

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

**Minutes of the Diving Leadership Group held via video conference**

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

<b>Present</b>	Lottie Thompson (LT)	Diving Manager
	Sharyn Bord (SB)	Operations Officer
	Sarah Gateshill (SG)	Dacorum Representative
	Allan Jaunzens (AJ)	Cambridge Representative
	Stephanie Lewis (SL)	Specialist
	Beth Lee (BL)	Luton Representative
	Ian Mackenzie (IMK)	Regional Representative
	Kate Mansfield (KM)	Southend Representative
	Ian Rollinson (IR)	Competitions Officer

**24/25**

**Welcome and Apologies**

24/25.1 Apologies – Alice Clarke (AC), Bill Clark (BC), Lexie Bushnell (LB).

24/25.2 LT had anticipated introducing EDLG members to the new Regional Manager, James Salmon, but this would now take place at the August meeting instead.

**24/26**

**Declarations of conflict of interest**

24/26.1 None.

**24/27**

**Previous minutes**

24/27.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were agreed.

**24/28**

**Matters arising**

24/28.1 24/16.1 LT reported that a name change for former Beaumont Diving Academy was in progress, and that the club was still looking for Level 2 coaching resource.

24/28.2 24/18.3 LT confirmed that regional clubs had been consulted concerning coaching course requirements.

24/28.3 24/18.4 LT confirmed that the Southend 1m board issue had been fixed.

24/28.4 24/20.2 Open actions for Regional Diving Competitions had been completed.

24/28.5 24/23.2 Jackie Beaumont has kindly agreed that the regional club championships event can be renamed to “Beaumont Team Challenge”. LT will implement ahead of the next event.

**24/29**

**Correspondence**

24/29.1 No correspondence of note had been received.

## 24/30

### Club Reports

24/30.1

#### Luton

BL reported positive movements at the club with a new committee and former Chair John Cripps taking on the chair role again. Jack Tempest was in the role of Assistant Head Coach. A revamped LTD programme was now in place along with a new timetable. New kit was being put in place and the SwimMark health check had been completed. Potential new squad divers were also being tested. One diver had qualified for National Skills Finals. Some of their existing divers were currently undergoing the Assistant Coaching Course (Level 1). On the negative side, the pool bubbles were out of action.

24/30.2

#### Southend

SL reported that the club continued to progress well. Boards had been fixed and lights upgraded. Foam for new dryland facility would be delivered shortly and the club now had a date for installation of the new fulcrums for the 2 x 3m boards. SL asked again about availability of regional funding. LT commented that she was aware that funding from the region had been discussed at Board level but did not have a recent update on progress. It was understood that the region had requested a statement of initial costs and also clarification of ongoing maintenance costs and how would be covered. IMK was not aware of any further developments either.

**Action:** IMK/LT to raise at upcoming Board meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

24/30.3

#### Cambridge

AJ reported steady progress on growing LTD numbers which remained so critical to financing the clubs wider squad activities and discussions were ongoing with Tadhg Owers about becoming the club's third professional coach. Training camps were planned over the summer in both Birmingham and Southend to give opportunity to as many squad members as possible. Getting support from DiveGym for ongoing maintenance of facility development remained frustrating but some progress was being made.

24/30.4

#### Dacorum

SG reported ongoing issues with bubbles facility at the pool but that Everyone Active was being supportive of the club.

**Action:** LT to check if she can identify supplier for repair of pool bubbles.

## 24/31

### Operations Update

24/31.1

SB reported a successful Age Groups event from financial perspective with a surplus of around £700. The EDLG approved her recommendation to purchase additional medals going forward to be able to give to guests too as the current supply had run out.

**Action:** SB

Shan had been contacted to arrange dates for regional events for next competition year including 2 skills events, 1 age group event and the newly named Beaumont Team Challenge. IR confirmed his preference for 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 for the Age Groups and Team event.

- 24/32**
- 24/32.1 **Regional Diving Competitions**  
IR confirmed that the Age Groups competition had gone well, with maximum entries and entrance fees for spectators helping to generate the large surplus reported by SB. The details of the National Skills Finals to be held by the region were now live on the web.
- 24/33**
- 24/33.1 **Regional Development**  
In AC absence LT reported that planning for the planned camp focusing on gymnastics was still in progress. Further details would follow.
- 24/34**
- 24/34.1 **Officials Update**  
LT reported selection of 4 regional judges for the National Skills Final including 2 x J1, a J2, and James Hadley as Assistant Referee. She had been appointed and Chief Referee. A workshop was also taking place for J1 judges with less experience.
- 24/35**
- 24/35.1 **Coaches Forum**  
No update was available to present at this meeting. **Action: LT.**
- 24/36**
- 24/36.1 **Any Other Business**  
EDLG membership  
EDLG membership was discussed.
- 24/36.2 Team Challenge  
Points system needs to be reviewed including synchro. To be discussed at next meeting.  
**Action: IR to send out existing scoring system to all as reminder.**
- 24/37**
- 24/37.1 **Confidential Items**  
None

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