

# NORTH LANCASHIRE SWIMMING & WATER POLO ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Executive Meeting Held on Monday 6 April 2009 at County Hall Preston 7:30 pm.

**Present:** Mr. G. Whittle (President), Mr. A. Howarth (Vice President)  
Mrs. G. Rankin (Treasurer), Mrs. J. Whittle (Age Group Secretary),  
Mr. M. Wilson (Bolton), Mrs. L. Harwood (Rosegrove),  
Mr. R. Hancock (Fleetwood), Mrs. M. Parkinson (Chorley),  
Mr. A. Timpany (Carnforth Otters), Mrs. M. Crawford (Newton Hall Blackpool),  
Mr. C. Tinkler (Blackpool), Mr. P. King (Blackburn Centurions),  
Mr. A. Cocks (Garstang), Mrs. J. Smith (Leyland Barracudas)

**1.Apologies:** Received and accepted from Mrs. S. Tinkler (Secretary),  
Mr. N. Cowburn (Life Member), Mrs. C. Wilkinson (Colne)

### **2.Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 February 2009:**

Two amendments:

- I. Mrs. M. Crawford was present at the meeting (omitted from the minutes)
- II. Summary of the accounts amended to £18,365.66 from £18,366.00

The minutes were then signed as a true record.

Proposed by Mr. A. Howarth (AH)  
Seconded by Mr. M. Wilson (MW)  
All agreed.

### **3.Matters Arising:**

None

### **4.Honorary Treasurer's Report:**

GR circulated a financial statement. Little to report. The pool hire had been paid for Palatine.

GR to liaise with the Secretary (ST) regarding the asa membership return. Currently North Lancs is suspended due to non payment.

The President (GW) thanked GR for her report and work.

### **5.Sub Committee Reports:**

- **Age Group Report - from Mrs J. Whittle (Age Grp. Sec)**

Not much to report since the last meeting.

The team for the Inter Association Competition is being sorted. All clubs have been requested to provide an updated list of swimmers who have achieved NQT's up to the 31 March 2009. Once the information is received swimmers can be notified of selection. As last year the swimmers will be notified personally and a list of swimmers forwarded to the clubs. It is important to have quick responses of availability so that reserves can be notified if needed.

The Level 3 has been provisionally booked for Sat/Sun 10/11 October at Palatine. This is a good meet but must be entered sensibly - it is not there just so swimmers can get a time for another meet. This is against the ethics of the sport. There may be a slight variation on the programme.

As from September 2009 (as reported before) there is a change to the licensing and levels. It will not affect the Level 3 but may affect the Level 2 in 2010.

GW thanked JW for her report. He spoke about the new license procedure with regard to Level 2 meets. In order to be granted a level 2 license all officials would have to be licensed. Lancs. County have agreed to pay the license fee for anyone from January 2009. This will hopefully encourage more officials to get licensed.

- **Water Polo Report:** No report received.  
No water polo at Palatine at present due to a fault in the mechanism for the moveable floor.

- **Swimming League Report: (GW)**  
GW circulated the results to date. He was waiting of some results.

GW asked if people had discussed the idea of extending the Swimming League Season as from 2010.

AH proposed that the season is extended until 30 September.

MP seconded this proposal.

Votes 12 for 1 against. **Proposal carried.**

#### 6. Any Other Business:

- **Requests for affiliation** - None
- **Handbook** - still waiting to hear from NW Region. GW to contact Alan Boyle.
- **Course update** - It was decided that a form of application should be completed to avoid any confusion when booking on courses. GR volunteered to produce a form. Some present had not received the information about the courses from their club. It was also agreed that clubs applying for funding (as agreed previously) should not meet with difficulty. If they have done the courses then they should be entitled to funding. A letter from the club should suffice - no need for candidate number etc.

As well as CPD courses it was felt that the swimmers should benefit from clinics etc.

It was pointed out that we still have 2 clinics which we agreed from Gallica.

GW agreed to contact the new Gallica coach, Louise Graham, with a view to inviting her to a meeting as has been agreed previously.

- **NL AOE Equipment** - Two timing pads are at Salt Ayre. A start box is with Mike Carroll. GW to chase up the rest of the equipment. He has contacted Mike Carroll but to date has not heard from him. GW has agreed to pick up any equipment from Warrington.
- **Use of Other Pools** - LH and AH to look into the use of St. Peter's pool at Burnley for competitions - seating and wiring up for timing equipment.  
AT to look at the seating and poolside capacity at Salt Ayre.
- **Governance** - JW had received correspondence from Swimnorthwest regarding governance - what we do as an association. It was fact finding to see what all the associations do.  
GW said that we need to listen and show progression. He suggested that the representatives from the associations meet to discuss this issue further. GW agreed to contact Diane Stafford at Swimnorthwest with our suggestion.

GW thanked everyone for attending. He felt that the meeting had been positive and productive.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.