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The role of the Regional Committee continues to develop in the post-COVID environment and reflecting significant changes to approach of the NGB to its own priorities and organisation. Particularly in the last 12 months we have seen major changes to the Education and Learning Workforce Pathway and Swim Bike Run participation programme. We are also anticipating a number of further changes driven from the centre over the next year and will continue to work to support communications and engagement between the clubs and the centre.

We have approved and paid a number of bursaries covering Technical Officials, Safeguarding, Strength and Conditioning, and Level 1 and Level 2 Coaches. The bursary scheme is still open with application forms needed before the start of the course. The Region will continue to review the bursaries scheme to ensure we deliver the right support in the right areas and would like to hear of any other aspects of support that the clubs within the Region would like to see.

The Region has released a broad range of free CPD courses to clubs and members that can be accessed online in your own time. A short form is required for completion to receive link to chosen course.

Committee members have continued to support Cliff Lakes with their Women’s open water swims, which have again been successful. The Region will be looking to support this again in 2024.

The Regional Committee has started to look at the Regional Plan, which brings together both national and regional aims and aspirations contributing to Swim, Bike, and Run during 2022-2025. The Regional Plan is a live document and as such can be amended to include and amend goals as time progresses.

Overall, the West Midlands Region continues to be relatively well resourced and continues to welcome suggestions from Clubs as to how we can support their activities, which we see as the primary contact point for athletes.

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