

Minutes

Minutes from the Tees Valley Club Network Meeting
Monday 6th December 2021

Venue: Online Meeting - Zoom
Time: 19:15 – 20:00

Attendees:

Sarah Small – Swim England North East (SS)
Alison Middleton – Aquaforce (AM)
Dan Oliver – Darlington (DO)
Mark Blackmore – Billingham (MB)

Apologies:

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

Darlington: Swimmers from the club have recently attended the North East Para-Session and Swimming Talent camp, are part of the NDSA Performance Programme, and one swimmer competed at the Swim England Winter nationals last weekend in Sheffield. 1st Club gala booked in, more swimming officials qualified in the club. Head coach doing senior coach qualification. Submitted SwimMark documents. Doing ok for pool time, back to hours that they need. Need some younger members, working with dolphin centre to recruit from their learn to swim programmes. Diving – need another 1m diving board, looking to raise funds for this, have had a good recovery from Covid, had a number of people on waiting list, very good GB masters champs.

Billingham: Have a lot of young people joining, gap for 9-11 year olds however. Have retained a number of older swimmers. Have full training programme up and running. Not doing any land training at the moment. Held own open meet end of September which was successful. Also held a long distance meet in SC pool in November, had a lot of interest for this. Took a bit of a hit hosting this gala also struggled with officials. Have had issues with scoreboard at Billingham pool, hoping this will be sorted soon. Have attended a number of galas, and had one swimmer at the nationals. Had an overseas training camp in Crete over half term holiday booked through Sports Abroad.

Aquaforce: Things are still the same, have been accredited for SwimMark. Going to Middlesbrough Christmas gala this month. Had one Swimmer at the Swim England winter nationals.

Diddy league – low numbers some clubs unable to enter a team, possibility of clubs working together to get a team in lower divisions? To be raised at junior league AGM?

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/>. This will be updated with the recent changes to mandatory face coverings should this affect pool / aquatic activities.
- 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/>.
- The **qualifying window for the Swim England Summer Championships 2022** is from 11th March – 8th May 2022.
- The **Northumberland and Durham Swimming Championship** information has been released: <https://asaner.org.uk/northumberland-and-durham-county-championships-2022-meet-information/>.
- Northumberland and Durham Performance Programme are looking for committee members, more information can be found here: <https://asaner.org.uk/northumberland-and-durham-performance-programme-committee-recruitment/>.
- Swim England have released information on the new Diving Recorders pathway: <https://asaner.org.uk/swim-england-diving-recorders-pathway-and-training/>.
- Steve Dougal at the **Sunderland Aquatic Centre has 50m lanes available to hire** on a Saturday afternoon on Saturday afternoons throughout January, February and March 2022. Please email him on stevedougal@everyoneactive.com.

5. Workforce development

- **Swim England Club Welfare and Chairs** sessions are being held throughout the winter. More information on these 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** have started again. Please keep an eye on the regions social media pages for more information on forum topics, dates and times. All coaches are welcome to attend.
- **FREE Time to Listen online workshop, Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 6pm:** <https://asaner.org.uk/event/online-time-to-listen-workshop-3/>.
- **Digital Marketing Hub support for clubs:** <https://asaner.org.uk/digital-marketing-hub-for-clubs/>.

- The Swim England Artistic Swimming Team are launching a new series of webinars for athletes and coaches. Due to the success of the virtual training and education webinars Artistic Swimming ran over lockdown, they are launching a full years' worth of 8 athlete sessions and 5 coaching sessions: <https://shop.swimming.org/artistic-swimming>

6. SwimMark and Stronger Affiliation

- Clubs due for **accreditation at the panel in January 2022** are: **Billingham, Saltburn, Stockton, Thornaby, Stokesley, Guisborough, Borocuda Teesside, Moors Swim Squad and Darlington Masters.**
- Swim England have recently sent out information on their change in National Panel dates for 2022 onwards. The regional panel has therefore changed to the **18th January 2022.**
- 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/>.
- 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

None

8. Date for next meeting – Monday 7th February 2022, 19:15 p.m. Zoom Meeting

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