



East District Management Meeting held on Thursday 21st Oct 21 via Zoom

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1. **Present:** Susan Liddle (SL) Vice President, Colin Kennedy (CK) SS President, Duncan McKinnell (DM) President, Les Rogers (LR) Immediate Past President, Tony Dane (TD) Secretary, Jo Maguire (JM) Swimming Convenor, Andra Laird (AL) Fife Convenor, David Civil (acting archivist), Lesley Bloomer (LB) Artistic swimming Convenor, Richie Metcalfe (RM) Water Polo Convenor, Cath Fleming (CF) minute secretary, Alan Reed (AR) SS RSDM
2. **Apologies:** Fiona McEwan (FM) Masters Convenor, Kirsten McGeary (KM) Open Water Convenor, Borders Convenor, James Laird (JL) Treasurer, Alistair Shields (AS) STO Convenor

Agenda		Action by
President's Welcome	Susan Liddle , Vice President welcomed us all	
3. Declarations of Interest	None	
4. Corrections and actions from Management Meeting of 17th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PVG guidelines are being progressed by SS for Meet Manager & other terminology. • Constitution: Club Constitutions to be submitted by end of January, although all appreciated that this may not be completed, unless they have their AGM /EGM prior to that. It will be a case of educating clubs to automatically update and send to TD yearly. • Kirkcaldy ASC have not re-affiliated to SS. Their pool time has now been taken over by other Fife clubs, Individual members may have moved to another club. • St Andrews Masters have not re-affiliated. • North Berwick Had been contacted by AR after an article was brought to his attention about potential folding of the club. This is not the case the article was meant to be about lack of volunteers not swimmer numbers. • Treasurer for Club flyer with Regions/ DC still to support with artwork and layout. Active schools: happy to advertise. • Proposer CK, Seconded by DC 	SS All Clubs/ AR JL/ DC/SL/AL

<p>5. Actions arising from 16th Sept Membership Meeting</p>	<p>Open water needs updating but LR not here at present Referees- all agreed that Referees need to feel comfortable on deck</p> <p>Club of year was supported by 14 Clubs. Possibly present the award during The Winter Meet at RCP in Dec 21.</p>	<p>LR/KG STO</p>
<p>6. Secretary's Report</p>	<p>New Club: Stingray WP – targeting the West of Edinburgh and West Lothian and open to all but hoping to get an uptake of girls. It is an Edinburgh Active schools initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musselburgh and East Lothian have No President at moment, not too much of a cause for concern as they have strong Executives in charge and picking up volunteers/ Executives. • TD attended a hybrid meeting of Zoom and Face to face. There has to be a good sound system to enable the F2F participants to hear what is being said, also the cameras cost approximately £700. 	<p>Welcome Stingray AR</p>
<p>7. Finance Report Submitted by JL</p>	<p>Summary is that Year To December (YTD) we have a deficit of £5,324.77 which is: <u>Expenditure:</u> £17,621.77 of which £15,306 is financial support to clubs, £700 web support, £863 district expenses, £140 licence refunds from 20/21, STO £125, Archiving £80, and EDTT expenses were £408.</p> <p>This is <u>offset</u> by £12,297: being EDTT entries £11,900, affiliation fees from 20/21 of £377, and a BS refund of £20.</p> <p><u>Outstanding transactions</u> EDTT entries not received: £1,425 however offset by refunds not yet issued of £1,475 so little change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The big item is we have not been invoiced for pool for TT and I am not aware of value. Will try to get Jo today, but hopefully she is at meeting and can advise then. • Meeting note: £11,296 from JM, entries were £12,097 • DM is to put out gentle reminder that affiliation fees are due by end of October and liaise with JL <p>SL brought up BACs payment must be way forward, Clubs at moment receive a cheque from District. This is and outdated practice, and time consuming, for the District Treasurer and Clubs not to mention time delay in processing refunds and clubs receiving these. 2 signatories needed James Laird and Duncan McKinnell to further discuss. RM happy to support JL as he has set up a BACs account for Fife Region over summer. No affiliation fees received, which amounts to £9,740.</p>	<p>DM put out reminder to ALL clubs</p> <p>BACs research</p> <p>JL/DM RM</p>
<p>8. Board and Council Meeting</p>		

