

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Swim England Suffolk held via Zoom
on Saturday 10th September 2022 at 11.15am**

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	Chris Cawood	CCa	Water Polo
Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec	Stephen Christian	SC	President/ Officials Coord
Sylvia Harrison	SH	Stowmarket	Chris Bellwood	CB	Man. Board Rep
Paul Bowman	PB	Newmarket	Tim Millett	TM	Development
Tanya Mason	TM	Stowmarket	Dan Pilbrow	DP	Coach Liaison
Nick Thompson	NT	Team Manager	Logan Moore	LM	Team Waveney
Sue Purchase	SP	St Felix			

1. WELCOME

IC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Stella Day	SD	Team Ipswich	Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer
Gemma Cannon	GC	Masters	Lu Ford	LF	Hadleigh
Bobbie Wilson	BW	Welfare Officer	Stephen Bunclark	SB	Deben Chair
Sarah Tate	ST	Open Water	Vicky Emmerson	VE	Leiston

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the last Executive meeting held on 2nd July 2022 were agreed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

CV stated that the following correspondence had been received.

Emails have been exchanged with Lowestoft Lions who are keen to support the Swimability Meet in 2023

Swim England via East Region have asked if the County would be prepared to waive the County Fee for Ukrainian refugees. The County Management Board agreed to waive 100% of the County fee and swim England have been advised.

Swim England have acknowledged our completion of the County Review Survey and have apologised for the delay in response which is partially due to the Commonwealth Games. Further contact will be made in due course.

A meeting has been confirmed for 12th October with Ipswich Borough Council to discuss the new pool in Ipswich. IC will be attending representing both East Region and Suffolk. Swim England Facilities team will also be attending.

5. FINANCIAL UPDATE

IC advised that LB had reported that it had been a very quiet period and the financial position remains the same.

6. COUNTY COMPETITIONS

County Champs -SE referred to her previously posted report and confirmed that the long distance meet at UEA had been confirmed with Norfolk for 14/15 January 2023. The closing date for the long distance will be 16th December. The closing date for all other events will be 6th January 2023. The QT's will be posted on the website.

Development Meet – TM reported that the entry file should be available this coming weekend. IC will be assisting with volunteers and this will be organised via Meet Manager. DR advised that the Age on day should refer to the last date of the competition. NT was disappointed that the decision to change to age on day had disadvantaged the older swimmers with birthdays after October. Time only swims to be considered and the requirement for times to have been achieved at licensed meets should be removed from the conditions. TM to go back to Licensing. There was discussion about hoodies and it was suggested that the same supplier be used as at the Counties.

County League – IC reported that at the League AGM held prior to this meeting that the some rule changes had been agreed with less IM's and more relays. The previously suggested dates are to be reviewed

7. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNTY OFFICERS

AB referred to her previously posted report and advised that the planned regional meeting on 29th September had been cancelled. A date for the proposed Swimability meet needs to be agreed with Lowestoft Lions.

IC reported that discussions are underway with West Suffolk regarding incorporating their masters meet into the County calendar alongside the Newmarket meet.

CCa reported that it had been very quiet.

It was reported that the County Camp will be taking place on Sunday with 26 athletes and 5 Coaches.

PD reported that the website was functioning satisfactorily.

IC advised that the County calendar has been updated and asked clubs to submit any other dates that they wish to be included.

8. AOB:

SE had requested a new laptop and this was agreed unanimously.

NH asked for guidance on the minimum age for poolside helpers. IC will check and then advise.

NH asked if poolside passes should be paid for. IC advised that there was no guidance.

The dates of future meetings are:

26 November 2022 (AGM and Exec)