

Swimming Officials Group

Minutes of meeting held on 2nd May 2023
Via Zoom

Present:	Mark Davies David Broome Colin Evison Ian Lamb Terry Bream David Metcalf Ralph Shortland Jill Beard George Adamson Paul Kendal Bob Outtram	Chairman North East Region North West Region West Midland Region East Midland Region East Region London Region South West Region South East Region Specialist Member – Open Water Specialist Member – Para Swimming
Staff:	Helen Akers	Officials Development Coordinator

23/7 Apologies

There were no apologies.

23/8 Update from Swim England SLG

There were no items of note.

23/9 Licensed Meet Expenses

An issue has been identified with licensed meet organisers not adhering to the requirement for expenses to be offered to technical officials. Following discussion of current regional policies, and others where known, it was agreed that a more robust form of words was needed and that organisers must publish their policy in advance of recruitment. There was suggestion that it should form part of the licence application process. MD to circulate draft wording around the group, prior to submission to the SLG.

23/10 Officials Licences

HA gave an update on the current process and timescales as provided by the Membership team.

There are still reports that renewal reminders are not being received, but the team advise that they are being issued so this issue remains unresolved. In the meantime members were asked to direct those raising queries to the renewal form available on the British Swimming website.

23/9 Submitted Items

A number of submitted items did not require discussion and had been dealt with by written answers from HA.

23/9.a **Referee Course Leader Training**

The group was still disappointed that a course had not been arranged, but it was acknowledged that the proposed alternative would allow those identified by the Regions to take up the role sooner. HA will copy the relevant member on any correspondence in this regard.

23/9.b **Rules Aide Memoir**

There still seems to be some difficulty in understanding the purpose of this document, which now mirrors that issued by WA, but with corrected numbering. HA to review.

23/10 Open Water

23/10.a **WPS Rules Updates**

The rules update has been written, once a host site has been agreed a pilot version will be circulating for testing before launch.

23/10.b **Diabetes Monitors**

PK raised the implications for both the athlete concerned and others if a monitor was dislodged during an event. It was felt that the risk was relatively small, particularly if adequately taped. DB provided some resources for those who wished to read up on the products.

23/11 Website Links

HA asked that all local contacts be advised to check the contents of their websites in relation to officials training. Where possible, links to the national information should be used to avoid out of date information remaining in the public domain.

23/12 Date of Next Meeting

To be advised.