

**East Diving Leadership Group  
(the “EDLG” or “Group”)**

**Minutes of the Diving Leadership Group held via video conference  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

<b>Present</b>	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Diving Manager
	Alice Clarke (AC)	Cambridge Representative
	Beth Lee (BL)	Luton Representative
	Kate Mansfield (KM)	Southend Representative
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Competitions Officer

Also, present Emma Winter, Regional Administrator (EW)

**23/49**

**Welcome and Apologies**

23/49.1 Apologies – Sharyn Bord (SB), Bill Clark (BC), and Allan Jaunzens (AJ)

23/49.2 The meeting was not quorate.

23/49.3 LT thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all their hard work during 2023.

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**Declarations of conflict of interest**

23/50.1 None.

**23/51**

**Previous minutes**

23/51.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were agreed subject to minor amendments.

**23/52**

**Matters arising**

23/52.1 23/40.2 The Group had previously discussed a tribute to Derek Beaumont and found that it was not suitable to amend the Club Championships Trophy. IM previously suggested getting a ribbon banner to present to the Diver of the season at the Club Championships in honour of Derek Beaumont. Will look at nominations and voting for the Diver closer to the time. Action closed.

23/52.2 23/42.2 LT sent the information for the Allianz Sports Fund to AC. Action closed.

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**Correspondence**

23/53.1 No correspondence since last meeting.

**23/54**

**Club Reports**

23/54.1 Cambridge

AC reported that they are waiting for Dive Gym to come and service some items but they are very busy. A new grant from Cambridge City Council to get some new equipment, they are getting a new video replier and new equipment for dryland. Learn to Dive is building with new kids getting into the sport.

23/54.2      Southend  
KM reported that the Club is building along with volunteers. IR will be doing some training in the New Year with the volunteers on Dive Recording. The Club are keen to hold their own competitions and to build their expertise to be able to hold the competitions. The Club have acquired two laptops to use for Dive Recorder, and lots of volunteers keen to learn and train. The Club have had some Coaches go on to the Judge Level 2 course. The Club has two new Team Managers and a new Treasure.

23/54.3      Luton  
BL congratulated IR on his win on Volunteer of the Year for the East Region and gained the silver award for the National awards.

The Club have been able to meet with Becky Walker, Josh Devine and a couple of other people from Swim England who have been helping the Club work out a path for 2024 as at present the Club does not have a Head Coach, the club does have a Coach who has been doing two evenings a week so there has been some changes to training. The Club is unable at present to be able to accept new members due to capacity but are supporting existing Divers.

23/54.4      Beaumont  
JD provided an update to LT. Beaumont are moving forward with the name change to Hatfield Diving Academy JD believes. They are in contact with Jo and it is to JD understanding that the name change is with Herts County or was, for their approval.

GLL talk is stalled currently, they are being somewhat slow with budgets etc, but Sophie and the team are doing a great job at ensuring the club ticks over and I am supporting where possible with regular contact with Sophie.

We are starting conversations regarding a potential joint committee for Luton and Hatfield, which Sophie is open to, I am yet to dig into that conversation with Luton, as there have been some road blocks to progress there. I have a meeting with Tim, Beth and Ian on Friday (didn't want to miss it, so doing it and claiming my AL back), to get into the current situation and what we need to do to move forward positively.

23/54.5      LT asked if anyone has got people booked onto the Level 1 course which is happening in Luton and advised that there are still a few spaces available on it and if anyone has someone who would like to attend to let LT know and she will contact the IOS.

## 23/55

23/55.1      **Operations Update**  
LT circulated the Budget and Plan prior to the meeting, and has been submitted to the Board for approval.

All of the competitions for 2024 have been booked along with venues.

Skills on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Age Groups 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April

Club Championships 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October

LT reported that the Development side of the budget that they have put in a bit of a deficit to be able to run a couple of camps for the Athletes and Coaches. In January looking at running a weight lifting introductions for the divers, some yoga training and hurdles workshop. In May looking at running some ballet, Psychology workshop looking at competition preparation and then some Pool and Dryland training.

Looking at running a Wet Rigging workshop for the Coaches so hopefully the Coaches who did the Dry Rigging workshop this year can get to do the Wet Rigging. Also looking at running a Handstand and Twist workshop for Coaches.

LT reported that they have also put into the Budget for Officials/Volunteers courses. Looking at running a recorders course with IR in January and also put on an announcer workshop.

23/55.2 LT asked IR if he would be free the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> January 2024. IR confirmed that the Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January would be better.

## 23/56

### **Regional Diving Competitions**

23/56.1 Regional Club Championships (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023)

IR reported that the Championships ran very well and that we have a good team of volunteers working together which makes the competitions run smoothly. We had a few parents from Southend Diving Club who are looking at doing the Diving recording course in 2024 to help support Southend with their events.

Feedback from the Club Championships was positive, it all ran to time. The volunteers were good and everyone worked well as a team.

23/56.2 LT reported that it was good to see new volunteers coming through and we also had a few new officials attend the Championships and they all did really well and hopefully they will keep judging.

## 23/57

### **Regional Development**

23/57.1 Level 1 Coach course being held in 2024 and the possibility of a Level 2 Coach course. LT asked that if there is a need for course to please let her or AC know so they can look at what is needed.

## 23/58

### **Officials Update**

23/58.1 LT reported that there were a number of new Judge 1 who attended and Judged at the Club Championships in October and all did really well.

23/58.2 Sasha attended the Judge Level 2 course in London and successfully passed, LT will update the officials list to include her Judge 2. We have a number of people working their way through the levels. IR is doing his senior level Judge course.

## 23/59

### **Any Other Business**

23/59.1 LT circulated the 2024 meeting dates prior to the meeting.

23/59.2 KM and BL left the meeting at 7.38pm.

## 23/60

### **Confidential Items**

23/60.1 LT circulated the applicants for the EDLG Specialist roles prior to the meeting. The applications were reviewed and agreed who would be pointed. LT had confirmation via email from SB, BC, Ian Mackenzie and IR prior to the meeting.

**Action – LT to contact applicants.**

LT closed the meeting and thanked those attending. Date of next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm.