

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Swim England Suffolk held via Zoom  
on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at 10.00am**

**ATTENDEES:**

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary
David Robinson	DR	Man. Board Rep	Debs Greenhalgh	DG	West Suffolk
John North	JN	Records Officer	Jeremy Duszynski	JD	Past President
Nikki Hall	NH	Deben	Rob Garry	RG	Mildenhall
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President	Tanya Mason	TMa	Stowmarket
Peter Elmer	PE	Website Manager	Vicky Emmerson	VE	Leiston
Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec	Chris Cawood	CCa	Water Polo
Bobbie Wilson	BW	Welfare Officer	Clint Holmes	JA	Team Waveney
Paul Bowman	PB	Newmarket	Stephen Christian	SC	President/ Officials Coord
Caroline Coffield	CCo	Trophy Secretary	Dave Whelan	DW	Hon Life Vice President

**1. WELCOME**

IC welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Dave Whelan who had joined the meeting from his new home in Australia.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Stella Day	SD	Team Ipswich	Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer
Sue Purchase	SP	St Felix	Chris Bellwood	CB	Man. Board Rep
Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager	Stephen Bunclark	SB	Deben Chair

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last Executive meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were agreed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

None

**5. CORRESPONDENCE:**

CV stated that the following correspondence had been received.

Swim England had requested completion of an online form regarding employee reference numbers. The County completed the form as being exempt, a check email was sent to Clubs to ensure that they had received a similar request.

CV reported that a request had been sent to Swim England that no insurance certificate had been received. No response as yet.

A Swim England questionnaire on the County organisation was completed in May by IC and CV. No further information has been received.

**6. FINANCIAL UPDATE**

IC reported on behalf of LB that the current balances are:

Ordinary Account	£14,362
Deposit Account	£25,833

This does not make provision for the contribution that is likely to be required towards the £7,000 cost of moving the start end of Crown Pools to the deep end. The Management Board have agreed to offer £2,000 towards the cost. Some of the work to move the electrical connections have already been completed and it is hoped that the remaining work will be completed in the next couple of months. The revised SE guidance on diving into shallow water remains suspended for the time being. No indication has been given on when or if the suspension will be lifted.

## 7. REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

IC reported the primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss arrangements for the Grand Final. The IBC strategy for the new pool by 2027 was also discussed. Unfortunately this document was issued with no prior discussion with any swimming organisation. Swim England facilities team and East Region are now involved, and further representation will be made by Suffolk. It is very disappointing that further thought was not given to a long course pool at a more accessible location.

It was agreed that the AGM will be planned as a face to face meeting .

## 8. COUNTY CAMPS

IC reported that NT and DG had been working hard to enable the camps to take place but unfortunately due to lack of Coaches the first session planned for 18<sup>th</sup> June had to be postponed. It was agreed that the proposed date of the camp will now be the 11<sup>th</sup> September, CV to send out a request to Clubs and Coaches for support.

## 9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNTY OFFICERS

**County Championships** – The report and draft QT's submitted by SE were discussed. It was agreed that the reverse 800/1500 times had been missed from the QT's and will be added. TM felt that some of the times were too hard to achieve. SE will carry out a further review.

Proposed dates for next years championships are 14/15 January – Long Distance events at UEA (yet to be agreed with Norfolk); 21/22 January – Weekend 1 at Crown Pools; 28/29 January – Weekend 2 at Crown Pools; 5 February – Final Weekend including Skins & Relays at Crown Pools.

**League** – IC registered thanks to SE for her efforts putting on the event. Congratulations were recorded for Stowmarket Gold for winning the overall boys competition and Newmarket for winning the overall girls, the overall team and the grand final competitions.

Lessons will be learnt from this years Skins competition and suggestions prepared for discussion at the League AGM in September.

**Records** – As circulated by JN.

**Website** – As circulated by PD.

**Trophies** – CCo reported that medals were in hand

**Officials Report** – As circulated by SC.

#### **10. AOB:**

IC mentioned that the original provisional date suggested for the County Long Distance meet clashes with Arena League. Options for alternative dates to be considered.

IC apologised to DG that there had been no action on the Sudbury funded new County Chain.

DR reported that IC had now been appointed East Region Chairman and that, himself, Dave Champion, CV and IC had all been awarded SE East Region long service awards.

DG requested that Development meet QT's are circulated as soon as possible. The supplier used for County Team kit is no longer in existence and a new supplier needs to be found. SE said that she would send DG details of the company used at the County Champs. SC also asked for the company details for Officials shirts. The County Calendar shows two weekend for the Stowmarket Xmas Meet. IC will correct the entry.

RG raised the issue of how clubs can organise competitive start awards in pools that are not deep enough particularly if the Swim England guidance is reintroduced. It is hoped that more guidance will be made available.

CCo reported that an incident occurred this week at Felixstowe where a swimmer passed out underwater during a fly kick set, the swimmer is ok and everything was handled as it should have but she wanted to make other clubs aware that SE have specific guidance on this issue.

CV reported that nominations for the Swim England National Awards are now open. East Region awards will be made using these nominations and it was agreed that we would also consider giving a Suffolk award for nominations made on behalf of a Suffolk member. Clubs were reminded to submit nominations for any of their deserving members. CV will issue reminder to Clubs.

#### **The dates of future meetings are:**

10 September 2022 (including League AGM)

26 November 2022 (AGM and Exec)