

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Swim England Suffolk held at St Felix School and via zoom on Sat 26th November 2022, commencing at 1 pm

ATTENDEES IN PERSON:

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary
Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer	Chris Cawood	CCa	Water Polo
David Robinson	DR	Man. B Rep	Rob Garry	RG	Mildenhall
Chris Bellwood	CB	Man. B Rep	Stephen Christian	SC	Officials Coord/President
John North	JN	Records Officer	Nikki Hall	NH	Deben
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President	Sue Purchase	SP	St Felix
Peter Elmer	PE	Website Manager	Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager
Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec	Tanya Mason	TMa	Stowmarket

ATTENDEES VIA ZOOM

Paul Bowman	PB	Newmarket	Debs Greenhalgh	DG	Ass. Team Manager
Jeremy Duszynski	JD	Past President			

1. APOLOGIES

Stella Day	SD	TeamIpswich	Tim Millett	TMi	Dev. Meet & Winter L Sec
Ann Byrne	AP	Disability	Caroline Cofield	CCo	Trophies
Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer	Bobbie Wilson	BW	Welfare Officer

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of meeting held on 10th September was agreed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

SE advised that Counties have been asked to consider separate licensing of Para events incorporated into County Championships, there is an 80 Euro fee and applications need to be made 10 weeks before the competition. It was agreed that we would not apply for 2023 Championships but would consider for 2024.

IC confirmed that the meeting with IBC, regarding the new Ipswich Pool, had taken place with Swim England Facilities team also in attendance. Whilst there remains a need for a long course pool in our area, IBC are unable to consider this option at any of the sites identified within the Borough. The agreed site is near Portman Road and the pool is planned to be complete by 2027. Additional parking in the area is also being considered.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

CV advised that the Deben Chair, Stephen Bunclark, had asked that the issue of the charging for passes for Team Managers and Coaches at Open Meets be discussed. His preference would be to keep the cost of passes to a minimum so that Clubs are not penalised financially

for having a good ratio of Team Managers to competitors. One option he would promote is to only charge if food was available thus putting safeguarding first rather than cash. Discussion ensued and whilst there was general agreement it was accepted that this was a matter for each club to decide.

5. AGREE FORMAT OR THE 2023 COUNTY LEAGUE COMPETITION

The circulated league rules structure, agreed at the September League AGM, were agreed unanimously.

6. AGREE REPRESENTATIVES OF EAST REGION COMMITTEES:

Disability	Ann Byrne (Temporary)
Masters	Vacant
Open Water	Sarah Tait
Water Polo	Chris Cawood
Swimming Officials	Stephen Christian (Podge)
Coaches Forum	Dan Pilbrow (to be contacted to confirm)

7. AGREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EAST REGION MEMBERS FORUM

Three County attendees were agreed:

Chris Vinter

John North

The number of Forum Members from each County may change following the Regional AGM as this is based on the number of club members in each County. A decision on any additional Members will be made after the numbers are known.

8. COUNTY AWARDS

IC reported that following the Swim England Awards, a number of Suffolk members were nominated. It was agreed that County presentations would be organised to take place during the County Champs. The award winners would remain secret until immediately before the presentation.

9. AOB:

TMa asked about hoodies for 2023 Championships. SE advised that they would be similar to 2022 as these were well received by competitors and adults.

NH asked about the use of the new blocks at Crown Pools. IC confirmed that the principle of a hire agreement and training module for installation had been agreed and will be in place for future events. This will ensure that insurance concerns will be covered.

10. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2023

It was agreed that Executive Committee meetings will continue to take place online. The possible meeting dates will be considered and following approval by the Management Board will be circulated to all.

The AGM will be held on Saturday 25th November 2023, hopefully in person at a venue to be agreed.