

NORTH LANCASHIRE SWIMMING & WATER POLO
ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 84th Annual General Meeting

Held on Monday 7th December 2009

At County Hall Preston

Commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT: A Howarth (President) S Tinkler (Secretary) G Rankin (Treasurer) J Whittle (Age Group Secretary) G Whittle (Swim League Secretary) C Tinkler (Facilities Officer) N Cowburn (Life Member) D A Cocks (Life Member) M Wilson (Bolton ASC) C Wilkinson (Colne ASC) J Smith (Leyland Barracudas) M Parkinson (Chorley Marlins) B Chiverton (Garstang ASC) A Timpany (Carnforth Otters) Steve Heaps (Preston ASC) B Thompson (Ormskirk Otters) J Higginbottom (Colne ASC) C Maudsley (Guest) Ron Flude (Lancaster) Steve Makin (Pioneer 79) Lisa Harwood (Rosegrove) Richard Hancock (Fleetwood SC) K Whiteside (Southport)

APOLOGIES: Maureen Crawford (Newton Hall Blackpool) P Wilkinson (Water Polo Secretary) Radcliffe SC.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held on the 1st December 2008 were proposed by Alan Howarth and seconded by Malcolm Wilson

MATTERS ARISING

No Matters Arising.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome everyone to County Hall for the 2009 AGM

The year commenced with another successful level 2 meet in January. Following on the Inter Association competition was held in May where we came 4th.

Following on the decision to provide courses and assist clubs in improving their CPD opportunities we have been able to provide financial support to clubs and have arranged some CPD courses. Hopefully more can be achieved in the future.

The October level 3 meet again was successful, our leagues have continued to operate well.

This year has seen the introduction of our website and I hope the clubs are using this facility for accessing results and competition details etc. I would like to thank Malcolm Wilson for setting this up and keeping the information up to date.

As I complete my term of office as your president I would like to thank all the officers for their continued hard work and support, our various secretaries who ensure the smooth running of our leagues and competitions, and the delegates and clubs for supporting our activities throughout the year.

My good wishes go to Alan as he becomes your new President in a few moments time, I hope you support him during his term of office, and I sure the Association is going forward in a safe pair of hands.

Thank you once again and festive greetings to you all.

Garry Whittle
President

HON TREASURERS REPORT

First of all, I would like to thank Ashley Cocks for his smooth handover to myself last year when I took on this new role, the information he passed on was received with thanks. Also Garry Whittle for independently examining the books and producing this financial summary. Thanks also to the other members of the team for all their help.

The finances for the 2008 – 2009 year have followed the normal income/expenditure figures that the association usually shows. We once again see a steady but notable increase in income from entries to the Age Groups, and this is our main income. I feel this show the amount of hard work that goes into running these two competitions by your association. It also reflects the increasing interest shown by swimmers and clubs in the competitions.

All is all, a satisfying start for my first year, financially a slight increase in surplus, and more importantly an increase in money returned to the clubs for the good work they are doing on coach`s education. Also an increase in the courses we have provided to the clubs at a subsidised rate. We hope to carry on expanding these courses, for the benefit of the swimmers and their clubs.

Finally if clubs wish to take advantage of reduced affiliation fees etc, for 2010 you have until the end of this month (Dec) to get your cheques to me, 36 Pasturefield Close, Leyland, Lancashire PR26 7RU.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT **YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

INCOME	2009	2008
Affiliation Fees	320.00	550.00
Swimming League Entries	145.00	255.00
Water Polo League Entries	45.00	75.00
Inter Association Entry Refund	1,116.00	773.50
Competitions	20,756.91	14,150.60
Hire of AOE	000.00	000.00
Building Society Interest	322.95	575.74
Affiliation Fee Refund		30.00
Course Fees	470.00	110.00
Swim Clinic		<u>336.00</u>
	<u>23,175.86</u>	16,855.84

EXPENDITURE

Affiliation Fees	30.00	63.50
Insurance	525.62	525.62
Officers Expenses		20.00
Competitions	10,702.98	8,379.42
Inter Association	2,102.62	1,829.51
Awards	311.17	
Swim Clinic		836.00
Courses	1,466.30	220.00
AOE Repairs		60.99
Repayments to clubs for coaching awards	1,930.00	
Officials T Shirts	322.17	583.98
Room Hire	<u>200.84</u>	<u>101.25</u>
	17,591.70	<u>12,620.27</u>
Surplus for Year	<u>5,584.16</u>	<u>4,235.57</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

ASSETS	2009		2008	
Computers at cost	3,400.00		3,400.00	
Less Depreciation to Date	<u>3,399.00</u>	1.00	<u>3,399.00</u>	1.00
AOE System at cost	38,702.16		38,702.16	
Less Grants and Donations	<u>29,534.00</u>		<u>29,534.00</u>	
	9,168.16		9,168.16	
Less Depreciation to Date	<u>9,167.16</u>	1.00	<u>9,167.16</u>	1.00
Cash at Bank	10,396.19		5,134.98	
Building Society	<u>38,307.61</u>		<u>37,920.46</u>	
	<u>48,705.80</u>		<u>43,057.44</u>	

Represented by**GENERAL FUND**

Balance as at 1 October 2008	35,641.64		31,406.07	
Surplus for the year	<u>5,584.16</u>	41,225.80	<u>4,235.57</u>	35,641.64

DEVELOPMENT FUND

Balance as at 1 October 2007	7,415.80		7,243.83	
Interest	<u>64.20</u>	7,480.00	<u>171.97</u>	7,415.80
		<u>48,705.80</u>		<u>43,057.44</u>

Independent Examiners Report

I have prepared the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement from the books and vouchers and information supplied and certify they show a true and fair view of the same.

G.M.Whittle F.C.A. 51 Heron Way Blackpool 3 December 2009

COMPETITIONS

	2009	2008
INCOME		
Entry Fees	15,065.00	10,306.00
Admissions	<u>5,691.91</u>	<u>3,844.60</u>
	20,756.91	14,150.60
 EXPENCES		
Pool Hire	5,760.00	5,600.00
Administration and Printing	797.02	610.88
Officials Expenses	1,281.60	
Catering	578.00	
Team Officials Inter Association	600.00	500.00
Badges and Medals	1,737.61	2,168.54
License Fees	<u>548.75</u>	
	<u>10,702.98</u>	<u>8,379.42</u>
Surplus	10,053.93	<u>5,771.18</u>
 Allocated		
Level 3 October 2008		6358.77
Level 2 January 2009		3695.16

Inter Association

Income

Sale of Polo Shirts	846.00	773.50
Entry Refund	<u>270.00</u>	
	1,116.00	<u>773.50</u>

Expenses

Team Managers	600.00	600.00
Postage, Badges etc		101.50
T shirts and Hats	1,202.62	1,128.01
Entry Fee	<u>300.00</u>	-
	<u>2,102.62</u>	<u>1,829.51</u>
Net Cost to the Association	<u>986.62</u>	<u>1,056.01</u>

Payments to clubs for Coaching Awards

Blackpool	300.00
Chorley Marlins	250.00
Colne	300.00
Fleetwood	50.00
Leyland	300.00
Newton Hall Blackpool	480.00
Rosegrove	<u>250.00</u>
	<u>1930.00</u>

AGE GROUP SECRETARYS REPORT

L2 in Jan/Feb went well. Entries were up on 2008, not as many withdrawals. The Inter Association took place on the 23rd/24th May. The team finished in 4th place. Sadly some swimmers were not available at the last minute due to illness and/injury. Thanks to the Captains Jessica Thorpe and Adam Fawl who led the team well. Thanks also to Steve Heaps and Alan Harper who once again were in excellent form with their motivation and enthusiasm.

The Level 3 meet was again a great success. Swimmers do enjoy this meet and look forward to the skins event which does offer something different. Slowly we are getting through to people that swimmers who are above this standard should not enter ie. Enter false times. It is really against the spirit of the sport.

New Officials need to be encouraged to become licensed and also Club Timekeepers need to be encouraged to take Judge Qualifications.

As from September 2009 there has been a change to the licensing and levels. It did not affect the Level 3 but our usual Level 2 in Jan/Feb is now a Level 3.

