

Swimming Leadership Group

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2021

Draft minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

Present:

Tom Baster	Chairperson
Barry Saunders	Competitions Lead
John Hidle	Licensing Lead
Jeroen Peters	Masters Working Group Chair
Ian Mackenzie	Specialist Member (League Swimming)
Mark Davies	Technical Officials Lead
Claire Coleman	Head of Development
Grant Robins	Head of Swimming Talent
Ekaterina Boyd	Head of Events

Apologies :

Alex Harrison	SOC Liaison
Martin Leeds	Para Swimming Manager

Min No:	
1.	Update on current situation
1.1	<p>Statement was released and it received good response on SE Social media. There has been a good response to the British Championship which shows that there is a desire for completion</p> <p>On or around the 23rd of March DCMS will release more information on the conduct of activity.</p> <p>It was decided that the Return to Competition Guidance should not be published before this date in case it is contradictory even though the document is ready to go. This is a disappointment to the Group and this will be revisited</p>
1.2	<p>British Championship / Para swims in being run in August under strict guidance and has been renamed the British Swimming Trials.</p> <p>It was agreed the 17th May remains an indicative date which needs to keep under close review</p> <p>The group decided to keep Level X as the focus until the indicative dates are confirmed.</p>
2.	PIG Meeting
2.1	<p>TB, EB and GR attended the group meeting. GR outlined the principles of being as inclusive as possible and that it would be a regionally based competition.</p>

	<p>The original paper gave a date of July but this has been shifted to any week in July which would work to bring together as a series to crown a GB winner.</p> <p>The focus is on a festival of swimming based around 100, 200, 400, Para 50,100,200 with maybe the 400.</p> <p>Ideally it would be long course but this poses issues for England.</p> <p>August was discussed but not furthered due to the holidays, need to rest prior to the new season.</p> <p>GR emphasized the need for a competition to ensure we can close the season but it is not full Olympic programme.</p>
2.2	<p>5-6 age groups is a challenge. One event a day would not work. SE will need to offer more than this.</p> <p>It was suggested that more than one weekend should be utilised to create the event.</p> <p>It was agreed that regional buy in would be key to delivery. A question remained over who is going to underwrite the cost of the competition or even if cost would be prohibitive.</p> <p>GR has adapted proposal to include one age group on one day</p> <p>The Group agreed that qualification would need to be flexible to support inclusivity and support regional buy in.</p> <p>The current parameters were agreed as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple events permitted • Swimmers must attend their regional event only. • Vary entry cost • Freedom for the event organizer to arrange the programme • Region have autonomy to set entry times • Has to be long course • Heat declared winner only • Cannot be organize a competition on a state school days • British Swimming to cover the cost of the medals <p>Action: The Group would collectively decide key parameters for delivery in England.</p> <p>Action GR and EB to draft an initial paper and circulate to TB and BS for further consideration</p>
2.3	<p>There was discussion on whether club can run meets on the same days as any proposed meets. It was agreed that in the event end of seasons meets happen, and there is a clash, if the swimmer has a qualifying time they should prioritize the regional event.</p>
2.4	<p>BS left meeting</p>
7.	<p>Confirm time and date of next meeting Confirm dates of 2021 quarterly meetings</p>
7.1	<p>DONM: 25th March 6pm</p>

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