

Meeting	Midlands Synchro committee	
Venue	Snowdome, Tamworth	
Time and Date	25 th June 2018	
Present:		Amanda Swan – Club Development Officer WM
Helen Stokes	Lisa Watkins	Alison Ravenhall
Sally Poon	Geraldine Lally	Olivia Shelton
Lenka Tanner	Hannah Secher	
In Attendance:	Claire Coleman, Swim England Head of Volunteering	
Apologies:	Sue Paget, Sarah Darragh	

Minute	Agenda Item	Details	Action
18/01.00	Welcome	Welcome given and apologies taken	
18/02.00	Review of KPI's	<p>a)The KPI's that had been sent with the Development Plan were looked at and amended.</p> <p>It was noted that the number of swimmers to improve figure scores will probably be less due to the increased qualification criteria this season.</p> <p>There will also probably be a drop next year due to change in National competition calendar. Two National Age Groups competitions within 3 months.</p> <p>b) Lenka asked if more people were making connections with regard to stage 8-10 's. Sue has begun this process and Amanda and Sue will be reviewing it, a lack of an aquatics officer has so far prevented this happening. Claire Coleman said some operators were unsure of what was involved and Swim England was starting to educate them on this.</p> <p>It was also mentioned do operators know where to send swimmers once this is completed. Amanda was going to start to map the West Midlands, this would be a great Commonwealth Games Legacy. Appendix 1.</p> <p>Lenka was going to speak to Helen Preedy. Hannah Secher is running training in Stratford-Upon-Avon on Saturday.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS/SP/LT</p>
18/03.00	Funding	<p>We discussed funding for some of our volunteers who have been on courses in line with the Development Plan.</p> <p>It was agreed that we would pay for 1 level 2 judges training from each midlands club that attended. This would cover Birmingham, Walsall, Rugby, BSC and Green Arrows. Any other attendees would be covered by their clubs or could split the remainder of the costs between them (to be decided by clubs) Alison would inform Mike Beard.</p> <p>This would also be the same for the rescheduled Level 1 Judges course.</p>	Clubs

		<p>National competition and to include combos and Regional Champs to include Juniors, Seniors and Masters before National Champs.</p> <p>Also East should be involved in our Regional competition, they were invited last year and had one swimmer entered, who sadly withdrew. Amy Bryant was involved in planning committee meetings and attended as a judge, she would like to develop more involvement from the East.</p> <p>It was also suggested that Warks currently sits as a separate competition, but could it be included in RAG's? Although Warks is a good warm up for Combo Cup, preferably not on week before though. *Action: to look at where Warks fits in to the new calendar, discuss with Claire from Birmingham.</p> <p>It was previously discussed running a competition with the North East. A Regional Champs with North East would pool resources and add competition as the NE is still a small region and struggle to get the competition element. This could run over 2 days like RAG's in the South Region. *Action further discussion about who would liase with NE over this and if it would work.</p> <p>Action: To confirm dates for Regional Competitions in 2019 Proposed dates NAG's 2nd/3rd March RAG's 16th/17th Feb</p> <p>Lenka and Geraldine would look at organising Regional Champs, a pool with enough seating was very important. Proposed date 6/7 April a half day competition, no figures, tech and free teams.</p> <p>Novice to remain in May. Figures and Div 1 teams.</p> <p>Geraldine asked if there should be a competition earlier, but it was agreed that preparation from September was needed to prepare teams and should be focussed on Grade Days.</p>	<p>LW/GL</p> <p>LW/GL</p> <p>committee</p> <p>LW</p> <p>LT/GL</p> <p>LW</p>
18/07.00	Midlands Age Groups Conditions	<p>Lisa discussed Midlands Age Groups conditions. Ali had sent some changes in conditions. They would shadow Warks conditions.</p> <p>It was asked if a 15 year old swimmer could swim 13-15 solo and then in 15-18 combo. It was stated that a swimmer can only swim in one age category but could swim Champs as this was a separate competition. It needed to reflect national levels.</p> <p>Trophies: silver platters have been given to combos, the 13/14 platter has been missing for a number of years. There have never been trophies for free teams. All get medals.</p> <p>Currently there are not enough trophies for all age group combos, plus solos, duets and free teams. Lisa is to look at trophies left over from Novice Competition. *Helen proposed that all trophies looked the same. Lisa is to email clubs to ask what they have and what they look like, then look at results from last year to see which winners had trophies, as the signed for sheet has been misplaced.</p> <p>There were also several old damaged /decommissioned</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>LW</p>

