

SWIM ENGLAND - NORTH EAST REGION

President – Stuart Walker

Minutes of the Sixty-Eighth Meeting of the North East Region Management Board Held on Tuesday 4th June 2019 at Grange Park Sports Club, Wetherby at 6 p.m.

Present: D. Watson (Chairman); R. Gordon, D. Alexander, J. Foster, C. Halliday, R. Perrell, S. Prasad, B. Saunders, S. Walker,

In Attendance: L. Lill, D. Parry, D. Ramm, L. Tjaguns

Apologies: H. Leighton, K. Smith, R. Wardle

815 Welcome and Apologies

815.1 The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

816 Declaration of Interest

816.1 Members were asked to declare any interest as and when this arose during the meeting.

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817.1 806.1 – Loans from Regions. This will be updated as part of the Finance Report.

817.2 807.2 – Swimming Coach Education Funding Scheme. This has now gone live. B. Saunders requested that once an approval in respect of a Yorkshire Club has been made, could Yorkshire SA be informed and they would then top-up the funding.

817.3 811.1 – Volunteer Expenses Policy. R. Gordon has updated this policy. Amended policy to be added to website.

821.1 S. Stephenson has returned to work. S. Small will return on 17th June.

818 Matters Arising from the Minutes

818.1 None.

819 Report of the Regional Finance Manager

819.1 R. Gordon reported that the Finance Report was showing as up to 31st March 2019 balance. The Business Plan for last year was relatively expensive due to the maternity cover for the Regional Development Officer.

R. Gordon wanted to note the excellent work undertaken by both the Synchronised Swimming Manager and Water Polo Manager in the organisation of their events. In addition Kath Smith was praised for her work in Swimming events.

819.2 Loans from the Regions. A request has been received from Brian Havill, Swim England Chief Finance Officer. At the present time Swim England borrow money from Lloyds Bank and have requested instead to borrow money from the Regions who at present have money on deposit earning very little interest. This would result in a loan of £40,000 from each Region, with a return of 2.1% interest.

R. Gordon proposed for this arrangement to go ahead. There has already been a general level of support from other regions. D. Watson agreed that this would provide minimal risk and would be a better interest rate. A contract would be drawn up, to be paid on a quarterly basis, with 3 months' notice to be given. **All Board Members agreed.**

820 Regional Business Plan

820.1 D. Parry went over the key points included in the report. Several coach education courses had taken place. Level 2 funding is now available. One club has been

awarded funding, with one being processed. There are 2 CPD workshops taking place in the next 2 months. Regional Swimming Camps selections have been made. As a result of the Young Volunteer Development workshops, 62 attendees have received certificates. The annual report is starting to be completed, with case studies being put together. The discipline managers have submitted their reports.

821 Incorporation

821.1 A Special General Meeting was held on 26th May 2019 in Leeds. The Resolution was passed unanimously. The next stage will be to look at the process of recruiting new trustees on the board. These will consist of 2 from Yorkshire, 1 from N&D and 5 from Membership (existing Board Members). This will go out for recruitment to membership. The remaining 4 positions will be skills based. Existing Board Members can apply for 8 positions. This will be subject to completing the relevant paperwork. The Board will then appoint a Chair.

A meeting will take place on Monday 10th June 2019 in the Darlington Regional Office between B. Saunders, D. Watson, L. Lill and Rhona Still to finalise details. The draft business plan will be finalised and then submitted to the Board. Board Members to be kept informed and this will be presented at the ACM on 8th September 2019.

822 Para Swimming

822.1 L. Lill presented a report in respect of Start Para Swimming which has been launched by Swim England. Following discussions with Martin Lees, Para Swimming Manager, it is proposed to set up Start Para Swimming sites in the NE Region.

It is proposed to request £2,000 to match funding received from Swim England. **All Board Members agreed.**

L. Lill to continue working on the project and look at best sites available.

823 Other Items for Information

823.1 Regional Chairs Meeting. D. Watson attended the most recent Regional Chairs Meeting. A presentation was made by Jon Keating in respect of introducing 6 mandatory conditions in order for clubs to affiliate to Swim England. This will be implemented from January 2020. This will require the support of the Regions but it is unclear as to how (if any) officer time is required. No formal request has been made as yet. J. Foster suggested that there is a need to support clubs to get their quality up to standard. This would have an impact on income coming in via affiliation if some clubs are not allowed to affiliate.

824 Any Other Business

824.1 Mental Health Awareness – R. Gordon submitted the report for consideration. Basketball England has become the first national governing body of sport to train its staff to a Level 2 award in mental health awareness. It was discussed how this could be incorporated within the NE Region. D. Watson suggested North Yorkshire Sport could provide mental health first aid training to the professional officers. J. Foster suggested that links are available for mental health support and these could be signposted on our website. D. Ramm also suggested MIND have similar links on their website.

824.2 Facebook Query – Borocudas SC have asked if the Region would share a new swim stroke. Development Team to check Facebook post to see if suitable.

826 Next Meeting

ACM - Sunday 8th September 2019 at 11.15.a.m. – The Bridge Inn, Wetherby.

ACTION POINTS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
817.3 – Volunteer Expenses Policy. Updated by R. Gordon – to be promoted on website.	LT
824.1 – Mental Health Awareness – links to placed on website.	DR/LT
824.2 – Facebook Query. Development Team to check post.	DR/DP/LL