

Notes of East District Management Meeting held on Thursday 20th January 2022 via Zoom



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1. **Present:** Susan Liddle (SL) Vice President, Duncan McKinnell (DM) President, Les Rogers (LR) Immediate Past President, Tony Dane (TD) Secretary, James Laird (JL) Treasurer, Alistair Shields(AS) STO Convenor, Jo Maguire (JM) Swimming Convenor, Colin Kennedy (CK) SS President, Andra Laird(AL) Fife Convenor, David Civil (DC) archivist, along with CK , David Payne (DP) Borders Convenor, Lesley Bloomer (LB) Artistic swimming Convenor, Kenton D’Mellow (KD)Diving Convenor, Cath Fleming(CF) minute taker.
2. **Apologies:** Richie Metcalfe (RM) Water Polo conv, Fiona McEwan(FM) Masters Conv, Kirsten McGeary (KM) Open Water Conv

Agenda		Action by
Vice President’s Welcome	Hope we all had a great Xmas and New year and that all kept clear of Covid. Welcome to Kenton D’Mellow representing Diving community	
3. Declarations of Interest	DM re being a member of Trustees for EISM, and ED President	
4. Corrections and actions from 21st Oct 21 Management Meeting	BACS payment is almost fully set up Page 3 : rescheduled LR meet /(AL), as there was only 1 person taking up the UKCC level 1 in Fife this had to be cancelled / TM is Joanne Dunsie Pages 4 , 5, 6 nothing AOCB include Borders within Regional reports Proposer: DC, seconder CK	
5. Matters arising from Oct Meeting	Let the 3 Regional convenors know of any clubs not constituted (or executive members) and they will remind them on the need to comply or suggest a way forward for them to meet the criteria to allow them to compete. There are quite a few Clubs who seem to have nonregistered Executive members with SS: AR to help with this.	
6. Correspondence	In management reports, prior to meeting.	
7. Finance James Laird	<u>SASA East District – Treasurer’s Report January 2022</u> Please find attached the summary of Income and Expenditure for year to 31 st December 2021 Income for the period was £32,048.00 and expenditure £39,088.34, a deficit of £7,040.34 Income for the period came predominantly from the Affiliation Fees and entries for the Time Trials run through	

	<p>the autumn. Expenditure in the period included the pool hire, catering cost and expenses for these meets, the financial support given to the clubs in June and various other expenses as itemised in the accounts. It should be noted the time trials were run at a surplus of just under £2,000 versus a budgeted loss of the same value so many thanks to the swimming committee and anyone else involved in the successful running of these.</p> <p>The BoS current account balance as at 31st December 2021 was £84,995.30 which once adjusted for uncleared cheques gives us a balance of £77,884.63 of which</p> <p>£50,000 remains ring-fenced.</p> <p>Distance meets have been subcontracted out and are being run by Regions, however, the District have agreed to underwrite any losses made in the running of these to the Region.</p> <p>17th March is next budget meeting; therefore, convenors need to have their proposed budgets in by end of February.</p> <p>A small number of Clubs have not yet paid their District fees. Agreement that a bit of leeway could be given this year, as Clubs may not have joined until 31st March.</p> <p>For the ED accounts: EISM is excluded as it is run as a different account. EISM is part of the ED constitution. Going forward, this is in discussions to be removed from the constitution. Blair Prentice and Margaret Somerville (Editorial Board) have been approached with the view of consultations for the options we have re the separation of EISM and ED affairs.</p> <p>The EISM will not incur losses due to sponsorship.</p> <p>SL would appreciate that the District receive a written verification that with regards to any financial loss incurred by the EISM the District will not be liable. DM will write a letter.</p> <p>Conflict of interest for DM was intimated as ED President and member of Trustees for EISM.</p>	DM
10. Regional Reports		
a - Borders	<p>Report: In management reports prior to meeting. David Payne: losing our BEST coach due to maternity leave: looking to fill the post and several options available DM suggested that DP ask Alan Lynn (SS). AR said he would help.</p>	
b - Fife	<p>Report: Received from AL, submitted after the reports from ED Management were received.</p>	

Fife Report – January 2022

Firstly, congratulations to Carnegie on being Scottish Swimming's club of 2021. At the individual level congratulations to former Fife swimmer Olly Carter, who is now a member of British Swimming's podium potential squad, Niamh Maloney, Scottish Swimming's waterpolo player of the year, Brooke Gillies who acted as a guide at the World Paras in 2021 where she and her partner won a bronze medal in the visually impaired event. Ross Ainslie was awarded Life Membership of Fife at the first swimming event held after lockdown.

