

Minutes

Minutes from the Northumberland Club Network Meeting
Monday 11th October 2021

Venue: Online Meeting - Zoom
Time: 19:15 – 20:05

Attendees:

Sarah Small – Swim England North East (SS)
Ruth Tweedie – Morpeth SC (RT)
Hayley Savage – Ashington (HS)
Becki McGuire – Morpeth (BM)

Apologies:

Alicia Ryan – Tynedale (AR)

1. Welcome

SS thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

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

Actions ongoing.

3. Northumberland and Durham Performance Programme Update

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. Becki McGuire is one of the lead coaches on the programme this season and has started attending sessions. Will be looking for people to take on the roles of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Welfare Officer within the Programme. Job Descriptions for these are currently being written. Please contact the regional office (linda.tjaguns@swimming.org) if you know anyone who is interested in one of the roles.

BM is looking to start up the Northumberland hub.

4. Brief Updates from clubs

Morpeth SC: Started doing mini galas for younger squads. Going to run four a year, great first gala experience for swimmers. Started to increase in numbers, 6 on Swim England talent programmes. Post 16 August, not as many Covid cases. Looking at a sponsorship package. Changes in committee members.

Tynedale: Update provided by email: *We attended the Alnwick gala which went very well. We have a number of new members and are getting frequent enquiries which is great. We are back to our normal programme albeit it has moved half an hour later on a permanent basis to accommodate additional lessons for Active Northumberland. In summary - all going as well as we could hope for just now.*

Ashington: Have had steady numbers (not up to pre-Covid numbers). Looking at doing another recruitment drive. Having regular galas, went to Alnwick gala (enjoyed having no parents at the gala). Training new Assistant Swimming Coaches. Swimmers using the changing rooms again.

5. 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/>.
- **Swim England Updated Swimming Competition and Declaration form guidance:** <https://asaner.org.uk/swim-englands-covid-guidance-updated/>
- **Sport England Crowdfunding** have released additional funding: <https://asaner.org.uk/extra-funds-for-sport-englands-crowdfunder-club-scheme/>
- **Live Events Reinsurance:** <https://asaner.org.uk/live-events-reinsurance-scheme/>
- **Club Bank Accounts** information: <https://asaner.org.uk/club-bank-accounts/>.
- 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 **North East Regional Short Course Swimming Championships** planned for November can be found here: <https://asaner.org.uk/swim-england-north-east-regional-championships-25m-2021/>.
- The **qualifying window for the Swim England Summer Championships 2022** is from 11th March – 8th May 2022.

6. Workforce development

- **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>
- **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.
- **FREE Swimming Judge 2 and Judge 2S online courses** are being delivered w/c 18th October 2021: <https://asaner.org.uk/free-online-level-2-judge-and-judge-2s-swimming-official-courses/>

7. SwimMark and Stronger Affiliation

- There are no Northumberland clubs due for renewal at the next SwimMark panel.

8. AOB

RT – Is there any funding available for coaching qualifications? SS – NER Coach Education Fund: <https://asaner.org.uk/information-about-aquatics-clubs-in-the-north-east/funding/>. SS will contact IoS to ask about Morpeth hosting a Coaching and Assistant Swimming Coaches course in 2022. Swim England are also working on the Strength and Conditioning Course for Swimming Coaches. It's likely this will cost £400 per person and will include online and Face-to-Face delivery. SS reminded the network that there is money in the bank for them to use.

BM – Who to contact for certificate for senior coach qual? SS to email SE and ask.

9. Date for next meeting – Monday 24th January 2022, 19:15 p.m. Zoom Meeting

Action Points	Who
Distribute meeting minutes	SS
Schedule next network meeting	SS
Ask IoS about coaching courses in Morpeth	SS
Share funding details for coach education courses	SS
Contact Swim England to ask about Senior Coach Qualification for BM	SS
Aims and objectives for all clubs to be discussed.	Ongoing
Keep SS in the loop of Northumberland Squad development.	Ongoing
Review documents for Northumberland Coach Fund.	Ongoing