In the new licensing guidelines a Level 2 meet is the equivalent of the old Level 1 meet but held in a 25m pool. The ASA set minimum qualifying times for such a meet and if we were to adopt those this would result in many of our swimmers not being able to swim.

The entry standards of our Jan/Feb competition are the same as our previous Level 2 competitions. We need to point out however that as a result of being licensed at Level 3 swimmers will be unable to achieve a National QT at this event.

In line with LTAD this competition is a stepping stone to the Nationals and times achieved are eligible for entry to the County and Regional Competitions, subject to their respective entry criteria, where swimmers will be able to achieve their NQT`s.

This will not affect entry to swimmers eligibility to participate in the Inter Association Competition.

The Inter Association committee will meet early in 2010 and look at the competitions available to our swimmers. It may be that the calendar is change to suit the needs of the swimmers better.

I would like to thank everyone who helps in any way to make the galas successful for the swimmers. The galas could not go ahead in the way they do without the dedication and commitment of our many volunteers.

Janice Whittle

Age Group Secretary

WATER POLO SECRETARYS REPORT

There have been many exciting and close games in this year`s league, and to my knowledge all games have been played in a good sportsman like manner. However, teams still need to work on improving their promptness when sending in results, information and match sheets. These problems have been accentuated due to the fact that some venues have been unavoidably closed to water polo for periods of this year.

As you can see from the attached league table, this year has been a much more closely contested season, with results difficult to predict throughout the year. Radcliffe, Lancaster and Kendal have all been fighting it out for the top spot in the league for most of the season. Unfortunately two games have not been completed this year, and one of these results will directly influence the final winner of the 2009 North Lincs Water Polo League. The game at Preston against Burnley was not organised in time to be included in the 2009 league, so no points are awarded to either team. The game at Kendal versus Lancaster was not completed either, but the reason this fixture was not completed is disputed by each team. What is known is that Kendal will finish in third position, with Fleetwood fourth, Preston fifth, Blackpool sixth and Burnley in seventh position. A full list of the results and a copy of the 2009 season can be viewed over the page.

This was my final year as North Lancashire Water Polo Secretary; I wish good luck to my successor and hope they can continue improving water polo within the North Lancs area into the future. I will assist the new water polo secretary to make the handover as smooth as possible, providing information and advice as required. I hope that future leagues will be as closely fought as this year's competition has been. Expanding the league is an option for the future and with Lancaster University expressing an interest to join the league 2010. This is an option that should be considered before the 2010 season begins. I also suggest that all swimming clubs that can include water polo in their programme to consider entering the 2010 season in order to expand and improve this league, making it a more comprehensive and challenging competition. In addition, if there is sufficient interest and it is feasible, I think we should look into the possibility of running a league or tournament for Junior Water Polo and/or Ladies water polo next year, if you are (or know of) a team that would be interested please voice your views to the North Lancashire Executive Committee for their consideration.

CONCERNS WERE EXPRESSED RE FINISHING RESULT OF THE LEAGUE. A DECISION WILL BE MADE AFTER THE AGM.

SWIMMING LEAGUE SECRETARYS REPORT

The results and final league positions are presented below for the 2009 season. The league went smoothly this year with no major problems. Results were received on time in most cases and no deductions were needed to rule infringements.

Congratulations to the Division Winners:-

1. Southport
2. Blackpool
3. Pioneer 79

May I remind everyone that the fixtures meeting will be on Wednesday 6th January 2010 at County Hall Preston?

At this moment in time I am not able to give you information on how the divisions will look for 2010 until clubs have submitted their applications to the Treasurer. We may have 2 teams joining the league and some possible re organisation depending on developments on the coast.