The current situation is that Fife clubs are returning to the usual range of activities after the disruption of the last year or so. In recent months, on the positive side:

- All pools were briefly reopened (at least until closed again for maintenance)
 - Several clubs have successfully applied for grants and sponsorship to help support their activities
 - A number of club championship type events and one inter club friendly swimming competition were held. And Fife synchro recently held a grading event.
 - AGMs are taking place, bringing in new committee members. But there is a definite changing of the guard and reports of difficulties in engaging with parents while they remain banned from training sessions/ events etc
 - Coach training has been solid in Fife; 13 have successfully completed their L1 swimming course and we have a new L1 synchro coach, 2 have completed L2 swim coaching and a further 3 are signed up for a course that is about to start. Three of our young swimmers have completed their SSTQ.
- My thanks to Carnegie, Cupar, DASC, Hearts, InCAS and Step Rock for offering time for the practical sessions.
- Clubs are actively supporting the Scottish Swimming young volunteers initiative and benefiting from ideas developed by their young members.

A small number of clubs competed in recent national events. There was stronger support for the events organised by the district and by Fife region, the latter all at MWC. The first, in September, obtained 350 entries for 100m all strokes and 200m IM and Free. In November, there were 688 swims over 50m – all strokes.

Plans are advanced for two events in February '22; district swimmers are invited to compete at 800m and 1500m on the morning of the 12th and Fife swimmers will be able to compete over 400ms at this session and over 100m and 50ms in an afternoon session. Thanks to the ED management team for helping stage the distance event.

We will, hopefully, run two league type events on 8 May and 12 June. The April regional date clashes with school holidays in Fife and so we are not using it.

	<p>A final note concerns the way in which our clubs are working to support others – Cardenden received help from local club coaches to improve the coaching it is able to offer its older swimmers; and more widely Cupar has partnered with a local foodbank and regularly provides contributions from club members to it, while DASC supports two young carers to attend training sessions.</p> <p>Andra Laird, 16 January 2022, FRC convenor</p>	
<p>c - Lothian</p>	<p>Report: Received from SL, submitted after the reports from ED Management were sent out.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>LOTHIAN REPORT FOR MANAGEMENT MEETING – 20 January 2022</u></p> <p>Lothian Committee has been actively working on competitions and have their rescheduled Children’s Gala on 29 January at Mercat Gait. The initial entry for this was 236 swimmers from 16 clubs totalling 876 swims. The age range is 7 – 11 years.</p> <p>Due to the cancelling of the November meet we decided to leave the age as at date as 22 November as we were concerned that there would be a bubble of swimmers who would miss out again on competition due to moving up an age.</p> <p>This will have to be cut considerably due to facility numbers, but the entry shows a very great need for this type of competition.</p> <p>The Lothian Region have also taken on the offered subcontract of the 800 & 1500 events from the East District. Having spoken to clubs there has been intimated interest that sees up potentially being able to run 2 days for these distances. As there will be a shortfall in finance due to the distance which restricts number the district has agreed to cover the shortfall based on the budget we submitted. For this we have extended an invitation to the Borders clubs as their numbers do not justify them putting on a meet even with district underwriting. We have also had a couple of requests from external clubs that if we have space available, they would like to be invited to enter.</p> <p>Our leagues will be running this year in April, May & June and it has been agreed at committee that we will hold the events as the same format as was published in 2020. The cost per team will be held at £40 and the Region will underwrite the shortfall for this year only. The licence numbers have been received and paperwork ready to be sent to clubs now that agreement has been reached with regards to the finance of this.</p> <p>The Region is also looking to support clubs in facilitating courses for coaching but also more grass roots level in sourcing potential NPLQ and renewal updates for the same. We will be looking at contacting all regional clubs to see what interest there is both now and in later months to see if we can help in anyway with this fundamental but</p>	