7. Regional Reports		SL/ Borders
a - Borders	Report: Sudden change of personnel to run the Borders trials. SL to support. Borders Trials has a full programme	
b – Fife (AL)	Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TT behind us with a loss of £750, 21st Nov is date for Fife to hold another time trial (TT). • AL is slightly concerned that no Regional events until spring. (JM will explain reasons later) • 13 Fife coaches have expressed an interest in SS Coaching courses. 	
c - Lothian	Report: TT on Saturday: We need to be out of building by 4.30. The programme is full We have a full complement of officials, plus reserves. LR are running a Mini-Meet where parents may not be allowed to spectate - SS President (CK) invited along; he will sit with DMcK (announcer). Coaching: Andy Maguire (SS Tutor) running a Jan Feb 22 coaching course. Keep AR involved with this	JM
8. Discipline Reports		
a – Swimming JM	Report: Zoom every evening recently. Junior Academy: Choice of 5 workshops to attend, however could only choose 1. Did receive all slides. 3 rd face to face with MWC TM coordinator: Joanne Duncie coping well with all demands made at these online sessions Accredited meets: Dates Confirmed for December Winter Meet at RCP on 10 th - 12 th Dec <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNAGs confirmed at Tollcross Pool, Glasgow 13th to 17th April • SS National and Open Comp 1st – 3rd July venue still to be decided • Summer meet 15th to 17th July: venue and dates still to be confirmed • National Leagues Clubs run by Club, within their normal training times as Virtual 800, 1500 distance meet • Swimming costumes debate: there is a Zoom next Friday afternoon • Calendar: very restrictive calendar • 5 dates for Districts. There will be a meet in Jan/ Feb & March • If swimmers cannot make ED championships, then very few dates other than those already identified. Alan Lynn will host a Q and A about the Competition calendar on Thursday 28 th Oct.	All interested parties

	<p>Non accredited meets Grades of meets are being standardised. DC suggested that we, as ED can run our own meet, we should NOT be waiting for SS/ JM explained that West District is struggling to find pools. Want to offer same opportunity for swimmers across Scotland: Short time scale: as a district we have gone above and beyond the requirements to give the swimmers what they need and want. Competitions before 2022 Sept to Dec 21 is very restrictive There has been a club meet given authorisation and a licence by SS to be run in December DM to draft letter to SS, Edin Leisure and let JM see it prior to it being sent with regards to the calendar and licencing. EISM: 22. May be run in conjunction with BS. EISM embedded in the District rules and this needs to be addressed. Trustees of EISM to be consulted.</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>Exec Trustees, Swim Cmte</p>
<p>b – S.T. O. AS absentee so SL talked us through the points</p>	<p>Report: AS not attending. SL raised JUDGE 1 competencies being used instead of a formal assessment. SOG looking at the same competencies TK courses can be run for Clubs (£25) share with another Club. 8 – 10 numbers needed to run these courses. National Seminar to be held on 7th Nov. Posting the FINA update on the Web. East Referees’ training is being restarted with AS having 3 of the 4 candidates, who had done much of their training pre covid. There will be less opportunity now for active pool sessions, allowing referees to acquire their skills prior to sitting the exam.</p>	<p>All Clubs</p> <p>All officials</p>
<p>c - Water Polo RM</p>	<p>All clubs have returned to action with a combination of friendlies, SWP U16 boys pop-up tournament, BWPL (Portobello Men, Caledonia Men, Caledonia Women and St Andrews Women) and Uni competitions (BUCs and SUS). ED Clubs have a good representation in all Scottish National squads with U19 Boys preparing to compete in the EU Nations Cup in Czech Republic. Niamh Moloney (DWPC) is part of the GB Senior Women/University of GB squad taking part in the Danube League against some of the best clubs in Europe as part of their squad development for forthcoming international championships. The first round took place in Serbia. Two further SWP Pop up tournaments at NSA are scheduled; U16 girls in Nov and U14 mixed in Dec.</p>	
<p>d - Masters</p>	<p>Report: none</p>	
<p>e – Artistic Swimming LB</p>	<p>Report: Edinburgh had seven juniors entered in the Virtual National Championships. They entered a technical team, three technical duets and one technical solo. Both Clubs entered swimmers in the first virtual grading assessments. Good pass rate achieved with passes recorded at Grades 1-5. Both clubs are now preparing for the next virtual grading event in November. Fife are re-entering Carnegie pool on Monday. National comps Figure Competition planned for March.</p>	

