

Notes of East District Management Meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2019

Premier Inn, Edinburgh Park, EH12 9FX



1. **Present:** Duncan McKinnell (DM) Vice President, Les Rodgers (LR) President, Richie Metcalfe (RM) Immediate Past president, President, Tony Dane (TD) Secretary, Alistair Shields(AS) STO Convenor, Fiona McEwan(FM) Masters Convenor, Colin Kennedy (CK) Archive Convenor, Vicky Peakman (VP) Synchro Convenor, Victoria Lowe (VL) Borders Convenor, James Laird (JL) Treasurer, Alan Reed (AR) RSDM, Cath Fleming(CF) minute taker
2. **Apologies:** Jo Maguire (JM) Lothian Region Convenor, Alison Stephen (AS) Diving Convenor, Kirsten Ogilvie (KO) Open Water Convenor, Andra Laird (AL) Swimming Convenor

Agenda		Action by
Vice President's Welcome	DM welcomed Alan Reed to his first meeting in his role as East RSDM	
3. Declarations of Interest	None	
4. Corrections and actions from Management Meeting Thursday 21st March	<p>Page 1,2 3,4 all OK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb delegates: email from Helen Murray OBE, re active Life members change to all life members • Club Constitutions: a few Clubs left to chase up. Jenn Davis will get them up to speed with series 18. TD to do a generic letter to go out to all Clubs re their model constitution which should be series 18. • James Laird sent out some accounts covering a 2 month period • Archive: delete word all • Additional scoreboard for Prestonpans still waiting for David Civil to take it down in his van • First 2 sentences should be removed under Synchro 	<p>CF</p> <p>TD</p> <p>CF</p> <p>DC</p> <p>CF</p> <p>CF</p>
5 Actions from April delegates meeting	Life members: Maurice Pate to speak to his Club Secretary. Wemyss Donaldson, Susan McFeeters, Pete Lourie are District life members but not SASA members. However they play no part in District matters so no action required.	
How to access minutes	All minutes since AGM 2017 are available on the District web-site. TD has created links in the ED website under Structure and 10 th tab down is Minutes.	
6. Correspondence	New secretary email address for Hailes: secretary@haillesswimclub.co.uk Peebles have changed their secretary, their email address remains the same- it's now Richard Salmond	
7. Finance	Finance report was circulated. Wayne Goldsmith (coach) has been paid, catering for Fife for 3 rd round of EDAGs has now been paid. Financial loss from Open and EDAGs weekend due in part, to RCP and catering costs going up significantly. EISM ran at a loss this year, we knew this before we went into it.	

	Charges are £8000 for one day at RCP. JL to have a chat with West re their charge for Tollcross, AR to ask at SS. RCP seems to add the lost revenue from swimming lessons on top of the cost of hire for venue. AL to meet up with ED Leisure to try to resolve this	JL/AR AL
8. Modernisation	<u>20th June 19</u> in MWC with the use of their rooms, all having Wifi. Consultation with the 2 software companies (Hi Tek and Team Unify) and Hive on line community. AR has a list of who has signed up to HIVE Membership forums instead of delegates meetings. AS to notify his online Facebook to STO's to try to generate some excitement. Not on blog yet. 2 or 3 drips for membership forums: invite executive and club meet secretaries, cascade info to meet secretaries. TD to pick up with Susan Liddle. <u>19th Sept</u> could be a forum from AS re new Judge system, new STO structure, as well as picking up on contemporary issues. We will "tartanise it" so it fits in with Scottish legislation, about an hour and a half at QMUC Role of volunteer coordinator for ED, Can't be responsible for finding lots of volunteers. DM, AR, LR and AS to take forward this volunteer job description Roles of Regions and how they interact with East District. As no regional convenor here this one will wait	TD/SL AS DM/AR/LR/AS
9. Board and Council Meeting	The last Board meeting included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Marketing team. • Reach out to primary schools • Pros and cons of Charitable status Andy Maguire and Amy Murdoch both start in June. Charlene Graham and Neal Raynor are leaving SS although Neal's involvement with Scottish Water Polo continues on a voluntary basis.	
10. Regional Reports		
a - Borders	Report: Discussion around high number of License 3 meets where times can't be used for meet entries or squad selection. A request is going out to Clubs to submit their requested dates for Level 2 and 3 Meets. Level 3 Meets are primarily for swimmer development. Should L 3 times be accepted for ED Age Groups? This needs further discussion. The Borders held their Regional gala but need additional officials. TD to speak to Jo Maguire re Sarah Duncan, who is borders rep for this along with Alison Lister (Fife) and see what is the cross over between what the Regions offer and what the District offers Borders (VL) wish to purchase latest version of Hy Tek as they are using Version 2. Suggested that they wait until after Hytec/Team Unify forum on 20 th June	TD/ JM All regions Borders
b - Fife	Report: forum meeting held and similar discussion to above	
c - Lothian	Report: Lothian leagues will be finished on 1 st June. Lothian Region are having a meeting on 11 th June:	

