

Notes of East District Management Meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2021



Zoom

1. **Present:** Duncan McKinnell (DM) Vice President, Les Rodgers (LR) President, Richie Metcalfe (RM) Immediate Past president, Tony Dane (TD) Secretary, James Laird (JL) Treasurer, Alistair Shields(AS) STO Convenor, Susan Liddle (SL) Lothian Region Convenor, Colin Kennedy (CK) Archive Convenor, Andra Laird(AL) Fife Convenor, Alan Reed (AR) East RSDM, Cath Fleming(CF) minute taker,
2. **Apologies:** Fiona McEwan(FM) Masters Convenor, Kirsten Ogilvie (KO) Open Water Convenor, Lesley Bloomer (LB) rep Synchro, Borders Convenor, Vicky Tomlinson(VT) rep Diving, Jo Maguire(JM) having a SS Swim Convenors meeting and hoped to attend this Zoom.

| Agenda | | Action by |
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| President's Welcome | Duncan McKinnell (Vice President) Welcomed all to this zoom meeting in yet another lockdown period. | |
| 3. Declarations of Interest | None | |
| 4. Secretaries report Tony Dane | <p>3 Secretaries have changed, but their Club's contact email addresses remain the same: i.e. Incas, Glenrothes and Tranent.</p> <p>Due to Clubs' meeting's not being convened, a lot of Constitutions and Executive members list are not with TD.</p> <p>He's to put out a letter to Clubs, gently reminding them that they should submit their Model "Nov 2019" constitution, plus their exec members asap. Reminder that all composite clubs are all members of an individual Club and can't vote as the composite.</p> | <p>ALL CLUBS</p> <p>TD</p> |
| 5. Finance and latest thoughts on Affiliation fee James Laird | <p>Finance and Fees to end of March 21. The district has broken even on costs out and costs in to end of March. We were expecting a deficit of £5-6,000. Only outgoing cost that's not been paid for as yet is the ACDA payment of £2,500 which was invoiced in Oct. This is the final invoice, but at this point in time can't say when the contract will end, as it's now rolled over (6 months) until Sept 21 and yet another stretch of furlough will be added on at the end.</p> <p>Still 10 Clubs have not paid their Affiliation fee for 20/21 (at £1.00 per capita) .</p> <p>Alan Reed (East RSDM) would like to see the list being sensitive to the Clubs who are really struggling financially. Suggest a payment plan for those in financial difficulty</p> <p>Budget 21-22: not willing to speculate how this year will go other than £5-6,000 fixed costs for archive, DRP should it take place, website, management costs etc.</p> <p>Affiliation fees 21-22: The rate agreed at the 2020 AGM is £4.00 per capita. The suggestion is that this applied to membership as at 14th April (or possibly 30th April). The level of fee to be charged will be dependant on what activity can be undertaken. It may be that we will continue to charge £1. To be reviewed ahead of the AGM in May. we are still suspending fees at £1.00.</p> <p>Going forward it was suggested that the process for calculating fees should be incorporasted into</p> | <p>JL</p> <p>10 Clubs JL/ AR</p> <p>Convenors</p> <p>Management</p> |

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| | District rules. It was agreed that it was not currently appropriate to set fees on a multi-year basis. | Exec |
| 6. Corrections and actions from Mngmt meeting of 15th Oct 20 | nothing | |
| 7. Regional Reports | | |
| a - Borders | Report: Sarah Duncan (Sec) of Borders Regional Committee/ Matt Mc (chairperson). Jo to let us know contact details for Matt. To liaise with other regions on virtual galas. | Bord conv JM TD |
| b – Fife: Andra Laird | Report: They are having their Fife Meeting next Tuesday: Up for discussion is fine tuning for virtual galas/ structure for coaches and teachers' training courses for UKCC1 linked into Tutors (& AR) / Fife Trust say that they're hoping to open their pools from 21 st Feb (!) | AL/AR/ |
| c - Lothian : Susan Liddle | Report: Priorities: Retention of volunteers & swimmers is more severe now as opposed to first lock down. Intakes from LTS has not been happening. Plans for a training programme for swimmers just below DRP level, with Chris Jones (Edin Univ) supportive. Agreed to work together with AL, Fife/ SL, Lothian/ Borders and the District Swimming Committee | AL/SL/ JM |
| 8. Discipline Reports | | |
| a – Swimming Jo Maguire | National Swimming Committee meeting this week. | JL |
| b- STO update on engagement with STOs Alistair Shields | Current group progressing to do referee's exam in Nov 21 (all on hold at moment). Next opening for those aspiring referees likely to be in 2022. Scottish STO meeting on 27 th Jan. STO Licences are extended for a further year. Workshops planned for TK's and Judge 1 hopefully by Zoom around middle of Feb. Virtual Meets and management of these : feedback is level 2 meets were ok for compliance, difficult to think how level 3 meets could be run Open water asked if AS could run an OW timekeepers, Judge 1. LR to speak to SS OW. | AS AS/LR |
| c - Water Polo (RM) | Report: same as rest of us, just ticking along: harder for over 18s. | |
| d - Masters | Report: Busy with Covid but SL did suggest that we should be aiming for Nov ED Masters to happen. | |
| e– Synchro (Lesley Bloomer) | Report: Edinburgh and Fife Synchro clubs both enjoyed being back in the water again before Christmas. Edinburgh are continuing with land training and have kindly extended invitation to Fife to participate in that. Numbers at both clubs are holding up well. | |
| f - Diving January 2021 Vicky Tomlinson | Report: Sent out by TD for inclusion in these mins. Quite a small report this time as unfortunately due to the new lockdown in Scotland divers (from all over Scotland) are out of the pool again. Disappointing news for divers, coaches, parents and anyone linked to the sport! Training was going really well towards the end of 2020 after starting up again in October. New structure / health and safety procedures were in place and divers and coaches adapting well. One way systems, | |