		<p>trophies anybody who had previously bought/sponsored a trophy should be informed so they were aware and could replace if they wished.</p> <p>It was proposed that clubs or individuals may wish to sponsor a new trophy. Once Lisa had collated a list of what was needed and how much to replace/get new trophies she would email clubs and say how much they would cost for sponsorship and what you could sponsor. Jeff Morrey would be invite to sponsor a trophy.</p> <p>A photo catalogue would be created.</p> <p>Lisa will order medals through Jane.</p> <p>There would be an official invitation to Anne Clark and Carole Henson as VIP's along with the President Stuart Highfield. There would be an official Thank You for all their hard work and dedication to the Region and a presentation of flowers to Anne and Carole.</p> <p>Stuart would be asked to present the medals.</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>LW</p> <p>LW/AR</p> <p>LW</p> <p>HSt</p> <p>LW</p>
18/08.00	Summer Camp	<p>There are currently 23 swimmers on the camp, which is lower than hoped for. This year it will not break even. Unfortunately two coaches have had to pull out Jess is going to Croatia and Elaina has been called up for the GB squad in Glasgow. Karen is on the case to find someone else. This needs to be arranged at least a month before to allow for checks and Insurance to be sorted.</p> <p>Currently there are not enough Level 2 TM's so there is no flexibility with people cancelling. There is a Level 2 TM course on 14th July in Nottingham.</p> <p>This is the first Regional Camp, so hopefully with publicity it will increase awareness for next year. It was discussed that for many people it was synchro break and others may already be booked to go to Cobham so will need to look at dates for next year, and maybe move to fit in with new synchro calendar. Would October or Christmas suit better? It was also noted that maybe a Grading might be tagged on to the end. These were to be reviewed after the camp.</p>	<p>LT/GL/SP/SP</p> <p>LT/SP/GL/S P/AS</p>
18/09.00	TNA's	<p>Sally had looked at the results of TNA questionnaires sent out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Level 2 Judges were needed and people want courses (one just completed in Rugby with 15 attendees) *Level 1 Judging course was to be rescheduled to October 13th from a date in June. Lots of people were interested, however couldn't make the June date due to exams. *There was a gap in Judges and Level 2 coaches *Still waiting for a date for National Judges course to be held in Loughborough *We need a minimum of 4 qualified scorers and a chief recorder for each competition *Rykneld may need help with volunteers to be able to enter RAGs <p>The Region plans to run Level 1 and 2 Judges and coaching course each year.</p> <p>It was proposed to run the Lev 1 coaches course in Jan and Level 2 at whit, or maybe to run alongside the camp as you would have swimmers there.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>SP</p>

		<p>*The Synchro Aquatic helper should be available in July. It would cost 100pounds per course to register 10 people plus certificates. The helpers need to be 14 years old to apply. It could be run in-house or clubs could get together to organise. It would need a Level 2 coach to deliver.</p> <p>*Are any clubs interested?</p>	
18/10.00	Development Squads	<p>It was agreed to split into two development squads. East Midlands and Rugby and Birmingham/Walsall/Telford, this would allow more girls to access extra training across the Midlands region.</p> <p>Criteria would be along the lines of the successful Development days run in the West Midlands, only Rykneld would not be represented in 2019. Novice Development camps would be held in Nov, Jan and March. They include the top 6 swimmers from the region in age groups 8-10/10-12/13-15 at Grade 0 and 1. To total 36 swimmers in total.</p> <p>Previously West Midlands days had a coach from Rugby, Birmingham and Walsall, each one took responsibility for planning and leading the land (which could include and outside coach) and pool sessions, supported by the other 2.</p> <p>*Each swimmer gets a hat with</p> <p>Hannah has said she would support Livvy in organising East and Rugby. Livvy said she was sorting land. Hannah said it was important to get pools booked and dates in the diary. Suggested Rugby in Nov/ GA in Jan/BSC in Mar.</p> <p>*Hannah to send Livvy a list of swimmers and proforma.</p> <p>For B/W/T squad it had been proposed that Grace might take it on, however she has recently said she will be unable to do this due to school commitments. Tara is a level 2 and available. Helen to contact the 3 clubs to organise dates, coaches and pools.</p> <p>It was noted that the Age Groups Development Squad taken from Regional figures would probably not be able to run this year due to change in competition calendar.</p>	<p>OS/HSt</p> <p>OS</p> <p>HS</p> <p>HSt</p>
18/11.00	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warwick Uni have funding to set up a synchro group. They are hoping to be set up in time for Freshers week. Amanda will put them in touch with Hannah. Henley/Aquavision may be looking at establishing synchro at Coventry Uni. West Midlands are looking at funding for scholarships for swimmers with GB places, Synchro had previously asked for this and been refused as all aquatic disciplines need to be treated the same. Amanda was going to look into the timescale that this would happen. We all agreed that swimmers needed more support. Synchro needs more presence at the National and Regional awards, these are to go through the West Midlands committee by the 3rd August. It is important that synchro is making nominations every year in categories: 	<p>AS</p> <p>AS</p> <p>All clubs</p>

		<p>*Coach</p> <p>*Young Coach</p> <p>*Volunteer</p> <p>*Youth Volunteer</p> <p>*Club</p> <p>*Youth Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Advisory Panel is meeting Wednesday this week with new members from all aquatics disciplines. It would be good to get some synchro members on the panel. Do we need more info on this? • It was noted we had forgotten to sign off the previous minutes so this will be added as first item on the agenda for the next meeting. 	AS/SP/all clubs
	Confirmation of date of next meeting	Week commencing 24 th September at Tamworth.	

Minutes prepared by	Date
Alison Ravenhall	18 th July 2018