

Minutes

Minutes from the Tyne and Wear Club Network Meeting
Tuesday 19th September 2023

Venue: Online Meeting - Zoom
Time: 19:15 – 20:45

Attendees:

Sarah Small – Swim England North East (SS)
Kieran Glyn – North Tyneside (KG)
David Quinn – North Tyneside (DQ)
Donna Robinson – Gateshead Artistic Swimming Club (DR)
Brian Denholm – Newcastle Swim Team (BD)
Craig Brotherton – South Tyneside Swimming Club (CB)

Apologies:

None

1. Welcome

SS thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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

Nothing as last meeting held in 2022.

3. Club updates – short update from each club

North Tyneside – Have recently been on a recruitment drive, have number of people keen to do coaching qualifications, refreshed committee, trying to pitch as more as a community club have had a logo and kit refresh, numbers increasing week on week, generally have a positive outlook. Pool hire fees ok atm, taken on extra pool time. Not sure on learn to swim links. Free use of hall on Sunday for land training. Have had a lot of people finding them via website, have had chats with Swim North East swim school about feeding people onto them. Looking to bring on an extra coach which will enable them to possibly hire an extra lane.

DQ – Are there any official open water swimming groups within the area? SS – swimmers mainly train within clubs or access open water on their own or with Tri –clubs. Regional camps and champs once a year, looking at possibly running a county open water champs in 2024.

Newcastle Swim Team – a number of coaches have recently left, club incorporated in January 2023 and have employed their staff since April 2023. Looking to train up Swimming Assistant and Swimming Coaches. Finding it hard to get the time for parents to support (Team Manger etc). Challenging getting volunteers into roles. Bottom end is quite sparse, started doing trials for new members into the club. Wanted to do club links programme but have had trouble with GLL.

BD - No coach to cover swimmers not on NDPT on Thursday morning, can NST swimmers not selected onto the programme attend if there is space if NST to pay for lanes? Head coach covering regional squad as well. SS – wait to see what uptake is like for first month of season then can look into it. BD to contact SS in November.

South Tyneside Swimming Club – Have a meet in the next couple of weeks, struggling for officials to move further along the pathway, some parents keen to do introduction to officials training. Have had a restructure of their squads, waiting lists for lower squads and learn to swim programme.

Gateshead Artistic – Change of name, managed to save Dunston pool, who then increased fees by 17% with 13 days notice, subsequently had to increase club membership prices. Haven't had any backlash, haven't increased prices since pre Covid. Dunston pool not allowing competitions on consecutive weekends, have managed to run a grade day which was successful. Loads of members, join the club from stage 8 and progress to grade 2 until they go into the new NDSA county squad. This now has 10 members and the train fortnightly. 1 swimmer invited to GB trials, 3 on the waiting list to find out about invites to GB trials. Club are going to Dubai at the end of the year to an open competition as a residential trip. Have trained 2 x level 2 coaches, NDSA gave funding for Dubai trip, have been fundraising for rest of cost. Lost 2 coaches due to them leaving University. Could do with more local officials courses as their members struggle to get to Rotherham for regional courses. 8-9 people who would want to attend L1 (SS to look into running something within NDSA). 2 coaches link into regional artistic network.

SS – Look into diving pit at SAC and any support that can be provided to the county programme.

4. Network finances

There is £2,017.90 in the NDSA bank account for the club network.

5. Updates from Swim England and Swim England North East

- Staff updates:
 - SS – Supporting clubs and aquatic activity predominately within Northumberland and Durham
 - David Parry – Supporting clubs and aquatic activity predominately within Yorkshire.
 - Louise Graham – Operations Manager, Para-Swimming, Open Water championships, Regional Strategic Lead, help with disciplines.
 - Chris Leighton – Workforce development (all disciplines), Open Water and Regional Camps, coach mentoring.
- **North East Young Volunteer opportunities within the region**, successful Young Aquatics helper course in Yorkshire, running another in **Darlington on the 29th October 2023**. More information will be available soon.
- **NDSA Competition Calendar meeting for 2024 – 2025 season** will be held on the 18th October 2023 at the Darlington Dolphin Centre. Please send SS dates for the calendar ahead of the meeting. Clubs having trouble booking pools. SB ask South Tyne.
- Steve Dougal has provided details of times **50m lanes can be hired at the Sunderland Aquatics Centre** over the coming months. These are 12.30pm to 1.30pm / 1.30pm to 2.30pm / 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Please email Steve for more information on stevedougal@everyoneactive.com.

