

**SWIM IRELAND BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**  
**POINTS OF NOTE FOR CLUBS, REGIONS, AND STAFF**

The Swim Ireland Board of Directors held its fourth meeting on Tuesday 24 October 2023 which took place virtually on the Microsoft Teams Platform. The following Points of Note may be of interest:

- The Board received a progress update from the National Water Polo Committee on the Development Plan and noted that significant progress has been made in building a strong foundation for the sport and embedding a solid governance structure with a fully functioning and gender balanced committee. Key highlights noted were:
  - Overhaul of Competitions and restructuring of Leagues
  - Digitalisation of Competitions
  - More qualified Water Polo Coaches than ever before
  - Re-establishment of the Water Polo Academy in UL
  - The appointment of a National Head Coach
  - The launch of a Pathway Development Plan
  - The use of 50m pool in the NAC for National Division 1 Matches.
- The Board received a Q3 Update on the Swim Ireland 2023 Business Plan and noted the following:
  - Q3 was a very busy quarter with the standout highlight being the successful running of the inaugural U23 European Swimming Championships.
  - Membership numbers continue to recover and the many new volunteers who replaced those lost during COVID are being well supported and are bedding in well. We are somewhat disappointed that the National Swimming Strategy has yet to be published but will keep up our advocacy efforts with the Department to seek to have it published before the end of the year.
  - On the Participation side, poor weather over the summer has impacted on the numbers partaking in our Open Water Programmes and Events but Indoor Programmes continue to thrive.
- The Board approved the nomination of Swim Ireland CEO, Sarah Keane to go forward for re-election to the Board of European Aquatics/World Aquatics as a European Representative at the elections which will take place at the European Aquatics Congress in January 2024.
- The Board reviewed the Finance Report and Management Accounts for September 2023, including a Financial Forecast to year end and was satisfied that the finances are being managed prudently. It was noted that the company is likely to come in on a small deficit for 2023 despite significant expenditure, with specific recognition of the Resilience Funding support from Sport Ireland/the Government. This funding was part of a COVID Recovery Fund which is now discontinued.
- The Board will meet for a Strategic Planning Day on Saturday 4 November 2023.
- **The next meeting of the Board will take place on Tuesday 28 November 2023.**



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