



**Swim England East Region**  
**Minutes of the Disability Leadership Group Meeting**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 @ 8pm**

<b>Present</b>	Peter Winter (PW)	Manager
	Helen Stephens (HS)	ROC Representative
	Carl Cooper (CC)	Para-Swimming Talent Coach
	Ann Byrne (AB)	Suffolk Representative
	Louise Hughes (LH)	Hertfordshire Representative
	Christopher Pagan (CP)	Essex Representative

Also, present Emma Winter, Regional Administrator (EW)

- 23/13 Apologies**
- 23/13.1 Apologies received prior to the meeting from Paula Durrant (PD) Cambridgeshire representative.
  - 23/13.2 Apologies received after the meeting from Anthony Moore (AM) Norfolk representative.
  - 23/13.3 No representative for Bedfordshire.
- 23/14 Declarations of conflict of interest**
- 23/14.1 None
- 23/15 Previous minutes**
- 23/15.1 Minutes from the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were circulated prior to the meeting one spelling mistake, corrected and were agreed.
- 23/16 Matters arising**
- 23/16.1 Regional training sessions for next year.
- 23/17 Athlete Recognition**

- 23/17.1 AB – William Ellard from St Felix School is attending the World Para-Swimming Championships in Manchester, he was classified at the British Para-Swimming International Meet (BPSIM) this year. He has also broken 6 regional records. Jordan Cacthpole is also attending the World Para-Swimming Championships.
- 23/17.2 CC – William Ellard has also now got his International Classification which he got in Berlin, he is part of the England programmes.
- 23/17.3 LH – Grace Harvey will be attending the World Para-Swimming Championships.
- 23/17.4 Jessica-Jane Applegate is also attending the World Para-Swimming Championships
- 23/18.5 HS – Corey Hare from Colchester has recently been classified.
- 23/18.6 CP – Corey Hare and Connie Ratley Swam well at the National Junior Para-Swimming Championships in Coventry and coming away with medals. CC - Connie has also been selected for the World School games in Rio in August.

**23/18**

**County Reports**

- 23/18.1 Suffolk – Had their Swimability meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> April after a 4 year break. They had 7 teams attend Colchester Phoenix, Team Waveney, Great Yarmouth Special Olympians, Stowmarket, West Suffolk, teamipswich, Norwich Swan.  
  
The youngest swimmer was 9 and the oldest 38 with 45 swimmers altogether. Ellie Challis attended and brought her silver paralympic medal and did a meet and greet with the swimmers' lots of photos and smiles.  
  
AB and Fiona Brittain from West Suffolk have been selected to attend as technical officials at the World Para-Swimming Championships in Manchester.  
  
Suffolk's swimability meet 2024 will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April.
- 23/18.2 Essex – Nothing to report.
- 23/18.3 Hertfordshire – Nothing to report.
- 23/18.4 Bedfordshire – No representative to give a report.
- 23/18.5 Cambridgeshire – No report given.
- 23/18.6 Norfolk – Norfolk's swimability meet is being held on 8<sup>th</sup> July at Riverside.

**23/19**

**Regional Training Sessions 2023**

- 23/19.1 The regional training session took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> June at Grange Paddocks, Bishop Stortford. It was a small turn out but everyone who attended it enjoyed the session. PW fed back that the venue was good, with a good size



studio and the pool had good starting blocks for the swimmers to practise on ready for the National Para-Swimming Championships.

- 23/19.2 A discussion took place regarding the next training session which will take place in November. Venues suggested were Basildon Sporting Village or Southend. EW to contact venues for availability.

**23/20 SEER Para-swimming meet 2023**

- 23/20.1 The Para-Swimming meet is to take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at Newmarket Leisure Centre, with classification on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. Entries have opened with the closing date for classification on the 30<sup>th</sup> July and main entries to close on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August.
- 23/20.2 CPD for Officials is now taking place on line prior to the meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 7pm, the link to register is on the regional's website.
- 23/20.3 EW confirmed that the link for volunteers is now live on the regional Para-Swimming competitions webpage. HS asked which roles we will need to fill. It was agreed that we would need volunteers for the register table, marshalling and medal table.
- 23/20.4 LH is happy to help with the AOE and the Regional's president is attending the meet. EW to invite the County presidents to the meet.

**23/21 Any other business**

- 23/21.1 No any other business.

**23/22 Confidential items**

- 23/22.1 None

**23/23 Next meeting**

- 23/23.1 Meeting booked in for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 @ 8pm via Zoom.