- **Swim England's Safe Supervision Briefings** – if you missed them, recordings available, email clubdevelopment@swimming.org.
- **Swim England Foundations of Inclusivity Workshop** now free to attend: <https://www.swimming.org/ios/course-information/foundations-of-inclusivity/>. The CPD is mandatory for relevant officers to attend as part of SwimMark and Club affiliation
- The **Swim England Swimline phone option** that allows concerns to be raised is **no longer operational**. If your club needs safeguarding or welfare support, confidential advice or need to refer a concern, contact the [Swim England Safeguarding team](#).
- **Sport England's Active Together Fund**, a £7.5 million fund with up to £10,000 in match funding is available for clubs and organisations who are looking to raise money through crowdfunding: <https://www.sportengland.org/funds-and-campaigns/our-funds/active-together>.
- **Allianz Sports Fund - grants available**. The next round of funding will launch on **Wednesday 20th September 2023** and will remain open until Friday 20 October: <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/allianz-sports-fund-2023/>.
- **Swim England Governance workshops and forums:**
 - **Club Welfare officer**, 10th October, 10th and 15th November 2023: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Welfareofficerworkshops>.
 - **Club Secretary and Membership Officer**, 16th October, 22nd November 2023: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Secretary-Membership>.
 - **Club Chair**, 20th September, 4th 6th, 18th October and 7th November 2023: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ClubChairSessions>.
- **Swim England Club and Pool Operator 'Working Together' Webinars:** Thursday 2nd November 2023, 7.30pm-8.30pm, Tuesday 14th November 2023, 12.30pm-1.30pm, Thursday 30th November 2023 7.30pm-8.30pm. Club representatives can book their place using the following registration link - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TJY25YN>.
- **Sport Newcastle** are giving out grants for both individuals and clubs: <https://www.sportnewcastle.org.uk/funding>.
- The last **Artistic Swimming Judges update** will take place on October 15th 15:00 – 18:00. Any Judge who has not attended a session (either the July, September or this upcoming October session) will not be able to judge in 2024. Please can any remaining judges who have not yet booked on book on to attend via the link below: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z9Q8SRT>.
- **Diving National Judge School (J2)**, Saturday 18th November 2023, **Time:** 10:00-17:00, **Where:** London Aquatics Centre incorporated with London Legacy Open. **To register interest:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PWDS5BV>. **Please apply by 23rd September.**

6. Northumberland and Durham Swimming Development Programme 2023 - 2024

• Northumberland and Durham Swimming Camps 2023 - 2024

The County has agreed to once again fund the swimming camps for 12 year olds (31st Dec 2023) for the 2023 – 2024 season. Katy Batley from Alnwick Dolphins is the head coach and invites have been sent out to selected swimmers this week. Coaches of selected athletes will also be notified. Dates for the camps are:

Date	Session	Venue	Time
Saturday 30 th September 2023	Online Induction	Zoom (details to follow)	13:30 – 14:30
Saturday 2 nd December 2023	Face to Face camp 1	Sunderland Aquatics Centre, Stadium Park, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland SR5 1SU	10:00 – 16:00

Saturday 9 th March 2024	Online Education Workshops	Zoom (details to follow)	13:30 – 16:30
Saturday 18 th May 2024	Face to Face camp 2	Sunderland Aquatics Centre, Stadium Park, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland SR5 1SU	10:00 – 16:00

Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager roles have been advertised for the camps please email Linda if interested in one of these BM - send swimmers, he will ask parents.

