



**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 Conference Centre, Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre,
Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF on Saturday 11th January 2020.**

ATTENDEES:

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec
Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary	David Robinson	DR	Regional Delegate
Clive Evans	CE	Sudbury	Debbie Roberts	DeR	West Suffolk
Dave Whelan	DW	Hon Life President	Nick Hutton	NHu	Stowmarket
Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager	Ann Byrne	AB	Disability / Beccles
Chris Bellwood	CB	Management Board Member	Bobbie Wilson	BWi	Welfare Officer
Jeremy Duszynski	JD	Past President	Stella Day	SD	Team Ipswich
Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer	Peter Elmer	PE	Website
Debs Greenhalgh	DG	Asst Team Manager	Caroline Cofield	CCo	Trophy Sec./ Felixstowe
Sarah Tait	ST	Open Water	Nikki Hall	NHa	Deben
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President	John North	JN	Records Officer
Lucinda Ford	LF	Hadleigh			

1. APOLOGIES

Tim Millett	TM	Developments	Rob Garry	RG	Mildenhall
Stephen Christian	SC	Officials Coordinator	Barry Wolstenholme	BWo	Leiston
Sue Purchase	SP	President/St Felix	Chris Cawood	CCa	Water Polo

Item	Action
<p>2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the AGM and last Executive meeting held on 30th November 2019 were agreed.</p>	
<p>3. MATTERS ARISING:</p> <p>IC reminded everyone that we needed to appoint a new Masters Secretary and if anyone was aware of a suitable candidate could they please let him know.</p> <p>IC referred to the issue of the upgrading the starting blocks at Crown Pools and that a meeting was planned with Louise Perkins, Chair of Team Ipswich, in the near future.</p>	
<p>4. CORRESPONDENCE:</p> <p>CV reported that David Metcalf, East Region President, had confirmed that he would be attending our County Championships with his consort Gerry Metcalf, on Sunday 26th January.</p>	



<p>CV advised that Swim England had replied to his request regarding the possible rebranding of the County Association to Swim England Suffolk. They had accepted the use of the County Logo provided all reference to the ASA was removed. This was agreed by the meeting and CV will respond to Swim England. CV reminded the meeting that for the time being we remain Suffolk County ASA.</p> <p>CV advised that consideration times had been received for Para events incorporated within County Championships and this had been passed to SE and TM. It was agreed that the County Para event would continue to be incorporated within the Development Meet in 2020. The Management Board would consider how this could be integrated into the County Champs in future years.</p> <p>IC advised the meeting that he had responded to a complaint letter received regarding the rejection process used for the 800m and 1500m events. The process used was as agreed and minuted at the June Executive committee meeting. The QT's will be tightened in future years to avoid a reoccurrence. SE added that if the events had been swum as mixed gender there would have been far less rejections and this will be suggested to Norfolk. It was agreed that a withdrawal process that gives maximum opportunity for swimmers to compete will be drafted by SE and submitted to the event Lead Referee to agree before circulating to Clubs.</p> <p>IC advised the meeting that the merger of Beccles and LOBS had been completed and the new Club is now Team Waveney.</p>	
<p>5. FINANCIAL UPDATE:</p> <p>As circulated. It was also reported that an alternative auditor had been appointed and this had delayed the process but the audited accounts should be available for the March Executive.</p>	
<p>6. OFFICER REPORTS</p>	
<p>a. County Championships</p> <p>As circulated. SE informed the meeting of her concerns regarding equipment that was left at Crown Pools at the end of weekend one. It was unreasonable to expect SE to look after all the equipment until the next weekend. It was agreed to contact IBC if they could offer any space. SD also offered that Team Ipswich cabinet if that would help.</p> <p>It was agreed to bring forward the long distance closing date for the 2021 entries to Friday 11th December 2020. The closing date for the remaining entries to be noon on Monday 21st December 2020.</p> <p>The proposed County Championship days to be: 16/17 January 2021 Long Distance (subject to agreement from Norfolk) 23/24 January 2021 30/31 January 2021 7 February 2021</p>	
<p>b. Development Meet</p> <p>No report. IC had been informed by TM that the qualifying times for the 2020 Meet will be available within a week. Hopefully this can be incorporated in the Championship programme, if not a flyer will be produced. The date for 2021 was agreed as 12/13th June.</p>	



