



Swim England East Region
Minutes of the Masters Leadership Group Meeting
11th July 2023

Present	Mrs Louise Mackie (LM)	Manager – SE ER MLG
	Mrs Gerry Metcalf (GM)	ROC Representative
	Mr Doug Drake (DD)	Essex
	Mr Andrew MacDonald	Hertfordshire
	Mrs Liz Woolner (LW)	Bedfordshire
	Suffolk post is vacant	
	Norfolk post is vacant	

Also present **Emma Winter, SE ER Regional Administrator (EW)**

23/12 **Apologies**

23/12.1 No apologies received from MF – Cambridgeshire. Louise Perkins (LP) attended on behalf of Suffolk Management Board as Suffolk post vacant.

23/13 **Declarations of conflict of interest**

23/13.1 None declared

23/14 **Previous minutes**

23/14.1 The minutes of 18.01.2023 were circulated before the meeting. No amendments were made and the minutes were agreed.

23/15 **Matters arising**

23/15.1 None

23/16 **Activities Completed – Development Day**

23/16.1 Only 16 attended, several had never swum competitively so they had little idea of some of the things said to them. Feedback from a few of them (6?) would like these events quarterly! EW to circulate the feedback form with the Group.

23/16.2 If there is so little interest, should we look at possible not running them as it cannot make a loss?

23/16.3 If running a Development Day in 2024, need to book a venue much earlier. To discuss at next meeting.

23/17 **Activities Planned**

23/17.1 **Masters Inter Counties – 12th November 2023**

23/17.2 No venue yet. LP suggested Crown Pools Ipswich – she would enquire about availability as she works there.

- 23/17.3 Venues suggest were Bury St Edmunds/Borehamwood/Watford/Hatfield.
- 23/17.4 EW to enquire at Burt St Edmunds. Must have AOE.
- 23/17.5 **Master Championships – 1st October 2023**
- 23/17.6 Schedule and conditions amended to reflect two gender categories male/open and female.
- 23/17.7 Keith B was reluctant to have an extra cost band for the 800m and LM had received a request from the SEER board not to charge more for this as it could put people off from entering. The feeling was that this wouldn't stop masters entering and we had to limit the entries for this event anyway. Other meets have separate charges for short and long distance, and relays.
- 23/17.8 It was decided to raise individual entry fees to £9 to be sure of covering costs.
- 23/17.9 LW asked if new regional records, if achieved at the event could be presented. – Yes. Is the SEER President coming? EW to invite SEER President.
- 23/17.10 EW to get a quote for officials food, (tea and coffee facilities provided by the centre?). Graham Sprat will come and do the results, just need an AOE operator.
- 23/18 County Matters**
- 23/18.1 **Bedfordshire** – Nothing to report.
- 23/18.2 **Essex** – Nothing to report.
- 23/18.3 **Herts** – Nothing to report.
- 23/18.4 **Cambs** – No representative.
- 23/18.5 **Norfolk** – No Representative.
- 23/18.6 **Suffolk** – Nothing to report.
- 23/19 Any other business**
- 23/19.1 LW asked that there should be clearer rules for masters who claim SEER records. Must swim for a club in the ER or swim for their county in the ER.
- 23/19.2 The relay records need to be separated into long course and short course. LW would put together a proposal to the board for this change. Also need to change the gender categories to male/open and female – this can be done at the same time.
- 23/19.3 The ER Masters decathlon results are ready. LW will check before publishing. LM has some medals – these can be handed out at the Masters Champs.
- 23/19.4 GM reminded everyone that certificates of disability can now be issued by the swimmer's coach. The necessary form is on the SE website.
- 23/20 Confidential items**
- 23/20.1 There were none.
- 23/21 Next meeting**
- 23/21.1 The next meeting will take place on 10th October 2023 @ 19:00 via Zoom.