- **NDSA Training Programme (formally the NDSA Performance Programme)** will start again on 23rd September 2023. Invites have been sent out, criteria is available on the NER website. Please email NDSWIMPP@gamil.com for more information.
 - **Drop box folder** has been created for coaches to access training plans and session content delivered by NDTP coaches.
- **NDSA Swimming Hubs** – Opportunity for the swimming hubs to access pool time (5 lanes) at the Sunderland Aquatics Centre on a Saturday morning from 10 – 12 am. Any suggestions on how hubs will run? Any clubs willing to be part of hub?
 - All swimming clubs would be interested, suggested criteria – Regional Qualifiers, County Finalists, FINA points within a specific age group? Clubs to speak to coaches and get back to SS asp.

7. Workforce development

- A **Swimming Coach** course has been scheduled in the Sunderland Aquatic Centre for February 2024. More information on the course can be found here: <https://www.swimming.org/ios/course/10145>
- An **Assistant Swimming Coach** course has been scheduled in Stockton in October 2023, more information on the course can be found here: <https://www.swimming.org/ios/course/10798>.
 - To book a place at the **reduced rate of £221.50**, please follow the Coaching Course Booking Process attached to the meeting minutes. To access the reduced rate you will need have the appropriate IoS account setup **before** you proceed. Details of how to do this can be viewed at: <https://www.swimming.org/ios/website-support/>.
- Funding is available from the Swim England North East Region to support club's with coach education. Details are available to view at: <https://asaner.org.uk/information-about-aquatics-clubs-in-the-north-east/funding/>.
- **Team Manager Courses** – please email Linda at Linda.Tjaguns@swimming.org if you are unable to find a course on our website events calendar to book onto.
- **Time to Listen courses** – there will now be a charge for this course, – please email Linda at Linda.Tjaguns@swimming.org if you are unable to find a course on our website events calendar to book onto.
- **North East Regional online club forum – 20th September, 19:15pm**. Please email Linda.tjaguns@swimming.org if you would like to attend.
- **Swim England England Good Club Governance workshops** continue to run over the coming months. **These are compulsory for club Chairs and Welfare Officers** for club / SwimMark affiliation and attendance will appear on OMS, which gets checked. More information can be found in the links below:
 - Club Secretary and Membership officer: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Secretary-Membership>.
 - Club Welfare Officer: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Welfareofficerworkshops>.
 - Club Chairs: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ClubChairSessions>

8. SwimMark and Club Affiliation

- Clubs that are due for **accreditation at the next panel are**: City of Sunderland Dive Team, Tynemouth Diving Club, Birtley.
- Please ensure SwimMark coordinator contact details are up to date on OMS.
- Please check the SwimMark portal for updates to any templates.
 - Element 2 – Need to show club reserves in finance information.
 - Element 3 – **Now compulsory for Club Affiliation, SwimMark Health Check and SwimMark**. Need to use SE template equity and diversity plan from 1st November 2023. Any club officials needs to attend Inclusive CPD – will be added onto OMS which will get checked.
 - Element 10 – Risk Assessments need to be updated and signed and dated every year.
 - Element 13 – From January 1st 2024, only Swim England Safeguarding course will be accepted as evidence for safeguard qualifications. All DBS and Safeguarding need to be in date for club / SwimMark affiliation.

9. AOB

Do you find meetings valuable? When to meet next? All – yes, would like to keep the meetings running.

10. Date for next meeting

Next meeting will be on **Wednesday 13th December 2023 via Zoom**.

Action Points	Who
Distribute meeting minutes	SS
Schedule next meeting	SS
Look into artistic swimming judge course within N&D	SS
Ask Linda Tjaguns to send BD a list of NST swimmers selected to the county camps so he can ask parents who are TM qualified if they are able to support.	SS
Consider how more support can be provided to county artistic programme	SS
Speak to club about hub sessions and provide feedback to SS asap	All