

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Swim England Suffolk held via Zoom
on Saturday 19th March 2022 at 10.00am**

ATTENDEES:

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary
David Robinson	DR	Man. Board Rep	Chris Cawood	CCa	Water Polo
Chris Bellwood	CB	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	Tim Millett	TM	Development Meet
Peter Elmer	PE	Website Manager	Tanya Mason	TMa	Stowmarket
Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec	Tom Pawle	TP	Leiston
Bobbie Wilson	BW	Welfare Officer	Jessica Adcock	JA	Team Waveney

1. WELCOME

IC welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. APOLOGIES

Louise Perkins	LP	Covid-19 Rep	Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer
Stella Day	SD	Team Ipswich	Gemma Cannon	GC	Masters Secretary
Vicky Emmerson	VE	Leiston	Stephen Christian	SC	President/ Officials Coord
Sue Purchase	SP	St Felix	Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager
Sarah Tait	ST	Open Water	Anne Byrne	AB	Disability

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last Executive meeting held on 15th January 2022 were agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

CV reported that East Region had emailed advising that the Masters Inter-County team event is planned to be held on Sunday 13th November 2022 at Braintree Swimming & Fitness, Charter Way, Braintree, Essex, CM77 8YJ commencing at 1pm, further details to follow.

CV advised that previously circulated a Masters Development Day is planned for the end of March. Details are available on the East Region website.

In January CV was contacted by Lowestoft Lions asking if we would be looking to run the Swimability meet in 2022. CV advised them that for various reasons it would not be possible to run the event this year but would hope to run an event in 2023.

6. FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Ordinary Account £13,702

Deposit Account £25,830

The pool hire for the Counties has yet to be received and all county entries fees have been received or arrangements are in place for cheques to be delivered.

A number of funding claims are currently being processed

7. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

SE referred to the Championship report that had been made available prior to the meeting. It was agreed by all that the relay events will return to the historical format in 2023.

IC thanked Sarah for producing an excellent championships under very difficult circumstances.

RG asked whether the results of the last session will be published on the website. SE confirmed that this will be sorted.

DR asked if the Para Swimming results would be shown on the website. SE confirmed that this will be the case.

TP commented that there had been a small number of competitors in some age groups and events leading to empty lanes in the finals. IC confirmed that it was a difficult balancing act to maintain appropriate standards and had been particularly difficult this year due to the lack of competition leading up to the championships.

IC reported that the County are looking to run the long distance qualifier meet again in 2022. This was supported by clubs and is planned for the 19th/20th November. IC to discuss with SP the possibility of running at St Felix again. The 2021 event was very successful and worked very well with the support of St Felix.

DG asked if we will be using the online Team Manager passes at future competitions. IC confirmed that this is what is proposed.

8. REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

IC reported that most issues will be discussed at the Exec meeting. IC also reported that East Region were in the process of acquiring nominations for various roles in the Region and that he had applied to become the East Region Chairman. Any conflict with his role as Suffolk Chairman will be assessed prior the County AGM in November.

9. OUTCOMES FROM REGIONAL COUNTY FORUM

- A number of development opportunities will be advertised by East Region over the coming weeks. Clubs should feedback any requests for events via the forum.

- A few more volunteers are needed for the Youth Advisory panel, 16 to 25 year olds, names should be sent to East Region.
- Counties have been reminded that appropriate risk assessments must be in place for any events organised by the County. Due to Covid a lot of work has already been done. If needed Leanne Brace will offer support.
- Counties have been told to check that any officers carrying out a role must have the necessary checks in place, i.e. DBS, safeguarding, etc.
- Swim England plan to carry out a review of Counties in 2022 leading to the formation of a model constitution.
- It was reported that the County Team Championships will take place on 2nd October.

10. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNTY OFFICERS

Development Meet – TM confirmed that the competition will take place in October again in 2022 and consideration times will be reviewed and published soon.

Swimming League – SE that a total of 9 teams from 7 clubs had entered the competition. There had been an error with schedule of events which has now been corrected in the latest circulated version, Offers have been made for pools for rounds 1 and 2, final decision still to be agreed with clubs. It was agreed that the existing Summer League trophies will be used for the new league competition.

Records – As circulated by JN. DR reported that the Beth Young had also achieved an East Region Junior Record in the 50m Breaststroke. SE will provide JN with an age on day report from the County Championships to enable the possible records to be assessed.

Open Water – As circulated by ST. The conditions for the County Open water event were approved.

Officials Report – As circulated by SC. It was agreed that when looking at options for the new T shirts in a light weight fabric to be considered. DR reminded clubs that the County League competitions is an ideal opportunity for trainee officials to receive mentoring on relay changeovers.

10. AOB:

TP asked about poolside accreditation at the Regional Development Meet. IC suggested he contact Tom Baster.

IC reminded clubs that the Swim Meet software is available to all Clubs free of charge. Contact information has been circulated to Club Secretaries.

DG mentioned that Sudbury Storms would like to financially support something County related. Discussions had taken place about a new County Presidents chain and it was agreed that this would be investigated and costings obtained.

DG reported that County Camps were online last year and will start online again in 2022 with a move towards pool and face to face sessions later in the year.

The dates of future meetings are:

2 July 2022

10 September 2022 (including League AGM)

26 November (AGM and Exec)