

Minutes

Minutes from the Tees Valley Club Network Meeting
Monday 20th September 2021

Venue: Online Meeting - Zoom
Time: 19:15 – 19:45

Attendees:

Sarah Small – Swim England North East (SS)
Alison Middleton – Aquaforce (AM)
John Wilkinson – Loftus Dolphins (JW)

Apologies:

Howard Leighton – Network Chair and BOSSS (HL)
Stewart Farr – Eston (SF)

1. Welcome

SS thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

2. Minutes from the last meeting and updates on any actions

None

3. Brief Updates from clubs

Eston: *Update provided via email:* Eston have an increased membership currently and are receiving enquiries regularly. We have just been offered an extra hour in the pool at Redcar which is great but we were hoping for more. In terms of the new pool for Eston the council are playing things behind closed doors now and I fear they will deliver a pool that is not up to swim England standards for galas. We understand there is currently a shortfall in the funding although further funding bids are in with the government. We have started to compete in open galas again including the teaspoon gala in Sheffield at the weekend with some great swims and also a medal in the 50fly for one of our 9 year olds which was excellent.

Loftus: Two swimmers selected for England talent programme, festival of swimming was first gala, attended Northallerton gala recently which was attended by 3 clubs. Club is nearly full, have a steady trickle of swimmers coming through. Still short of coaches, one of coaches has been accepted onto the Swim England Senior Swimming Coach programme. Have had around 12 children off with Covid.

Aquaforce: No Dyke house pool open, allowed to use changing rooms at Mill House pool, children arrive swim ready, number of swimmers have had Covid. Everything ticking over, first gala at Billingham coming up. Taking things slowly.

4. Updates from Swim England and Swim England North East

- **Return to pool guidance FAQ's** updated regularly, please check Swim England website: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/coronavirus-faqs-answered/>.
- The Water Polo Guidance for Competitions has been updated to reflect some minor changes; <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/pool-return-guidance-documents/>.
- A number of queries have recently been received regarding **declaration forms and isolating athletes**. If clubs are confident that they are monitoring athlete's health and those returning after an absence understand the risks involved then they could decide to no-longer use any form of health declaration but it could be seen as good practice to review any athletes health after a prolonged absence as well as addressing any decisions over risk to members in their club training risk assessment.
- Two useful websites around isolation and Covid precautions are:
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-coronavirus-covid-19-measures-for-grassroots-sport-participants-providers-and-facility-operators>
 - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>
- Update on the NE Regional Short Course Swimming Championships planned for November can be found here: <https://asaner.org.uk/swim-england-north-east-regional-championships-25m-2021/>.
- NDSA Performance Programmes Youth, Senior and Junior athletes are now back in the water. Please contact ndswimpp@gmail.com if you have any questions about the programme.
- **Para-Swimming Taster session**, 2nd October, Catterick Leisure Centre. Session will be run by Richmond Dales Swimming Club: <https://tinyurl.com/ev49rdtz>.

5. Workforce development

- The region are running a free online **Team Manager Module 1 workshop** on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 6 p.m.: <https://asaner.org.uk/event/team-manager-module-1-online/>.
- **Swim England Club Welfare and Chairs sessions** are being held throughout the Autumn. More information on this sessions can be found in the links below: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ClubChairSessions>
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Welfareofficerworkshops>
Swim England are also running a number of Club Secretary and Membership Officer workshops: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NVK7FXW>
- **Swim England National Chairs forum** will be taking place on Monday 27th September starting at 6pm. This is an opportunity for Club Chairs across the country to share good practice and discuss common issues being faced at this time. Any Club Chairs wanting to attend should register their interest by emailing clubdevelopment@swimming.org with their Name, Club and confirmation of their role.
- **North East and Northumberland and Durham coaches forums** are starting again in September. Please keep an eye on the regions social media pages for more information on forum topics, dates and times.
- **Resilience in Coaching – Coach Development Workshop** is taking place on Saturday 16th October 2021 at 10 am, £5 per person: <https://asaner.org.uk/coach-development-workshop-resilience-in-coaching/>. The workshop is suitable for coaches from all aquatics disciplines in the Swim England North East Region who are qualified as a Level 2 coach or working towards becoming a Level 2 coach.
- The regional are in the process of updating their regional priorities for 2022 – 2027 and would like feedback from the membership on these. We would be grateful if you could take the complete the following questionnaire for us with your thoughts: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_obsQfFHAeIlhxU0iXHEzcBLb2syRMTbv8PNfbd4-o6CtJA/viewform.

- **Team Manager 2 workshop**, both will be delivered via Zoom:
 - 22nd September 5.45pm to 8.00pm: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TM22209>
 - 11th October 5.45pm to 8.00pm: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TM21110>.

6. SwimMark and Stronger Affiliation

- Clubs due for **accreditation at the panel in September 2021** are: Aquaforce.
- Clubs due for **accreditation at the panel in December 2021** are: Billingham, Saltburn, Stockton, Thornaby, Stokesley, Guisborough, BorocudaTeesside, Moors Swim Squad.
- Swim England have recently sent out information on their change in National Panel dates for 2022 onwards. For the December 2021 panel, we are currently still working to our regional deadline of **w/c 22nd November 2021**.
- Clubs who complete their SwimMark renewals don't need to complete Stronger Affiliation as SwimMark covers the required affiliation elements. Need to complete elements for SA as won't be affiliated.
- Please contact SS if you have any questions. More information can be found on the Swim England website: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/stronger-affiliation-process/>.
- Swim England have recently updated their club affiliation website pages: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/affiliate-your-club/>.
- Reminder that if your club doesn't have SwimMark and just has Stronger Affiliation, this also needs to be renewed annually. We will send out reminders for this.

7. AOB

JW – N&D qualifying times? SS to ask DL for info.

8. Date for next meeting – Monday 6th December 2021, 19:15 p.m. Zoom Meeting

Action Points	Who
Distribute meeting minutes	SS
Schedule next network meeting	SS