



# Swim England West Midlands

**Committee:** Regional Swimming Events and Competitions Committee

**Venue:** Basepoint Business Centre, Bromsgrove

**Date and Time:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 9.30am

**Present:**

Liz Sykes (ES) - Secretary

Simon Sinclair (SS)

Mark Stowe (MS)

Ian Lamb (IL)

Trixie Pulsford (TP)

Dave White (DW)

Mandy Garrott (MG)

Tony Green (TG)

David Corbett (DC)

**In Attendance:** Jane Campbell (Regional Office Manager)

**Apologies:** Jean Childs, Jo Jones, Bob Powell, Dave Fereday, Helen Weeks

Minute	Agenda Item	Details	Action
17/15.00	<b>Minutes from last meeting</b>	Approved.	
17/16.00	<b>Matters arising not covered on the agenda</b>		<b>ES/DW</b>
17/16.01	<i>Minute 17/03.00 Joint EM/WM Para-Swimming meeting</i>	Joint EM/WM Para-Swimming meeting still to be held.	
17/16.02	<i>Minute 17/07.00 OW meeting</i>	A joint EM/WM Open Water meeting was held on 18 <sup>th</sup> July.	
17/16.03	<i>Minute 17/10.00 Contacts for Leagues</i>	Contacts for Staffs League and Worcester Winter League sent to Licensing Officer.	
17/17.00	<b>Midland Winter Championships</b>	ES circulated the draft schedule, qualifying times and timeline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schedule same as previous years without 100m IM</li><li>• Swim down breaks added</li><li>• Times tightened by 10% across the board</li><li>• Officials being organised by Di Nicholas</li></ul> MS asked whether there would be any swim down in the finals – ES to check. Would the Sports Hall be available for any dryland warm up?	<b>ES</b> <b>ES</b>
17/18.00	<b>West Midland Championships 2017 review</b>	The survey results were shared with the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improvement from last year</li><li>• Happy with coach pass collection</li><li>• Happy with event timings</li><li>• Improved atmosphere</li><li>• Happy with how meet was run</li></ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Happy with results – SS would look at providing a WiFi service for people to access results</li> <li>• Better having 2 weekends rather than separate AG/Youth events</li> <li>• Not happy with swim shop merchandise and prices</li> <li>• Not enough time to get swimmers to advise re finals – creates an administrative problem if give too much time</li> <li>• Would like presentations – would add too much time</li> <li>• Warm up on Monday was poorly organised – could use other pool next year although would need to be supervised</li> </ul> <p>Surplus of £7k from the event. Excellent help from Shropshire volunteers.</p>	
<b>17/19.00</b>	<b>West Midland Championships 2018</b>	<p>Scheduled for last weekend in April and first weekend in May – 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Schedule will be similar to 2017 with some team races added into the first weekend. 50m's and distance events in bank holiday Monday. Marshalling should be easier on the Monday by using the small pool.</p>	
<b>17/20.00</b>	<b>Open Water</b>	<p>Jean Childs circulated a report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midland OW Champs on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Bosworth – challenge with results for last wave with too many swimmers</li> <li>• Provision date for 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> July at Bosworth</li> <li>• Looking at 2 other venues</li> <li>• Joint EM/WM meeting held in July</li> <li>• OW camps to be run in May at Coventry and June at OW venue in conjunction with EM</li> <li>• Looking to run further OW officials courses.</li> </ul>	
<b>17/21.00</b>	<b>Para-Swimming</b>	<p>Successful year for WM swimmers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Meet (April) - Silver Matthew Redfern, Bronze Ffion Butler</li> <li>• National Junior Championships (June) – Gold Emily Surgeoner and James Brown, Silver Emily Surgeoner, Eva French, Morgan Holland, James Brown, Bronze Eva French, Morgan Holland, Emily Surgeoner</li> <li>• British Championships (July) – Bronze Rebecca Redfern</li> <li>• Swim England Nationals (August) - Gold Ffion Butler, Silver Ffion Butler, Bronze Matthew Redfern, Joshua Fairchild.</li> </ul> <p>Midland Para-Swimming Champs – 21<sup>st</sup> October at Rugby. Classifications being held and entry packs are now out. Disability officials course running.</p> <p>DC asked for county QTs. DW will follow this up with Carole Barough.</p>	<b>DW</b>
<b>17/22.00</b>	<b>Talent committee</b>	<p>First meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, attendance by invitation only. Jo Jones and Fred Furniss explained the purpose of the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select coaches for regional camps</li> <li>• Advise on QTs</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise on overseas meet.</li> </ul> <p>Committee remit – Athlete Development, Coach development and Championships/Overseas meet.</p> <p>Two-way communication is imperative - needs method of communication within each county. HW is drawing up the Terms of Reference.</p> <p><b>Talent Pathway</b> MS was disappointed that the EP Phase 1 camps clash with Inter-county team event and Arena League.</p> <p>County camps – Shropshire and Warwickshire taking part in 2017. TG advised that counties can protect dates for licensing purposes – advise TG on dates for camps.</p>	HW
17/23.00	Licensing Officer	<p>TG circulated the calendar of licensed meets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>34 level 3 meets in 2016, 45 in 2017 – due to requirement for county QTs from rankings</li> <li>Latter end of year busy</li> <li>County championships at level 2 require a pool measurement</li> <li>Counties can request a level 3 licence for distance events</li> <li>Black out period for SE events and counties – level 3 and 4 events can be run during this time</li> <li>Some licences being downgraded if insufficient officials</li> <li>Upper QTs for level 3 – promoter can set these</li> <li>Leagues can apply for licences</li> <li>Need to publish expenses for officials – clubs can offer whatever they see fit</li> </ul> <p><i>Following the meeting ES added that for the WM championships:</i></p> <p><i>All officials are offered the same rate, even if they have a child swimming.</i></p> <p><i>If they require accommodation I book a twin room but charge for the extra that I pay. On the whole those people will attend all sessions and stay until the end.</i></p> <p><i>Other volunteers get exactly the same if they are working all weekend.</i></p> <p><i>When a club is asked to man various tasks the club is reimbursed.</i></p> <p><i>People who claim for every tenth of a mile are a bit difficult and those who claim mileage from their accommodation to the pool – on the whole they adequately compensated.</i></p> <p><i>Officials also get bacon (or other) batches on arrival, refreshments during sessions; a 3 course meal at lunch time and tea and cakes during the break between heats and finals and a polo shirt.</i></p>	
17/24.00	Swimming Officials Coordinator	<p>IL gave a verbal update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New rule changes coming out shortly – there will be a cut off period to attend the rule changes workshop, otherwise have to retain</li> </ul>	