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| | <p>reduced class capacity and rigorous cleaning systems were all working well and diving in Edinburgh luckily did not get compromised by any positive COVID cases, showing that the new operating systems were working.</p> <p>ALL coaches in the Edinburgh region are on furlough except Jen Leeming (performance coach) who will continue coaching Performance divers. This is an arrangement through Sport Scotland. Divers still training include James Heatly and Gemma McArthur who are aiming for team GB spots this summer in Tokyo and Yona Knight Wisdom who is looking to represent Jamaica after his debut in 2016.</p> <p>British National champs, originally scheduled for 6th / 7th February in Sheffield are cancelled. This hopefully will be rescheduled for later in the year.</p> <p>One competition was run over zoom in December - divers from UK / USA / Sweden / Netherlands / Switzerland / Australia all competed virtually and were judged by a team of FINA judges. James Heatly and Yona Knight wisdom were competing.</p> <p>Video and Results on youtube - LeedsAjax - Yona 2nd and James 3rd.</p> <p>Edinburgh Diving Clubs new social media plan has started back up again on Facebook and Instagram. Plenty of activities to be found each day of the week to keep the interest up in the sport.</p> <p>Squad coaches continue to work with their individual squads via TEAM APP. We find this a really good method of communication between athletes and coaches.</p> <p>Weekly Scottish Diving Zoom workout takes place on Thursdays @5.30pm. This is open to all diving clubs in Scotland.</p> <p>Becky Gallantree (assistant performance coach) will be back from her maternity leave on the 1st March.</p> <p>Hopefully by the time we reach our next meeting divers from Edinburgh will be back where they belong in the RCP!</p> | |
| <p>g – Open Water Les Rodger</p> | <p>Report: 23rd May 21 Provisional date Lochore for ED Open which normally has 1km for Juniors and 2km for Seniors, plus “Mini Medlay” races so may be suitable for all those local social swimmers’ Scottish National OW will be held on 4th /5th Sept 21 again at Lochore, restrictions permitting. Heavy push on OW, as in the water they can be socially distanced, only concern would be changing at</p> | <p>All Clubs to reach out to Long Distance</p> |

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| | the end of the swim... Options are being considered. AL suggested Lochgelly HS who have a wet and dry land changing area. DMc is hoping we can use this opportunity to highlight OW. | swimmers LR/KO/AR |
| 9. Archive Colin Kennedy | Continuing as normal with scanning appropriate letters received from the estate of Dugald Brown/ Interesting fact: there have been 101 Clubs in ED over the years. JL to put cheque in post for CK | JL |
| 10. Website Tony Dane | Need to refresh photos on the site. All convenors to look through their photos (landscape, good quality) and pass over to TD: Flickr photos are not good enough quality. Stuart Johnston (and SS Marketing) to be asked if they have any photos which would be suitable. | ALL |
| 11. Dates and content of next meetings | Delegates meeting via Zoom 18th Feb Business meeting and an update on Back to the Water. Management meeting via Zoom 18th March Budget meeting – if appropriate. Forum Meeting April: may know more about the resumption of swimming/competitions by then/OW | |
| 12 AOCB | Chairs Meeting: held yesterday with 100 attendees, over half clubs in ED were represented. Subjects which came up were :- membership costs, going to Board at end of Jan/ School pool access/ Over 18's access to training/ Euan Lowe talking to Scottish Government Health and Sport committee SNAGs not going to happen in 2021 Well done to Duncan Scott who has been selected to the Olympic team British Championships in doubt : Ally Whike linking in with BS. EISM likely to be cancelled for 2021 Grant funding opportunities for clubs to be researched and publicised. RSDM Drop in Sessions on a Tues from 7-8 and Wed from 1-2 via zoom | SL/ DMc/ AR AR |
| | END of meeting 9.00 pm | |