	with feedback being sought on the Lothian Region competition programme.	
11. Discipline Reports		
a - Swimming	<p>Report: Congratulations to Archie Goodburn and Emma Russell, for their selection to European Junior Champs in Kazan in July (GB team) and to Archie for World Junior Champs in Budapest in August. Mat Trodden will go as coach and Mark Szaraneck as an athlete at the World University games in Italy in July.</p> <p>Swim Committee welcomed Amanda Brown, Susan Craigmile and Brian Walkinshaw to the swim committee. Amanda will shadow Carolyn on DRP this year and take over as DRP co-ordinator from next year. Discussion will take place with Susan and Brian as to how to make full use of their availability and skillsets.</p> <p>Coach development, Wayne Goldsmith session was attended by 30 swimmers, 20 parents and 18 coaches from 11 clubs. Parents in particular seemed pleased with the event. From a coaching point of view Laurel is the main source of comment and she thought it useful and well received, particularly by swimmers and parents.</p> <p>Swimming programme; and finally, this will come eventually to a district budget meeting, but in response to a request by ED coaches to consider how in Scotland we encourage 800/1500 m swimming AL has raised at National Swim Committee to establish if the other districts (all/some) would support a series of 'long distance events' spread across the year/ Scotland as there are few opportunities to compete in these at a high level. (There are club galas for DRP times, North and East have a district champs day for 400+ events, and various Scottish multiple events champs where small numbers get, and want, to compete).</p> <p>To back this up, AL would like to see if ED regions wish to run some lower levels opportunities in their area, potentially with swim committee contributing to pool hire costs - possibly adding some trial type events on a league day for example.... discussions to commence with regions.</p> <p>EISM ran at a loss but not as bad as it could have been.</p>	AL / Regions
b - Water Polo	<p>Report: New rules being introduced and upskilling is necessary for referees: this means less physical games allowing more movement. Hope this is more appealing for TV. Subtle changes already taken on board which the English have already adopted.</p> <p>Neal Raynor has stepped down from his role within SS.</p> <p>There will be a WP forum sometime in June for the East clubs (West is having their meeting in May).</p> <p>AS suggested to split the cost by having a WP game or Synchro display along with 800/1500m long course trial at RCP. Scope for further discussion as currently Diving takes priority at RCP. WP and Synchro both need diving pit for their training</p>	

c - Masters	<p>Report: The Scottish Masters were held at the RCP over 19-20th April, and there were a record number of entries with 356 swimmers taking part, with 1672 swims. There were some fantastic swims across the Age Groups, with Sandra Lea from Inverness breaking numerous Scottish records in the 80-85 age group. From the East we saw Ruth Millar (EHMX) break the 50 Free record (25-29) in a 27.03, Ian McKay (EWBX) break the 50 free record (60-64) in a 27.52, and Ally McGregor (EWBX) break both the 100 free and 200 free records (70-74) in a 1.10.08 and 2.41.60 respectively, knocking a huge 7 seconds off the previous 200 free record. Age Group winners from the district included John McDonald (EHMX) 25-29; Jenn Davies (EWBX) 25-29); Janet McLean (ECEX) 45-49; and Sandy Gellatly (EWBX) 75-79. Top club was Silver City, followed by Ren 96, Heart of Midlothian came 3rd with 379 points, narrowly beating Warrender into 4th position on 373 points. It was a great weekend, a very well-run meet, with huge support from the District which was very much appreciated and there was a great deal of positive feedback from all who attended. Next year the Scottish Masters goes back to Tollcross.</p> <p>Fiona also commented on the fabulous support of the officials.</p>	
d - Synchro	<p>Report: The Scottish Figure Competition was held at the RCP in Edinburgh on 23 March. Edinburgh took 17 swimmers. in the 13-15 figures category, Kiku and Mae won Silver and Bronze respectively. Niamh won Bronze in the Junior elements category and she and her partner, Cale, won Bronze in the technical duet. The Edinburgh team won Bronze in the inaugural technical team event.</p> <p>A figure grade assessment day was held on 5 May. Edinburgh had seven swimmers who passed, three Grade One Bronze, one Grade Three Bronze and three Grade Four Bronze. Fife had three swimmers who passed, one Grade One Bronze, one Grade Two Bronze and one Grade Three Bronze.</p> <p>The entries are in for our first district competition for a while. 69 swimmers from six of the seven Scottish clubs will come to Carnegie pool on 1 June to compete in Novice and Recreational Combination routine events.</p> <p>The first Level One coaching course for three years is being held in November. Luckily East clubs have secured eight out of the 12 spaces on the course. Good luck to the candidates. We may need some support financially for this from Education budget.</p>	
e - Diving	Report: no reports received since Alison stepped down	
f – Open Water	Report: 1 st June is the date for the East District Open Water Champs at Lochore with numbers entered well up on last year	
12. STOC	Report: TOs now need a permit when accompanying with a competing team out with Scotland. Complete change to J1 training in September. Workshops now booked for J1 prior to this change: starting in Jan 20?	TO's aware
13. Archive	Digitalising original receipts, only got up to 1929. In 1880 a medal cost £1.00 (but it was gold).	

	Clubs which no longer exist: Ancient Order of Foresters SC, Edinburgh ASC, Buckhaven SC, Dysart ASC, Aberdour ASC, Carlton ASC, Dunfermline Railway Servants SC, Edinburgh City Police ASC replaced Leith Police, Young British Woman's Temperance Association SC, Persevere ASC, Victoria Baths, The Limbless Ex Services Mens Association SC, Shop Assistants Union ASC, Edinburgh Girls Club Union SC, Kinghorn SC, West Wemyss ASC, Cockenzie and Port Seton ASC, Edinburgh Postal SC, Salvation Army There were a few items of correspondence, 1 being the - Entertainment Tax- asked the MP for Leith, Captain William Wedgwood Benn, for support in getting Swimming Clubs exempt from paying this tax.	
14. Website	ED web-site is getting between 3.5 to 4.5 thousand hits	
15. AOCB	SS awards not distributed yet from SS, therefore TD can't circulate to Clubs	SS
16. Dates of next meetings	20th June, Membership Forum: Studio 4, Michael Wood Centre, Glenrothes, 7 .15 for a 7.30 start Club and meet management software / HIVE 15 th August, Management Meeting: Premier Inn, Edinburgh Park 7.00 start 19 th Sept, Membership Forum: QMUC - discussion around STO changes	All Members
	END of meeting 9.05pm	