



Swim England East Region
Minutes of the Artistic Swimming Leadership Group Meeting
7th October 2023 @ 10am

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| Present | Amy Davis (AD) | East Region Artistic Swimming Manager |
| | Lucy Bird (LB) | Chelmsford SC |
| | Amy Bryant (AB) | Hatfield |
| | Karen Brennan (KB) | Aqualina |
| | Tom Brennan (TB) | Aqualina |
| | Emma Chapman (EC) | Dacorum |
| | Kerri Clewlow (KC) | Aqualina |
| | Emily Gower (EG) | Norwich |
| | Jill Gribble (JG) | Bedford |
| | Jayne Jarvis (JJ) | Potters Bar |
| | Laura Neary (LN) | Chelmsford |
| | Suzanne Rushe (SR) | Dacorum |

Also present Josh Devine, Regional Manager (JD) and Emma Winter, Regional Administrator (EW)

23/12

Apologies

- 23/12.1 AD welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all who had attended.
- 23/12.2 Apologies were received from Sheila Mackenzie (SM) ROC Representative.

23/13

Declarations of conflict of interest

- 23/13.1 There were none.

23/14

Conference dates/Current plan - 2023

- 23/14.1 AD informed the Group that the confirmed dates for the conference will be the 2nd and 3rd December 2023.
- 23/14.2 Day 1 of the conference will be for all Coaches and Judges going through the new rules. Day 2 there will be a Level 2 and Level 3 Judging course.

23/15

Update from Regional Managers Meeting

- 23/15.1 AD shared her screen with the National competition dates for 2024.
- 23/15.2 The entry qualification is staying the same. They are reintroducing free combo into NAGs and an aquabatics routine to Championships.
- 23/15.3 NAGs and Championships are follow the Aqua World Rules.
- 23/15.4 There will be a full adoption of the new rules for NAGs and Championships and partial adoption for COMBO and Regional events.
- 23/15.5 Masters there will be only free routines, and will be held the weekend following the COMBO Cup.
- 23/15.6 NAGs will be held on the 9th/10th March 2024 in Crawley, National Championships will be the 27th/28th April 2024 in Harvey Hadden and the COMBO Cup and Masters will be the 6th/7th July in Sheffield.
- 23/15.7 AD will send the dates and information of next year's competitions to the Group.

23/16

Upskilling for Judges

- 23/16.1 LN gave an update on the way the Judging panel can be structured. There are two options.
- Option 1: All Level 3 Judges to be in attendance in order to run with a difficulty panel, which means you will need 3 Judges, a Referee and an assistant Referee.
 - Option 2: Market based on an Artistic score and not to look at the difficulty.
- 23/16.2 The scoring system is changing which means figures will be a 0.1 and routines will be a 0.25.
- 23/16.3 KC gave an update on Coach cards and how to fill them out and explained the bass mark. The Group had a discussing around the coach card.
- 23/16.4 AD asked that if anyone hasn't upskilled to let her know but they are able to upskill at the conference.

23/17

Competitions 2024

- 23/17.1 The potential dates for 2024 are:
- 10th February 2024 – Figures, Solos and duets for NAGs
 - 23rd March 2024 - Combos
 - 15th June 2024 – Combos and upgraded Figures
- 23/17.2 KB informed the Group that Masters is back June/July, so will need to look at fitting Masters in.

23/18

Development

- 23/18.1 AB in formed the Group that she has held two development days, one in September and one in October.
- 23/18.2 The first one which was held in September was for Swimmers aged 9/10 year olds without a grade and the second which was held in October was for 11/12 year olds with a grade, both days went really well.



- 23/18.3 AD informed the Group that Tom, Jayne and Kerri have taken the lead on the Regional Games squad and that an email has gone out to everyone.
- 23/18.4 AD informed the Group that in 2023 National will be doing development opportunities and the options are:
- High performance centre visit which would be during January trough to April or September trough to December. It extends to groups of 8 athletes and 1 Coach.
 - One day clinic held in the Region where someone would come to the Region and present a topic of our choice, followed by a two land base activities and a pool session.
 - There will be bespoke webinars based on what the Region would like them on.
- 23/18.5 AD asked the Group what they would be interested in so she can included it into the budget.
- 23/18.6 The Group had a discussion around the options and decided on the one day clinic and the webinars.
- 23/18.7 AB will look at dates to run an Assistant Coach Courses in 2024.
- 23/19 Grading Days 2024**
- 23/19.1 AD is looking at holding Grading days 2024 in January, late February/early March, May, July, August, November and December.
- 23/19.2 JJ is happy to host a Grading day, AD and JJ to look at dates.
- 23/20 Officials Training**
- 23/20.1 AD informed the Group that she is now qualified to deliver a scorers course and she will look at dates.
- 23/20.2 AD to feedback regarding the level 1 online and Officials courses.
- 23/09 Any other business**
- 23/09.1 AD will look at the budget and put it together and she will circulate with the Group.
- 23/09.2 KC is happy to take any athletes who are not quite up to level for the beacon games and any Coaches who would like to attend.
- 23/10 Confidential items**
- 23/10.1 There were none.
- 23/11 Next meeting**

23/11.1 The next meetings will be:
Saturday 20th January 2024 at 10am
Saturday 13th April 2024 at 10am
Saturday 14th September 2024 at 10am
Saturday 9th November 2024 at 10am

These will be all held via Zoom.