Garry Whittle
Swimming League Secretary

League Tables

Division 1	Galas Swum	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	League Points	Gala Points
1 Southport	4	4				16	632
2 Carnforth	4	1	3*			13	554
3 Preston	4	1	3*			13	547
4 Leyland	4		1	2	1	8	446
5 Newton Hall	4			2	2	6	449
6 Fleetwood	4			1	3	5	370

Division 2		Galas Swum	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	League Points	Gala Points
1	Blackpool	4	3	1			15	644
2	Southport B	4	2	2			14	565
3	Chorley	4		2	1	1	9	467
4	Lancaster	4			4		8	450
5	Clitheroe	4				4	4	362

Division 3		Galas Swum	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	League Points	Gala Points
1	Pioneer 79	4	4				16	666
2	Carnforth B	4	1	3			13	538
3	Garstang	4		1	3		9	460
4	Rosegrove	4		2		2	8	457
5	Newton Hall B	4	1		1	2	7	432
6	Leyland B	4			2	2	6	447

League Results

Division 1

DATE	VENUE	TIME								
27/02/2009	Fleetwood	7.15pm	Southport	163	Preston	133	Leyland	108	Fleetwood	96
28/03/2009	Dunes	6.15pm	Southport	159	Carnforth	127	Fleetwood	109	Leyland	104
18/04/2009	West View	5.00pm	Southport	145	Preston	125	Carnforth	125	Newton H	103
28/04/2009	Leyland	7.15pm	Southport	165	Leyland	130	Newton H	125	Fleetwood	78
16/05/2009	Salt Ayre	5.00pm	Carnforth	154	Preston	139	Leyland	104	Newton H	103
11/07/2009	Palatine	5.00pm	Preston	150	Carnforth	145	Newton H	118	Fleetwood	87

Division 2

DATE	VENUE	TIME								
01/03/2009	Palatine	5.00pm	Blackpool	167	Southport	127	Lancaster	118	Clitheroe	85
27/03/2009	Clitheroe	7.15pm	Southport	140	Chorley	139	Lancaster	127	Clitheroe	92
07/03/2009	Southport	6.15pm	Southport	150	Blackpool	146	Chorley	107	Clitheroe	93
09/05/2009	Chorley	6.15pm	Blackpool	167	Chorley	132	Lancaster	108	Clitheroe	93
21/06/2009	Salt Ayre	5.30pm	Blackpool	164	Southport	148	Lancaster	97	Chorley	89

Division 3

DATE	VENUE	TIME								
03/03/2009	Leyland	7.00pm	Carnforth	134	Rosegrove	123	Leyland	117	Newton H	105
08/03/2009	St Peters	6.00pm	Newton H	139	Garstang	124	Leyland	124	Rosegrove	113
27/03/2009	Accrington	7.45pm	Pioneer 79	162	Carnforth	127	Garstang	114	Rosegrove	90
25/04/2009	West View	5.00pm	Pioneer 79	162	Carnforth	132	Garstang	107	Leyland	96
16/05/2009	Salt Ayre	5.00pm	Pioneer 79	159	Carnforth	145	Garstang	115	Newton H	77
11/07/2009	Palatine	5.00pm	Pioneer 79	143	Rosegrove	131	Newton H	111	Leyland	110

ORMSKIRK NOW JOINING THE LEAGUE.
PRESTON ENTERING 2nd TEAM.
SEASON TO BE EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 2010

GEORGE HARRIS SALVER

This was presented to Charles Barber this was received by Richard Hancock on Charles behalf.

LIFE MEMBER

Ashley Cox was made a life member in respect of all his years of work for the association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers were elected: -

<u>OFFICE</u>		<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President	Alan Howarth	by Executive Committee	
Vice President	Janice Whittle	All present in favour	
Secretary	Susan Tinkler	G Whittle	M Parkinson
Treasurer	Gillian Rankin	C Wilkinson	J Whittle
Age Group Secretary	Janice Whittle	M Wilson	J Smith
Water Polo Secretary	John McGinty	All present in favour	
Swim League Secretary	Gary Whittle	G Rankin	S Heaps
Facilities Officer	Craig Tinkler	G Whittle	M Wilson
Trophy Controller	J Whittle	S Tinkler	S Heaps
Welfare Officer	Lisa Harwood		

Other Elections

Delegate to NCASA	A Howarth
Solicitor	Vacant
Independent Examiner	Gary Whittle
Delegate to Lancashire	Garry Whittle

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

MEETING CLOSED at 8.30pm

Signed.....

Date