

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Swim England Suffolk held at St Felix School and via zoom on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023, commencing at 1 pm**

**ATTENDEES IN PERSON:**

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager
Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary	Nikki Hall	NH	Deben
Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec	Rob Garry	RG	Mildenhall
John North	JN	President/Records	Vicki Emmerson	VE	Leiston
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President	Sue Purchase	SP	St Felix
Peter Elmer	PE	President	Caroline Cofield	CCo	Trophies
		Website Manager			President Elect

**ATTENDEES VIA ZOOM**

Ann Byrne	AB	Disability	Debs Greenhalgh	DG	West Suffolk
Sarah Tait	ST	Open Water	Tanya Mason	TM	Stowmarket
Louise Perkins	LP	Man. B Rep	Wesley May	WM	Ass Team Manager
Hannah Smith	NS	Team Waveney	Bobbie Wilson	BW	Past President

**1. APOLOGIES**

Chris Bellwood	CB	Man. B Rep	Tim Millett	TM	Dev. Meet
Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer	Stephen Christian	SC	Officials Coord
Sam Garnham	SG	Team Ipswich Hadleigh SC	Jeremy Duszynski	JD	Past President

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September were agreed as a true record subject to the correction of some minor typos.

**3. MATTERS ARISING:**

PE confirmed that the website will be updated with the new County fees plus the new Regional and National fees.

IC confirmed that access is now available to the Swim England portal and members of the MB have been tasked with the uploading of county information.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE:**

CV informed the meeting that he had received an email from East Region promoting the English Schools Swimming Association individual championships. The document included an expression of interest link and CV will forward to clubs.

CV had received an update on SwimMark and Club Affiliation from Swim England. Clubs should have received the information directly, but CV will forward to Club secretaries.

**5. AGREE MINUTES OF LEAGUE AGM:**

The minutes were agreed and will be ratified at the 2024 League AGM.

## 6. AGREE REPRESENTATIVES OF EAST REGION COMMITTEES:

Disability	Ann Byrne
Masters	Caroline Cofield
Open Water	Sarah Tait
Water Polo	Chris Cawood
Swimming Officials	Stephen Christian (Podge)
Coaches Forum	Dan Pilbrow

## 7. AGREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EAST REGION MEMBERS FORUM

Four County attendees were agreed:

Chris Vinter  
John North  
Sarah Elmer  
Chris Bellwood

The number of Forum Members from each County may change following the Regional AGM as representation is based on the number of club members in each County. A final decision on the appointed Members will be made once the final numbers are known.

## 8. AOB:

AB asked if the provisional date for the Swimability Meet could be confirmed. IC confirmed that this date would be added to the calendar and if possible, this date would be avoided when setting the League dates.

IC confirmed that the provisional dates for the Suffolk League will be 13 April, 18 May and 29 June. These will be confirmed once the Regions dates are known.

DG expressed her concerns regarding the incorrect emails that were sent to a large number of members by Swim England. IC advised that Swim England were aware of the issue and are carrying out a thorough review of procedures and the membership system.

CCo asked if there was to be any changes to coach/team manager ratios. IC stated that the guidance was being looked at by Swim England.

JN reported that the starting system at the Crown Pools was old and problems have been experienced recently. There is no spare available and we could be without AOE if it failed during a competition. The cost of a new starting box is believed to be circa £2,500. JN to obtain quotes so that a decision on whether to purchase can be made.

CV advised the meeting that he had informed members of the East Region County Forum that he had decided to stand down from the position of Chairman of the group.

## 9. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2024

The following dates were proposed for meetings in 2024.

17<sup>th</sup> February – Executive Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> June – Executive Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> September – League AGM and Executive Meeting

30<sup>th</sup> November - AGM and Executive Meeting