<p>c. Records</p> <p>As circulated. JN added that a number of records were being achieved at Arena League competitions now that they are licensed. DR also informed the meeting that a number of the records were also Regional Records</p>	
<p>d. Team Managers</p> <p>Nothing to report at this quiet time.</p>	
<p>e. Trophies</p> <p>CCo verbally reported that a small number of trophies were still to be returned but hopefully this should be resolved before the start of the Championships. Medals will be available for issue at the long distance event and Stowmarket had offered to assist with presentations.</p> <p>CCo raised for future discussion the possibility of no longer presenting trophies in favour of the issue certificates.</p>	
<p>f. Leagues</p> <p>As circulated. SE will be issuing the details to Clubs very soon</p>	
<p>g. Disability</p> <p>As circulated. AB advised that it was proposed that the next Regional Committee meeting will be via conference call.</p>	
<p>h. Masters</p> <p>No Secretary</p>	
<p>i. Open Water</p> <p>As circulated. NHa advised the meeting that the number of individuals reported to have entered the Felixstowe Christmas Day swim had increased to 601. ST asked for confirmation of what was required to approve the conditions for the 2020 County Open Water Competition. DR advised that they are the same as 2019 so can be recycled.</p>	
<p>j. Water Polo</p> <p>As circulated.</p>	
<p>k. Regional</p> <p>As circulated. DR confirmed that discussions were underway regarding the provision of a 50m pool in the Ipswich area as it had been recognised as an area in need of such a facility as it is an area of high population that is greater than 50 miles from a similar facility. SD mentioned that for IBC to support the construction of a suitable facility it would have to be within the Borough of Ipswich.</p> <p>The County contribution to the Regions Open Water competition has increased to £250 for 2020.</p>	
<p>l. Officials</p> <p>As circulated. ST is at the launch of the new online qualification on Sunday 12th January. It was asked if the new process requires mentoring at a Level 2 meet could applicants do this at County Champs before completing the online part of the process.</p>	SC



<p>m. Website</p> <p>As circulated. Fees section of the site had been updated. DR asked if the Winter League results could be posted on the site.</p>	<p>TM</p>
<p>n. County Funding Update/Club Development/Funding Update/Education</p> <p>IC reported that circa £6K currently remains unallocated and reminded Clubs on the March deadline. The total allocated funds for 2019/20 will be unaffected by the merger of Beccles and LOBS.</p>	
<p>7. COUNTY CAMPS</p> <p>IC reported that he had very recently received information from Swim England and that had been forwarded to Dave Harrison and Nick Thompson. It is hoped that they will continue with the initiative this coming year.</p>	
<p>8. COACHES FORUM</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
<p>9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>It was reported that Sue Purchase was runner up in the Swim England Coach of the Year annual award.</p> <p>DG reminded Clubs that the Sudbury Valentines Meet, incorporating the Suffolk County Masters takes place on 16th February and requested help of officials.</p> <p>NHa mentioned that some medals remain outstanding for the 2019 County Champs. CCo and NHa to discuss and resolve.</p> <p>PE asked all Clubs to check their entries on the Club page of the website to ensure the club link and Secretary details are correct.</p> <p>IC presented an invitation to Dave and Jane Robinson to be the Counties Guests at a session of the 2020 County Championships.</p>	<p>CCo</p>
<p>Dates of Next Meetings:</p> <p>Saturday 21st March 2020</p> <p>Saturday 20th June 2020</p> <p>Saturday 19th September 2020 (+ League AGM)</p> <p>Saturday 28th November (AGM)</p>	