



1 April 2020

## **All East District Clubs,**

Firstly, we hope this finds you well in spite of the current Covid-19 health crisis and that you are coping with the many changes to everyday life and work that this requires.

The District appreciates the difficulties that all the clubs are going through at the moment, so admin may not be uppermost in your minds. However, the Executive wishes to notify clubs and all members officially with regard to two matters as follows, in order to offer clarity as to where the District currently stands:

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - EAST DISTRICT 2020**

At the last AGM of East District, the date for the 2020 AGM was set as 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020. As you will be aware, Scottish Swimming has confirmed that it is inappropriate to risk the health of volunteers in the sport by holding such a meeting in the current crisis. The health of our athletes, coaches and volunteers is far more important than strict adherence to the District Constitution.

On the basis of the above, the Executive has taken the decision to delay the AGM – indefinitely for the moment. The Executive will continue to appraise conditions and will set a date as soon as we are confident that it is safe to do so. It is likely that we will need a Management Team meeting prior to the AGM to discuss business arising and the impact of Covid-19 on the sport. We will give at least one month's notice prior to the AGM. You should be aware that the AGM is unlikely to be before August or September.

In the meantime, District Convenors, officers, committee members and the Executive will continue in post until the rescheduled AGM and will continue to take decisions as required and offer advice as requested but there will be no face to face meetings until it is safe to do so.

### **DISTRICT AFFILIATION FEES (“PER CAPITA”)**

As there have been no events or activities in any of the disciplines over the past few weeks, and given that this situation will continue for the foreseeable future, the Executive recognises that this may well be putting financial strain on some clubs. In order to help alleviate this we have taken the decision to defer the payment date for this year's affiliation fees from the agreed end April date to an end September date this year (subject to any restrictions which might still be in force at that time). It is our intention that letters advising the amount due for each club will be issued by the District Treasurer towards the end of August.

Hopefully you understand and accept that the above measures are appropriate and proportionate given the circumstances in which society finds itself. We look forward very much to seeing you all when the crisis is over. In the meantime, look after yourselves and keep safe.

***Les Rodger, East District President***

**On Behalf of the Executive, SASA East District**