

NOTES FROM MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON 15th OCTOBER 2020 BY ZOOM

Apologies: Fiona McEwan (Masters) Kirsten Geary (OW) Vicki Tomlinson (Diving), Alan Reed (RSDM), Cath Fleming (Minutes)

Present: Duncan McKinnell (Vice Pres - Chair), Tony Dane (Secretary), Les Rodger (President), James Laird (Treasurer), Andra Laird (Fife), Jo Maguire (Swimming), Susan Liddle (Lothian), Lindsay Bloomer (Synchro), Ritchie Metcalfe (Water Polo), Alastair Shields (STO), Colin Kennedy (Archive)

BACK TO THE WATER UPDATES

- Lothian:
 - Three clubs not back in the water: 1930, Grove and FAST – all waiting for their home pool to reopen.
 - Four Edinburgh pools open, RCP, Drumbrae, Ainslie Park and Leith Victoria. Others remain closed.
 - All pools open in East Lothian and clubs operating close to pre-lockdown
 - West Lothian pools are open in Broxburn, Livingston, Armadale and Bathgate. School pools closed.
 - Midlothian: Some pools open. School pools scheduled to open in 2nd week of November.
 - No LTS
- Fife
 - All clubs back in the water except Kirkcaldy
 - Burntisland and Kirkcaldy pools remain closed.
 - Prelim information suggests about 20% loss in membership average
 - Most clubs are not expecting new members in the short term
- Borders
 - Duns, Hawick and Galashiels pools are open
 - Eyemouth training in Berwick
 - Peebles and Kelso unknown.
- Water Polo
 - All clubs back in the water – non-contact basis
 - Limited pool time and operating in pools with shallow ends
- Synchro
 - Similar to Water Polo
- Diving
 - See report

DRP

- Virtual Day 1 held with serious technical problems at Lochgelly and issues with swimmer engagement.
- Virtual Day 2 will go ahead on shortened programme on 1st November.
- Swimmers won't be penalised for non-attendance.

COMPETITIONS

- National Virtual Gathering
 - Open to any swimmer
 - Events: 50s and 100s all strokes plus 200 IM
 - Round 1: 11 November – 11 December
 - Results to be posted to BS Level X Rankings.
 - No officials – times taken by coaches
 - Swims can be from dive starts (blocks or poolside), or in the water starts. Concerns expressed re lack of consistency. **JM to take back to National Swimming Committee.**
 - Planned to hold 2nd round after Christmas.

- Scottish Christmas Meet
 - Scheduled to be held at RCP, 11th – 13th December
 - Heat Declared, no medals or presentations.
 - 3 stand-alone sessions with 100 swimmers in each session. Swimmers will swim in the same session each day.
 - Looking for 51 local officials to staff poolside, 17 each session. Doubts expressed whether this was feasible.

- Other competitions
 - No licences being issued
 - District swimming committee considering a virtual District League in early 2021, similar in concept to Regional leagues, possibly using times from the Virtual Gathering.
 - Very unlikely to be a District Age Group Championships for 2020/21
 - Plans for 2021 SNAGS unclear.

FINANCE

- Only £750 spent since March.
- Estimated annual costs £6 – 7,000
- Confirmed that District Affiliation fee would be £1. **Letters to go out to clubs by end October, with payment by end November. TD / JL**
- ACDA role discussed. **Written confirmation to be sought that post extended to September 2021 following furlough and that existing invoice now covers period to June 2021.** Payment approved on that basis. **JL**
- **Licence fees to be refunded to clubs – JL**
- **Does DRP need any funding? – JM to determine and advise**

STO

- Blog has been kept going but no recent course activity.
- Positive survey results. Only 7 officials indicated they won't be returning.
- **AS to recruit for Christmas Meet**
- Need to consider training for J2s to act as verifier of Virtual Meets.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- General discussion on what the District should be doing over the next 6 months:
 - Encouraging virtual meets within the District.
 - **JM organising a Coaches Forum to discuss.**
 - **LR will issue a District update to all clubs**
 - Agreed to hold a Club Forum (Zoom) on 19th November. Likely topics: Issues on returning to the water, Virtual Meets, Return to Competition. **Exec to organise.**

NEXT MEETING

- 21st January 2021, 7pm by Zoom.