

<b>Committee</b>	Regional Management Board	
<b>Venue</b>	SportPark, Loughborough	
<b>Time and Date</b>	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	
<b>Present:</b>	John Hidle (chair)	Brian Collis
Ron Brewin	Ursula Beck	Dave Hendel
Deb Dean	Doug Whitlam	Duane RaeMclean
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Fiona Conway	Sue Paget

Min.	Agenda Item	Details	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	JH welcome all to the meeting.	
2.	<b>Apologies</b>	Helen Bickerstaff, Terry Bream	
3.	<b>Minutes of 26th January</b>	Approved	
4.	<b>Matters arising</b>	Coming up constitutions will be sent to those that have offered. A meeting will be held when a number of new constitutions are in, to assist those willing to do constitution checking.	JH
5.	<b>Finance</b>	<p>Still within budget, down around £3,700 on membership income.</p> <p>Coming to year end and looking at budgets going forward, may need to look at support going forward.</p> <p>Query raised on County contributions to the Region.</p> <p>Meeting to be held regarding finance with DD – JH, BC and DH, FC to book room</p> <p>Constitution to be looked at, as this is a group with having in place over the next couple of years</p> <p>Any expenses into the office please</p>	<p>FC</p> <p>All</p>
6.	<b>Governance</b> <b>Regional Strategy and SE Strategy (Regional Implementation plan)</b>  <b>GDPR</b>	<p>The implementation to be circulated when updated, currently update at Q3, will circulate when Q4 has been completed</p> <p>Query over data collected that is required on the Grant Aid forms resolved.</p>	CDO
7.	<b>Discipline Updates Swimming</b>	Both teams did incredibly well at the overseas meets. Performance team attending Luxembourg and Development team attending the McCullagh meet, taking an official to the	

<p><b>Open Water</b></p>	<p>Luxembourg meet seemed greatly beneficial and would look to do this again next year. Do find an issue with access to team managers, this is more often the requirement for time off work rather than the want to attend, FC has flagged with national volunteering team to see if there is any support we can give to TMs, officials and coaches who's day jobs aren't in swimming.</p> <p>GNS team organisation is going well but plans have been impacted by exams on the Friday.</p> <p>The Championships are set to go on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham. This will be done as the Midlands Open Water Festival and includes additional events on top of the standard championships.</p>	
<p><b>Para-swimming</b></p>	<p>Reminder to County representatives re: para-swimmer at County Championships. <i>Inclusion of Para Swimmers at County and Regional Championships</i></p> <p><i>The Swim England Swimming Management Group would like to clarify that should an athlete with a Para Swimming Sport Classification swim a time in integrated heats that qualifies them for the relevant age group or open final, they should not be debarred from competing in that final.</i></p> <p><i>Athletes with a Para Swimming Sport Classification should also be eligible to receive awards should they 'place' in any relevant age group or open event that is swum as a Timed Final (TF) or Heat Declared Winner (HDW) event.</i></p> <p><i>They are also eligible to compete in open and age group team events.</i></p> <p><i>The same athletes may also be eligible to receive awards in the corresponding Para Swimming event - subject to the eligibility criteria listed in the event conditions.</i></p> <p><i>In essence, competing as a Para-Swimmer should not debar the athlete from also competing as an age group or open competitor.</i></p> <p>Work has been done on the para-swimming development plan, this is a Midlands plan, though the budget put through to DD is East Midlands contribution to the joint plan.</p>	
<p><b>Synchro</b></p>	<p>JH queried the Nottingham University Synchro suspension, SP advised the club have been looking into membership and the National Discipline Officer advised that student membership may be cheaper for the swimmers.</p> <p>JH advised the Synchro grading certificates where discussed at the national chairs meeting. SP advised the fee is set nationally this includes certificate, pin badge and pool hire.</p> <p>A number of centres are starting to deliver synchro so will</p>	

	<b>Water Polo</b>	start to hopefully see growth entering clubs.  Aquastars have received funding to become a performance type centre, with Bramcote having deep water this is proving positive.	
	<b>Diving</b>	HP sent information through prior to the meeting. Concern raised around Northampton Water Polo Club and not achieving SwimMark, JH, BC and UB offered support should a meeting with the club be required, all agreed that at present the club should not appear on the pathway document.  BC raised concerns about what will happen to the club activity when the Council (who directly run the centre) becomes a unitary authority. This would have the biggest impact on the diving club as it is council supported.	FC to liaise with HW/HB  FC to touch base with LH
<b>8.</b>	<b>Club Development SwimMark  National Club Development Management Group  Educational Grant Aid Support</b>	Region now has 83% SwimMark accredited clubs as at the last national panel. Regional panel feels it is doing a thorough but fair approach to reviewing clubs.  Item to be removed as group reports to Swim England doesn't report to the Region  To be on the next agenda for presentation. Draft to be sent to JH and DD for the finance meeting	Office  CDOs
<b>9.</b>	<b>Regional Reports Regional Chairs meeting</b>	Consistency of payment of coaches, Swim England Talent suggested payment amounts where as other disciplines do a variety of different ways. This is currently being looked into.  NE are working towards incorporation, others are waiting to see.  SwimMark may be looking at in-depth training for the volunteers/regional panels who assess clubs documents.  Open Meet licensing levy, this is now remaining as it is currently. Next meeting is in May	
<b>10.</b>	<b>AORB</b>	Starting Monday, Hayley will not be working Thursday for a period of time so there won't be anyone in the office on a Thursday.	
<b>11.</b>	<b>Confirmation of dates of next meeting</b>	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	

Minutes prepared by	Date
Fiona Conway	30/03/2019