	<p>vital role.</p> <p>We have had many swimmers participate in the events the East District have organised over the past few months. The times posted for these show the 'joy' of getting back to racing that the swimmers (and coaches) are feeling. A couple of the events did not have the scoreboard working but there was only one club out of all that complained. Coaches expressed the fact that it lessened stresses and pressures and they could actually do what they do best – coach and give advice without the time being the first port of call.</p> <p>Our thanks to the East District Swimming Committee for their hard work and commitment to the swimmers given the huge hurdles that had and still must be gone through to put these things on.</p> <p>Susan Liddle, Lothian Region Convenor</p>	
11. Discipline Reports		
a – Swimming Jo Maguire	<p>Verbal Report from JM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AG's 50 sprints and 200s this weekend. • Thanks to Regions for taking on the long-distance events from the ED Club champs to allow for the rest of the events to go ahead • 19th 20thFeb popular • Calendar up and running on web. • Graded times with meet/ Alan Lynn said we had to include them. East has worked on these and simplified these. • Summer meet is in ASV/ moving forward it may be in 2 venues. • Technical suits at draft process stage: 1st Sept will be launch date (over 14s only). • Hannah Miley is going to talk about the suits, circulating as widely as possible. • The oversubscribed Nov meet: entries are now in, giving those who had not even applied first time around an opportunity to compete. • TMs pathway produced 	
b - Water Polo (RM)	<p>Report: In management reports prior to meeting.</p> <p>Verbal: Midlands are struggling Olympia Pool is closing for a year. Forfar struggling to find pool time.</p>	
c – Masters (FM)	<p>Report Verbal: SL intimated that FM is busy with work but she has been consulted by FM. November 22, pencilled in the Masters' event, seeing if we can resurrect the highly successful meet.</p>	
d – Artistic Swimming (LB)	<p>Report: Received from LB, submitted after the reports from ED Management were sent out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East District Artistic Swimming Report: Both clubs participated in recent grade assessment days. Edinburgh held a come and try session on the 16th January and Fife are planning to hold one in February. • A recent UKCC coaching course has boosted coach numbers. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The calendar for events at Scottish level is being confirmed over the coming weeks and includes a return to the usual complement of assessment days and competitions. <p>Lesley Bloomer East District Artistic Swimming Convenor: verbal below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish Competitions: Snags in June/ Clubs in Oct/SS AS Convenor is having a meeting this weekend. Will get more information then. TD asked LB for more recent information to add to AS section of ED website update. LB may need to speak to TD. JL asked if LB could put her Budget in by end of Feb. 	
e – Diving (KD)	<p>Verbal Report: Kenton D’Mellow replacing VT. (Much depleted on what he did say)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> training has resumed post COVID, competition calendar is up and running, including Novice competitions (who had not been competing for a while) Fiona Sharman is EDC new President; Libby Duke is their new Treasurer. Thanks to Jane Ogden for all her hard work as she has now resigned from her role/s of over 30 years. Edinburgh had 2 swimmers selected for England’s X squad, Aberdeen have also a diver on this programme. Plymouth with the Amada trophy is coming up. 	
f – Open Water	<p>Verbal Report by LR: The North District OW Championships is booked at Loch Inch on 4th June. The Scottish National OW Championships is likely to be on 4th July at Monikie (near Dundee)</p>	
12. STOC (AS)	<p>Verbal report submitted at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritising Open and AG with only 42 officials over 4 sessions. Mentoring is starting up again following on from Covid and Xmas and has been trialled at Lothian meets Neil Valentine passed his practical Meet Manager at Xmas Meet. Well done Neil. Costumes were debated with Refs accepting the new Fina costume. Lap Cards and Bells are to be looked out for up-and-coming distance meets Amendments to be added to regulations. DC did not have a chance to photograph: Suggestion to ask Kirsten at SS, as they have supplied up high resolution photos in the past 	
13. Archive CK /DC	<p>In management reports, prior to meeting:</p> <p>Lots of discussion about one drive for storing records etc /permission to access limited to number of peopleDC wishes everything in one place.... More discussion required</p> <p>Lot of discussion about DropBox</p> <p>One drive is used by AS/ SL/ CM size is limited... Gives us good resilience</p> <p>1 terabyte costs £50/ 5 Terabyte, costs £89</p> <p>DC wishes it should be all on One drive at 5 Terabytes</p>	DC and Exec

14. Website (TD)	Individual drop-down sections not done. TD is glad that Borders have someone one who can modernise their area of the website. Blog and Social Media are both much quicker than ED website	
15. AOCB	<p>CK: If Clubs have Executive officers who have not affiliated with SS, then it makes the club not viable. These Executive members, as stated in C10. 1 and C10. 2. 2, by end of January, or within 20 day of their next AGM.</p> <p>AR: Plea for more Young Technical Officials (YTO), & Young Events coordinators:14 to 24 year olds. Networking event on 27th Feb apply through Azolve.</p> <p>Stingrays: Contact has been made; they have an Executive committee registered with SS.</p> <p>DM: The John Gunning Award (Volunteer of the Year) went to Sarah Duncan from Borders. Well Deserved Sarah. She will receive the trophy on 29th Jan. (DM has the Trophy from SS) DC to take photos of handing over trophy.</p> <p>SL: Next Meeting in February will be a Members Forum meeting. Modernisation priorities? Execs speak to each other through Virtual meetings / General revitalisation of Disciplines/ How do we retain membership and volunteers?</p> <p>AS: asked for link to Young Volunteers and YTO</p>	
16. Date of next meeting DELEGATES	18 th Feb, Zoom 7pm start. 18 th May, Zoom: AGM	Convenors
MANAGEMENT	17 th March, Zoom, budget meeting	
END of meeting pm		