was agreed that CV would be the single contact for all future pool bookings.</p>	CV TM CCo
<p>c. Records</p> <p>As circulated. SE to produce age on day report for junior records at County Championships but JN was aware that this was not straight forward with the results in Sports Sys.</p>	
<p>d. Team Managers</p> <p>NT had informed CV that there was nothing to report apart from the acceptance of the Junior Intercounty Gala in Luton on 22 September 2019 and that the next competition will be the East Region Intercounty on 7 July 2019.</p>	
<p>e. Trophies</p> <p>CCo reported that all trophies had been presented but she was still waiting for the delivery of the medals. These will be issued to Clubs as soon as they become available.</p>	
<p>f. Leagues</p> <p>As circulated. The Summer League should contain 14 teams and CCo informed the meeting the Felixstowe Pool had been booked for the first two rounds.</p> <p>IC referred to the document that was made available in advance of the meeting looking at possible options going forward. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staying as is • Do away with altogether 	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make changes to encourage more Clubs to enter such as licensing all rounds and changing age groups. <p>It was agreed that the 2019 competition should continue and IC and TM will agree and then circulate a suggestion for the way forward.</p>	IC/ TM
<p>g. Disability</p> <p>As circulated. CV informed the meeting that relays would be included for the first time this year and asked that County Medals could be made available for competitors. This was agreed, AB to request from CCo</p>	AB
<p>h. Masters</p> <p>As circulated. Date and venue for Masters Intercounty gala not agreed as yet. DR asked when the results of the County Masters at Sudbury will be available. DG advised that there had been a few problems finalising the results but they should be available soon.</p>	
<p>i. Open Water</p> <p>As circulated. ST also mentioned that a 3 year plan was in place which included training opportunities for officials. There are only circa 100 active open water officials in the country.</p> <p>DR asked if training with Norfolk was going to be available again this year, CV to contact Norfolk</p>	CV
<p>j. Water Polo</p> <p>As circulated. CCo informed the meeting that a Teamipswich player had been selected as a U19 International. It was noted that the proposed Suffolk Water Polo tournament on the 22 June now clashes with the Summer League Grand Final but unfortunately there was no other option. It was also suggested that Deben may be holding a long distance meet on that day.</p>	
<p>k. Regional</p> <p>As circulated.</p>	
<p>l. Officials</p> <p>As circulated. CV reported for SC that a new process for Judge Level 1 training will be implemented in January 2020. There will be transition period but candidates should be aware that for those already in training the old scheme will cease on 31 July 2020. It was agreed that this information should be made available on the website.</p> <p>Letter to be circulated with the minutes.</p>	SC
<p>m. Website</p> <p>As circulated.</p>	
<p>n. County Funding Update/Club Development/Funding Update/Education</p> <p>County Funding Update as circulated. IC reminded Clubs that the deadline for the ring fenced £1000 per Club is 31 March and date approaches.</p>	



<p>IC informed the meeting that a training day will take place on 8 September 2019 and the courses planned include an Announcer’s Course and Time to Listen. Thoughts from Clubs on any other courses would be welcomed and we will try to put them on.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>7. COUNTY CAMPS</p> <p>As circulated. IC informed the meeting that David Harrison had taken on the lead role ably supported by DG and NT. Three venues have been booked;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 28th April 2019 – Ipswich High School, Woolverstone • Saturday 1st June 2019 – Culford School, Bury St Edmunds • Sunday 8th September 2019 – St Felix School, Southwold <p>IC reminded the meeting that the camps are for the top 11 year old at the County Championships.</p>	
<p>8. COACHES FORUM</p> <p>IC informed the meeting that there was not much to report at the moment.</p>	
<p>9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>DeR informed the meeting that their pool operator had given notice of large increase in pool fees staggered over 2 years with the 2021 charges being 200% higher than the current rate. Other Clubs suggested that they were under pressure from pool operators to sacrifice their Swim Schools. If Clubs wish they can submit their pool hire costs to CV so that a comparison can be made. It would also be useful to have details of the Club fee structure. A form will be produced and circulated to Clubs so that the information can be provided in a consistent manner for easy comparison. Providing the information is entirely voluntary.</p> <p>It was reported that one Suffolk Club was on the Swim England suspended list, TriSudbury.</p>	
<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>Sat 29th June (10.45 at Ipswich Institute)</p> <p>Sat 7th September (including League AGM)</p> <p>Sat 30th November (AGM)</p>	