



Swim England East Region
Minutes of the Disability Leadership Group Meeting
Tuesday 24th January 2023 @ 8pm

Present	Peter Winter (PW)	Manager
	Helen Stephens (HS)	ROC Representative
	Carl Cooper (CC)	Para-Swimming Talent Coach
	Paula Durrant (PD)	Cambridgeshire Representative
	Louise Hughes (LH)	Hertfordshire Representative
	Christopher Pagan (CP)	Essex Representative
	Chris Vinter (CV)	Suffolk Representative Substitute

Also, present Emma Winter, Regional Administrator (EW)

- 23/01 Apologies**
- 23/01.1 Anne Bryne (AB) Suffolk representative and Anthony Moore (AM) Norfolk representative sent their apologies prior to the meeting.
 - 23/01.2 No apologies sent in from Bedfordshire.
- 23/02 Declarations of conflict of interest**
- 23/02.1 None
- 23/03 Previous minutes**
- 23/03.1 Minutes from the meeting held on the 6th December 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed.
- 23/04 Matters arising**
- 23/04.1 PW welcomed CP as Essex representative and LH stand in Hertfordshire representative to the meeting.
- 23/05 Budget 2023**
- 23/05.1 PW informed the Group that the budget for 2023 has been approved.

- 23/05.2 PW asked the Group for their thoughts on possible holding a Time Trial event and a Long distant event. He explained that this is currently a thought and would not happen this year.
- 23/05.3 Discussions took place and concerns were raised regarding officials and how it would be advertised.
- 23/05.4 CC advised that it may be a good idea to run a long distance development day with CPD for coaches and officials, then possible have a time trial at the end of the day.
- 23/06 Athlete Recognition**
- 23/06.1 There was no known athlete recognition since the last meeting.
- 23/07 County Reports**
- 23/07.1 Suffolk – CV informed the Group that the swimability meet will take place on the 15th April at Lowerstoft.
- 23/07.2 CV informed the Group that Suffolk would like to extend the invite to neighbouring clubs who would like to enter. CV to send the entry pack to EW to circulate.
- 23/07.3 Cambridgeshire – PD informed the Group that she has been engaging with clubs within the county and discussing what Para-Swimmers the clubs have.
- 23/07.4 PD has noticed after the first weekend of the County Championships that there needs to be more CPD training for Officials on Para-Swimming as there is a lot of Officials that do not understand the rules and regulations.
- 23/07.5 Both CV and HS agreed that they do not get to see Para-Swimming on a regular basic so it would be good to have a better understanding.
- 23/07.6 **Action – EW to discuss with David Metcalf on the best course of action to get more training within the Region.**
- 23/07.7 Norfolk – No representative to give a report
- 23/07.8 Bedfordshire – No representative to give a report.
- 23/07.9 Essex – CP informed the Group that Essex is currently looking at holding a local meet for Para-Swimmers and is in talks with Colchester Phoenix.
- 23/07.10 HS has offered any help to CP if he requires it.
- 23/07.11 Hertfordshire – LH informed the Group that she is currently place holding until a new representative has been appointed.
- 23/08 Regional Training Sessions 2023**
- 23/08.1 EW informed the Group that the next Regional Training session is to be held on Sunday 26th February 2023 at Abbey Leisure Centre, Cambridge.
- 23/08.2 Registration is now open and already have swimmers and coaches signed up, some who are new to attending the training sessions.
- 23/08.3 PW asked the Group to have a think of venues for the next training session and bring their thoughts to the next meeting.



23/09 SEER Para-swimming meet 2023

- 23/09.1 PW informed the Group that the Para-swimming meet will take place on the weekend of the 16th & 17th September 2023 at Newmarket Leisure Centre.
- 23/09.2 The pool and studio has been booked for the afternoon of the 16th September and the morning of the 17th for classification. A studio has been booked for Officials CPD on the morning of the 17th September. The meet will then take place on the afternoon of the 17th.
- 23/09.3 EW informed the Group that the Region are still waiting to hear how many teams of classifiers will be able to attend, should hopefully know by the beginning of March.

23/10 Any other business

- 23/10.1 CC informed the Group that a new cohort of classifiers have attended a training weekend so there should hopefully be more classifiers.

23/11 Confidential items

- 23/11.1 None

23/12 Next meeting

- 23/12.1 Meeting booked in for Tuesday 4th July 2023 @ 8pm via Zoom.