



Swim England East Region
Minutes of the Water Polo Leadership Group Meeting
13th September 2023

Present	Dean Walker (DW)	Manager
	Ian Mackenzie (IM)	ROC Representative
	Martin Hackett (MH)	Dunstable WPC
	Peter Mole (PM)	Hatfield SC
	Tim Whitwham (TW)	Regional Coach/Bedford

Also present Emma Winter, Regional Administrator (EW)

23/10 **Apologies**

23/10.1 Apologies received from Gemma Clare (GC) City of Cambridge SC, Anna Leeson (AL) Cambridge University WP & SC, Jurgis Reinotas (JR) Cambridge University WP & SC and Jackie Spinks (JS) Hitchin.

23/11 **Declarations of conflict of interest**

23/11.1 There were none.

23/12 **Previous minutes**

23/12.1 DW asked EW to share the previous minutes on the screen.

23/12.2 DW has spoken with Trevor at Haberdashers about holding the Trevor Hide Cup again over a weekend, he is going to come back to DW.

23/12.3 Minutes approved.

23/13 **Matters Arising**

23/13.1 Trevor Hide cup will be for U13 and U11 school teams who do not need to be Swim England members.

23/13.2 DW asked if there is a need for a Grand Prix. IM suggested that DW and EW work together and get a poll together of dates and age groups and send out to get feelers from everyone.

23/13.3 TW suggested that we should look at age group 09, 10 and under, and players who enter need to live in an East Region postcode area.

23/14 **2023/2024 Plan and Budget**

23/14.1 2023 budget was reduced and there was the space to add if needed.

- 23/14.2 For 2024 budget, the Inter-Regionals entry fee will be covered and the Regional Academy it will be player pay.
- 23/14.3 DW asked if there is merit to have an Inter-County competition in the budget for Juniors and Senior Men and Women.
- 23/14.4 MH questioned if a senior Inter-County would have the support, as there is already the Herts league competition with matches being held from April through to November.
- 23/14.5 TW suggested talking to Toni Fenton and ask if Hitchin would hold an East Region senior club tournament.
- 23/14.6 DW suggested from a budget point of view, the Region to actively support the senior Eastern and Herts leagues and promote the leagues on the website.
- 23/14.7 To keep the junior Inter-Regionals in the budget.
- 23/14.8 Regional Academy to keep 10 sessions a year, 1 a month missing out August and December.
- 23/14.9 IM suggested to do the same as last year and to get the dates booked in advance to clubs and parents.
- 23/14.10 IM asked regarding the budget do we need any new kit. DW – We have some balls and new hats.
- 23/14.11 DW there is a need for new kit but where do we store it. IM suggested that I can be stored at the Regional storeroom but someone would need to collect and return the kit.
- 23/14.12 DW to look into the cost of new balls.

23/15 Updates from representatives

- 23/15.1 MH asked who he needs to contact to get some information updated on the East Region Water Polo webpage, EW asked MH to contact herself.
- 23/15.2 Dunstable Water Polo will now be holding two training sessions and Milton Keynes players will be invited to become Dunstable memberships.
- 23/15.3 DW informed the Group that there is a Level 1 Assistant Coaching course being run which starts on the 25th October 2023, it is on the ISO website to book on. The practical sessions will be held between Chelmsford and Haberdashers.
- 23/15.4 MH and PM left the meeting at 20:06pm.

23/16 Any other business

- 23/16.1 DW shared his screen with the new Coach, Team Manager and Chaperone policy. TW asked if the information has been shared with all clubs. IM and EW confirmed that the information has been sent out to all Clubs.



- 23/16.2 There was a discussion regarding the new policy and how many Team Managers will need to attend the Inter-Regional competitions and the risk assessments.
- 23/16.3 IM asked EW to contact Helen Weeks to see if she can share the Coaches/Team Managers presentation which to presented for the Water Polo.
- 23/16.4 A discussion took place regarding the Regional Academy session to be taken around the Region. EW to start to look at pools, the Abbey pool in Cambridge and Robinson pool, Bedford.

23/17 Confidential items

- 23/17.1 No confidential items.

22/18 Next meeting

- 22/18.1 Next meeting to take place on Wednesday 15th November 2023 @ 7pm via Zoom.