

DAWN PEART CHAIR UPDATE REPORT: 13 May – 6 July :

1. **Wednesday 13 May NDSA/NDAL Board Meeting** Riverside cricket ground, Chester-le-Street. Impressive 37 attendees, good interaction from all and great networking opportunity. Chair gave brief presentation of where we are, and Paul Woodley outlined Beacon position to date. Short board meeting followed ACM with full new board.
2. **Thursday 28 May Charlotte Nichols & Chris Cook** at Darlington Business Centre. Meeting to discuss website development and PR support for 130th anniversary on Charlottes day off, at no charge. Charlotte to prepare a proposal to highlight services and support to the County and present to the Board.
3. **Thursday 28 May Matt Martin SE Club Development Officer for NE & E Humberside** at Darlington Dolphin Centre. Met to ascertain Matt's role and responsibilities within the region and understand the working relationship with SENR. Some work to do here as this is a huge remit, mostly mediation, safeguarding, welfare and some working with clubs.
4. **Tuesday 2 June Chris Hulme, Chris Cook, Jonny Carlisle** met to discuss N&D opportunities as we approach our 130th year, including how we can improve communication and collaboration, better support clubs, and deliver a coaches' conference. Very positive, energetic and engaging discussion
5. **Wednesday 3 June Charlotte Nichols PR proposal.** Teams presentation by Charlotte with Board Directors for information and proposed follow up actions, including website options. Feedback was very positive and encouraging. It was proposed that another company be sought and contacted as good practice and due diligence. Dawn to follow up.
6. **Saturday 6 June Festival of Sport SAC.** Attended with Tracy Donnelly for the inauguration of N&D President, Nicola Hughes, Durham City, presentation of AotY 2024, Ben Alderson (SFWP) & 2025 Ben Beale (Swim D&G) and Gray Award to Sophie Robinson (Coach G&W AS)
7. **Tuesday 7 July DODIO.** Email exchange with PR company based in Sunderland, DOIDO, shared N&D vision and arranged a follow up call.
8. **Wednesday 8 July.** Catch up with Tracy to draft agenda and update on actions to date. Tracy to step down from WO and advert to be circulated via socials. Howard Leighton to be contacted for interest as N&D rep for NER president 2027. Nicola to get presidents chain valued, added to house insurance and purchase a secure box for storage.

9. **Friday 10 July DOIDO call.** Dawn explained looking into a county PR strategy and website. Good chat and discussion around our needs. Chris Kean, owner, to draft a deck of the stages and budget, Dawn to share with the Directors to discuss next steps.
10. **Saturday 11 July SAC Beacon check in.** Becki and Martin Hall on deck at 0800, Jay joining at 0900. Olly Morgan was in training this morning too, welcomed and thanked him for coming.
Have requested that the Beacon coaches and coach's forum look at Beacon criteria for 2026/2027 intake in Sept, Becki has prepared a draft version, and I have arranged a to follow up meeting for Wed 15 July to discuss. No other comments or input from N&D coaches to date. Paul Woodley has been away from the Beacon all of June and July to date following premature birth of his baby son. More Beacon Sunderland swimmers are training in the Saturday morning club session 0600-0800. 2026/27 criteria to be clear on attendance from Sept and buy in from Clubs. Last session Wednesday 15 July returning Saturday 5 September. Dawn & Tracy to meet Mattie after the summer nationals to ascertain his intentions from September 26. Becki to obtain NPLG qualification
11. **Monday 13 July Board meeting, on line.** Tracy to prepare and circulate mins to Board and Region. David Parry to give a presentation on "NER parents support program".
Next online BM 1830 Monday 14 September 2026.

If anyone has any ideas for celebrating our 130th anniversary, please share with Tracy or myself

Good luck to all our athletes taking part in various events over the summer and look forward to seeing everyone at the start of next season. Thanks for your time energy and support it is greatly appreciated.