

# Swim England Diving Leadership Group with Regional Diving Managers

Notes of the meeting held Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 held at SportPark

## Notes subject to approval at the next meeting

<b>Present:</b>	Pippa Jones	Chairperson/Sport Operations Committee Representative (PJ)
	Sarah Barrow	Diving Development Officer (SB)
	Suzie Collins	Talent Development Officer (SC)
	Lottie Thompson	Incoming Chair (LT)
	Ian Macleod	Regional Diving Manager, East
	Tracey Carecci	Administrator (TC)
<b>Attendees:</b>	Derek Beaumont	(DB)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ann Barker	(AB)
	Nikki Smith	Talent (NS)
	Gail Harrison	Events (GH)
	Collette Calvert	Communications (CC)
	Lindsey Fraser	Conditions (LF)
	Alex Harrison	Regional Diving Manager, London

## Min No:

- 1. Welcome and apologies**
  - 1.1 Members were welcomed to the meeting especially Lottie Thompson who has been recruited as the Chairperson for the group.
  - 1.2 Apologies were received from Ann Barker, Nikki Smith, Gail Harrison, Collette Calvert, Lindsey Fraser, and Alex Harrison.
- 2. Notes from telephone conference held on 13th June 2019.**
  - 2.1 5.1 – email to go to regions should read optional and not compulsory.
  - 2.2 6.1 – Lindsey Fraser outline of role – it was noted that this hasn't yet been received. Sarah Barrow to speak to Ali Sibcy-Allen.
- 3. National Skills 2020 Update**
  - 3.1 Several members of the Leadership Group had a meeting to discuss the feedback with the following decided:-

- This event will be supported by Swim England Diving Leadership Group where the region will be assisted with Swim England branding around the pool, medals and certificates.
- Certificates will be awarded to all competitors and the top six.
- Entry fee to be changed from £14 to £20 to cover the above costs.
- Sarah Barrow is working with East Midlands Region who have asked to host National Skills 2020 depending if the date allocated fits. John Hidle is supportive of the event taking place in the Region. The date for next year is to be confirmed.
- There will be a follow up meeting with region and Swim England to make a plan for a percentage of the profit to go back to the region specifically for diving. £2000 from Swim England will assist the running of the event.
- Working on upskilling of judges for this event via Club events, Talent Games, Age Groups and regional qualifiers.

#### **4. Judges and Officials Development Update**

- 4.1 Following a meeting on the above a feedback survey was sent out after the National Skills event and it was found that the judging for this this year's event had unqualified and inexperienced judges judging, therefore discrepancies were seen. It was noted that it would be desirable to have Level 2 judges at this event; however the Group recognised the potential strain this could have on Regions. Accordingly, it was agreed that a Level 1 Judge would be suitable for this level of competition. Judge mentors to be appointed by Swim England. This is part of Sarah Barrow's role.
- 4.2 The new updated judging and official's pathway and qualifications were distributed, which is generic for all disciplines as part of Swim England's desire to upskill volunteers on a regular basis. This was explained and it was felt that the red part of the pathway (LEN/Fina events) was for British Diving to agree.
- 4.3 The official's pathway to be signed off via email by the Diving Leadership Group. Leadership Group to look at a centralised bank of judge presenters.

#### **5. National Diving Development Officer - update**

- 5.1
- Funding has been allocated to DDC's. These are Southend, Corby, Tunbridge Wells, Star, Luton, Sunderland, Cambridge and Albatross.
  - Working with the West Midlands region where the Commonwealth Games are being held in 2022 and a new diving pool and large dryland will be available. Currently working with pool operators and workforce in the area to deliver diving activity. Lots of pools in the area haven't seen diving activity and is a work in progress with feeder's into Sandwell pool.
  - Launch on 31<sup>st</sup> October for 1000 days to go to Commonwealth Games. The bigger picture will be for divers to go into schools to promote diving.
  - World Series is coming back to London in 2020 where there will be a London Legacy group distributing tickets in an improvement to previous year. Coaching and Teaching Register – all welfare officers from clubs have been asked to provide information for the register to ensure coaches have DBS in place and relevant safeguarding certification. Some clubs do not have this in place so this register will ensure this happens.
  - Officials – there will be shadowing opportunities next year at National Skills.

#### **6. Talent Development Officer - update**

- 6.1
- TDC's have been running for a few years and it is felt a big calendar which goes out to everyone with competitions on will ensure there are less clashes in future, this will also be published on the website.
  - More CPD's are going to run from TDC's.

- Little Ripper's information has been delayed and forms will go out this week so applications for program will open. There is new branding with new certificates and pin badges to say well done. TDO to attend some schools who are going to be involved in testing for this program.
- Team Z – link with TDC's where information will go out through portal. From January feedback after each camp will go out to each athlete. More competition is going to take place during camps. Clubs who don't have athletes on Team Z will be able to see videos of the exercises and information on camp will be available on the portal.
- Diving conference – lots of relevant information will be handed out including dates for next year along with a USB with single system.
- Eight divers will be attending CAMO invitational competition in November this year along with three coaches, these divers haven't yet been selected.
- Divers nominated for TASS, this will be posted onto the website once replies have been received.
- Diploma in Sport Excellence (DiSE) – this is a two-year program working for athletes staying in full-time education. The course is run by an external consultant, Dudley college, and allows athletes to gain points for University.
- Sport England cycle planning for 2020/2025 is being prepared.

## **7. Update from Ian Macleod, Regional Diving Manager, East Region**

7.1 Ian's report was distributed to the Leadership group and he was thanked for his detailed report.

## **8. Any other business**

8.1 Regional Diving Managers – it was explained to Ian that the Terms of Reference for the group were being finalised and that these could be shared with the RDM's in the near future with regards to the changes in the Group going forwards now that Lottie is in place.

8.2 Reports from group members/Regional Diving Managers – a standard report ahead of each meeting will be sent over and should be completed by each member of the group to go out with agenda and previous minutes.

8.3 National Skills timings – It was asked if the Leadership group could reconsider the timing of this event, the event is held in early July currently. Review on timings/dates for this event will be looked at after next year's competitions.

## **9. Next meetings**

9.1 The dates of the next meetings will be decided by doodle poll by the end of September. Dates for 2020 would be agreed with the Group, once the 2020 Diving calendar was finalised.