		<p>and reapply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General rules in effect 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Technical rules tbc</li> <li>• IL will get round to county trainers first</li> <li>• FINA update at Regional Champs 9 45 mins)</li> <li>• Course leaders (J1/J2) need to attend Child Protection course – initially funded by SE</li> <li>• Add section on website for Officials</li> <li>• Need more referee course leaders</li> </ul>	<b>Regional office</b>
<b>17/25.00</b> <b>17/25.01</b>	<b>County updates</b> <b>Shropshire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 development camps have taken place, last one in October. Some tweaks for next year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- County short of 11 year old boys, inundated with girls!</li> <li>- Level of talk too high for 11 year old boys</li> <li>- Hat, t-shirt and water bottle issued to swimmers</li> <li>- Parents enjoyed the camps</li> </ul> </li> <li>• County champs all booked apart from distance event – awaiting pool measurement</li> <li>• New website going live shortly</li> <li>• County Masters meet – short of officials</li> </ul>	
<b>17/25.02</b>	<b>Warwickshire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County pathway successful: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Graham Nash Head Coach</li> <li>- 36 swimmers</li> <li>- Warwick School – last one 30<sup>th</sup> Sept</li> </ul> </li> <li>• County champs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- compliant with dates, QTs eased for greater inclusion. 16 &amp; over will remain as top age group</li> <li>- 2018 at Coventry, uncertainty for 2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>17/25.03</b>	<b>Worcester County</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful championships – times taken from rankings</li> <li>• Development Gala for 13 yrs and under at Worcester – massive entry</li> <li>• Development camps continue as in the past</li> <li>• County pathway programme for 2018 – currently advertising for Head Coach</li> </ul>	
<b>17/26.00</b> <b>17/26.01</b>	<b>AORB</b> <b>Regional records</b>	DC reported that 68 records were achieved from October 2016 to date with 58 assigned to one club.	
<b>17/26.02</b>	<b>Liz Sykes</b>	The committee thanked Liz Sykes for all the hard work she has done over the years for Swimming Committee and as the Events Coordinator.	
<b>17/27.00</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Basepoint, Bromsgrove.	

Minutes prepared by	Date
Jane Campbell	7/9/17