

## AFFILIATED TO SWIM ENGLAND EAST REGION

**Minutes of the Swim England Suffolk, Executive Committee Meeting  
held via Zoom on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 starting at 10.00am**

### ATTENDEES:

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec
Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary	David Robinson	DR	Regional Delegate
Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer	Dan Pilbrow	DP	West Suffolk
Sue Purchase	SP	President/St Felix	Nick Hutton	NHu	Stowmarket
Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager	Louise Perkins	LP	Covid-19 Liaison
Stephen Christian	SC	Officials Coord./Pres Elect	Chris Cawood	CCa	Water Polo
Stella Day	SD	Team Ipswich	Debbie Roberts	DeR	West Suffolk
Tim Millett	TM	Developments	Peter Elmer	PE	Website
Debs Greenhalgh	DG	Asst Team Manager	Nikki Hall	NHa	Deben
Ann Byrne	AB	Disability / Beccles	John North	JN	Records Officer
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President	Bobbie Wilson	BWi	Welfare Officer
Lucinda Ford	LF	Hadleigh	Stephen Bunclark	SB	Deben Chair
Chris Bellwood	CB	Management Board Member	Tom Pawle	TP	Leiston Chair/Rep

Item																		
<p><b>1. WELCOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SUFFOLK CLUB FORUM</b></p> <p>IC explained that members of the Suffolk Club Forum had been invited to this meeting to help with communication between clubs during these unprecedented times.</p>																		
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<p><b>3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b></p> <p>The minutes of the AGM held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were agreed and will now be ratified at the 2021 AGM. The minutes of the last Executive meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were also agreed.</p>																		
<p><b>4. MATTERS ARISING:</b></p> <p>It was noted that John North had been confirmed as the fourth County representative on the East Region Member Forum, joining Dave Robinson, Ian Cotton and Chris Vinter.</p>																		

<p><b>5. COUNTY RULES:</b></p> <p>CV explained the proposed minor changes to our County Rules as suggested by Chris Galer the Regional Membership Officer. It is intended that these rules will be ratified at the March Executive Meeting and will be implemented after the incorporation of East Region.</p>
<p><b>6. CORRESPONDENCE:</b></p> <p>CV confirmed that Swim England had sent the 2021 Annual return documentation in the post following requests by DR on behalf of the Fenland League and CV on behalf of the County.</p>
<p><b>7. FINANCIAL UPDATE:</b></p> <p>LB confirmed that the financial situation remains unchanged with circa £40,000 in both accounts. Confirmation had been received from the financial examiner that there are no issues with the accounts. A signed copy will be sent to CV soon for record purposes. A donation had been made to the family nominated charity in memory of the sad loss of Ann Whelan.</p>
<p><b>8. RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE MANAGEMENT BOARD</b></p> <p>IC advised the meeting of the following decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed date for the County Championships of 20 June 2021 was not available and the 4 July was being booked as an alternative. Swim England have been asked to confirm if clear guidance will be issued to Counties on the likely format of County Championships. No response as yet.</li> <li>• The County's nomination of Ian Cotton for one of the 3 member nominated positions on the Regional Operations Committee had been confirmed. Elections will be held very soon with members of the Regions Members Forum being entitled to vote.</li> <li>• Two Clubs had failed to go through the stronger affiliation process and will no longer be affiliated. They are ICENI and SwimForIT.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNTY OFFICERS</b></p> <p>AB advised the meeting that the Regional Disability Meeting had been cancelled. She also reminded Clubs to let her know of any Disability swimmers they have within their squads.</p>
<p><b>10. COUNTY CAMPS</b></p> <p>In line with Swim England guidance David Harrison had prepared online presentations to be given to swimmers who missed out on the County Camps in 2020.</p>
<p><b>11. COVID-19 UPDATE</b></p> <p>IC asked Clubs to give an update on their current situation:</p> <p>All Clubs reported that there were no further developments; engagement of swimmers using various online facilities was continuing. TP mentioned that Leiston had created a Fish out of Water League for recording land-based training. This had been very well received by their members and was seen as a positive for retaining membership.</p>
<p><b>12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings</b></p> <p>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021</p> <p>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021</p> <p>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (+League AGM)</p> <p>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (AGM)</p>