



## Notes of East District Forum Meeting

Zoom 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

**Present:** Duncan McKinnell: President, 8 Life Members, 36 Delegates and no Visitors

**Clubs Represented:** Aquanauts, Broxburn ASC, Carnegie SC, Dunfermline ASC, Dunfermline WP, Duns ASC, ELST, Eyemouth, Galashiels ASC, Haddington ASC, Hailes ASC, Hearts Of Midlothian ASC, Incas, Inverleith ASC, LDD, Midlothian ASC, Musselburgh ASC, Portobello ASC, Trojan ASC, WBC

**2. Apologies:** Helen George of Cupar, Susan Liddle from Scorpion and Alan Read RSDM

1	<b>President's address (DM)</b>	<p>Duncan McKinnell welcomed us to this Zoom meeting which, as it is an open meeting, there will be no business. Today is mainly up to <b>Jo Maguire</b> who with her team (the <b>ED Swimming committee</b>) who have spent the last few months trying to fathom out the next few months ED response to The COMPETITION and LICENSING into 2022.</p> <p>Duncan said that the ED are aware that to optimise swimmers numbers competing and gaining times that <b>we are not allowing spectators</b> to enter the building. Need to be creative. To observe their child's swim at Bathgate Time Trials (TT), many parents watched through the window standing outside.</p> <p>Duncan also paid particular thanks to <b>Lynne Rafferty and Carolyn Crighton</b>, for their efforts to allow spectators to observe from a "Hub."</p> <p>He further intimated that, as the <b>TT</b> were very oversubscribed, they plan to use Prestonpans at the end of Jan when it opens again, for 200's and 400's.</p>	Action by
for um	<b>ED Competition and Licensing (JM)</b>	<p>~ED response: keeping in line with the <b>core</b> principles by SS</p> <p>~<b>EDAGs</b>: January 22/23<sup>rd</sup> 400's and 50's// February 19/20<sup>th</sup> for 200s //March 26/27<sup>th</sup> for 100s//</p> <p>~<b>EDTT</b> 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – this is for those who were rejected from Nov Meet</p> <p>~800's and 1500's may be included at <b>Regional</b> level in coming months</p> <p>~<b>Club meets</b> done by Geographical Location and Level (as before) Level 4 meets: form on website with no barriers to any day, any time</p> <p>~ Levels: <b>A-</b> swimmers at Open level to those from within the District/ <b>AA</b> swimmers at District level/ <b>AAA</b> swimmers aspiring to District times/ <b>Pentaqua</b> meet is swimming across all 4 strokes plus IM. This can even be done with Kick only events, Creative is best.</p>	

	<p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All regions to resume as before with a little rebranding.</li> <li>• If 2 clubs competing against each other, Coaches of opposing team cannot verify times. Should be independent. JM to check on wording, and who can be the independent person. Best if Ref, or Starter or an external person is appointed to act as verifier.</li> <li>• Clubs may wish to think about their 11 year olds getting times</li> <li>• Splits can be used</li> <li>• JM to put out a note to all Clubs re verification</li> <li>• SS think about area of regional squads</li> <li>• If hosting a level 4 meet: clubs may need to negotiate with their venue as it will be a change of usage. Speak to AR if problematic, as he could be a mediator between Club and Venue</li> <li>• <b>Notes of interest to be with Bryan Walkinshaw, JM by end of Nov</b></li> </ul> <p><b>JM to send out to secretaries of all the Clubs her presentation for further dissemination</b></p>	<b>Clubs</b>
	<p>Wishing you all a good Festive time if not seeing you in person. Close of meeting 8:00. If any concerns contact DMc or JM.</p>	