<p>f – Diving JL</p>	<p>Report: Kenton D'Mellow Volunteered to be the Diving Convenor in place of Vicky Thomlinson but as he was not registered as a member of Scottish Swimming, he was unable to join this particular meeting.</p> <p>Report: Olympic Games Edinburgh Diver James Heatly was exceptional and made it to the final of his first Olympic Games. Unfortunately, he did not perform his best in the final but still finished in 9th place – an incredible achievement. James’s best dive scored an incredible 96 points!</p> <p>Yona Knight Wisdom, another Edinburgh diver competing for Team Jamaica qualified for the semi - final and finished in 15th place just missing out on the final. Yona was frustrated not to make the final but super motivated to improve on his performance at the next games!</p> <p>Edinburgh had one coach – Jen Leeming who was part of Team GB coaching James. It was so inspirational for our younger divers, coaches from the East District being able to watch our local divers compete out in Tokyo and knowing that our divers get to train alongside them every week.</p> <p>Competitions:</p> <p>3rd October – SASA levels Aberdeen Divers from the East District had their first ‘in person’ competition since early 2020 and travelled to Aberdeen to compete in the SASA levels event. The event was successful and there were sixty divers from the East making it one of the biggest SASA levels events ever! Full results on diverecorder.co.uk</p> <p>Coming up....</p> <p>15th -17th October – Scottish Junior Elites & SNAGs – Edinburgh. Unfortunately, this event has been CANCELLED –</p> <p>23rd -25th October – Southampton invitational</p> <p>28-31st October Junior Elites. Plymouth</p> <p>6th November TBC – SASA levels Edinburgh</p> <p>13th 14th November – Talent Games TBC Leeds</p> <p>20th November – Edinburgh Diving Club Championships</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>Some taster sessions put on by Edinburgh Leisure in the summer were a great success and they have attracted lots of new divers in the lessons programme. On the back of the taster sessions, we invited some children back to be talent tested and selected a new small squad of divers.</p> <p>There is a Level 1 coaching course being run at the moment in Edinburgh which aims to train up nine new coaches to work with programmes from Edinburgh and Ayr.</p>	<p>AR to follow up</p>
<p>g – Open Water</p>	<p>Report:</p> <p>Difficulty finding venues which do not have Blue /Green algae. May be an ongoing situation that will need monitoring</p>	

9. Archive	<p>Report: 100 Years Ago: (1921).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Monthly' meetings of the Eastern Counties ASA as they were called generally started with apologies followed by the secretary reading the minutes from the minute book. If the meeting agreed they were a true record, then they were approved as such. • The meeting then usually dealt with correspondence received. In the main this was from Clubs making applications to hold Gala's and/or requesting the District appoint the necessary officials. • That was followed by the finance report from the Hon. Treasurer and then subcommittee reports as appropriate such as Diving, Water Polo and swimming Championships etc. • Occasionally they did have something different like in the May 1921 minutes there was a heading in the margin of "Deputation". On a motion it was agreed to appoint a Deputation of 3 people to meet with the new Council Baths Superintendent with a view to having the water temperature in all the baths brought up to standard point..... (whatever that meant). <p>CK discovered an omission to the President Board: Mr Joseph Kemp Richardson 45 –47 is omitted. Club he represented: Transport Swimming Club / Hearts or Warrender. Unanimously accepted that we should put this correct this omission and rectify it on the Presidents Board.</p>	
10. Website	Website has been cleaned out and latest swimming calendar is posted on the web, twitter, Facebook etc	ALL
11. AOCB	Covid Meet programme working with Fife and Lothian: Les: Young Ambassadors are very enthusiastic and are working on some projects: Mental health, learn to swim Duncan: Young Leaders 25 youngsters, mainly girls, from nine clubs. Concentrated on non-swimming social events and productive weekend. All above generated 2 SCQFs RM asked whether Gender Balance matches the gender balance across the SS.	
12. Date of next meetings		
	MEMBERSHIP 18 th November 21 / or calendar planning Subject Charitable status for next meeting	JM/DM/SL
	MANAGEMENT 20 th January 22	
END of meeting 9.00pm		