Addendum to the 13th April 2024 Swim England West Midlands Annual General Meeting Minutes

Addendum refers to minute 13.0 (any other business) of the 2024 AGM minutes.

Unfortunately, the Region had failed to arrange a citation on behalf of the Board that recognised David's long-standing contribution to the sport. Simon Kirkland's impromptu attempt to address this omission served to address David's family, rather than his years of dedication to the sport, this was not well received. The Board of Swim England West Midlands Ltd recognised this and issued a public apology to David on 3rd September 2025, the apology is outlined below:

West Midlands – Apology

On Saturday, April 13th, 2024, the West Midlands Region held their annual AGM at the Mercure Hotel, West Bromwich. During the meeting, considerable upset was caused to a long-time volunteer, David Corbett.

In April 2024, David stepped down as the Regional Records Officer after a period of 21 years, firstly with Midland District from 2003 and moving to the newly formed West Midland Region from 2005.

During David's time in the sport, which spanned over 40 years, he volunteered in various positions, including Club Chair, Referee, County Officer, County President, Regional Board Director, and Regional President. He was also made a life member of his home club in 2003.

West Midlands Region failed to prepare a presentation that recognised David's contribution to the sport; as a result, it gave rise to deep hurt and profound disappointment to David and others present.

The West Midlands Region regrets the distress this has caused and offers its sincere apologies. We have since reviewed our preparation process and reflected on how things could be handled better to ensure such situations do not arise in the future.

The region is committed to listening to our membership and learning from this experience as we continue to strive and develop.

SE – West Midlands Region

3rd September 2025

The region has acted to appropriately recognise all Past Presidents within a Hall of Fame, found on the regional website, David's citation can be found here: Hall of Fame – Swim England West Midlands