

North Lancs Swimming & Water Polo Association

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 10th September 2018 – Hartwood Hall Chorley - 7.30pm

<p>Present: Sue Tinkler (President) Bob Thompson (Secretary) Janice Whittle (Champ Sec.) Judith Dutton (Leyland) Allan Howarth (Burnley Bobcats ADM) John Robinson (P79) Sue Roome (Garstang)</p>	<p>Lee Scanlan (Clitheroe) Mary Parkinson (Chorley) Garry Whittle (Life Member) Jackie Wilkinson (Ormskirk) Dave Woods (Fleetwood) Guest: Karen Carter (Swim England)</p>	
<p>The President welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Sue asked delegates to highlight club and swimmer successes. The following were put forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clitheroe were pleased to have enjoyed a year of stability. • Burnley Bobcats ADM – Paralympian Tom Hamer had received a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games. A new head coach has been appointed to the club – Ian Spencer. • Southport- Holly Hibbott medalled at the European Championships as did Preston’s Kathryn Greenslade. Southport’s Ella Johnson has been awarded and commenced a swimming scholarship at a US University. • Pioneer 79 - John Robinson was pleased to have been able to step down from the club’s chairmanship to a support role and advised he would e-mail the club’s successes after some reflection. 		FAB
<p>1. Apologies had been received from: Steve Heaps (VP); Gill Rankin (Treasurer); John Higginbottom (Colne); Catherine Holmes (Garstang); Helen Jenkins (Southport); Julie Johnson (Kendal); Alison Lawson (Fleetwood); Catherine Rainford-Read (B/Pool); Jane Whittle (S/L Sec).</p>		
<p>2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 04.06.2018 were approved as a true record, as proposed by Janice Whittle and seconded by Lee Scanlon, they were then signed by the President.</p>		
<p>3. Matters Arising from the Minutes. Garry Whittle advised that a new starter mechanism had been purchased for c£2k with combined funding from NW Region/Lancashire/NLSWPA/B/pool Aquatics. Sue Tinkler advised that the proposed Coaches Forum on the website is a Work in Progress.</p>		
<p>4. No conflicts of interest were declared.</p>		
<p>5. There were no items of AOB which needed to be prioritised in the agenda.</p>		

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<p>6. Correspondence The Hon. Sec reported the following correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NW Region Annual Council Meeting Notice & Papers 	
<p>7. Hon. Treasurer's Report There was no Treasurer's Report, however Bob advised that Gill had asked him to remind club delegates that Bursary applications had to be with her by the end of September to qualify for the 2017/2018 funding round.</p>	
<p>8. Age Group Secretary's Report</p> <p>Inter Association Four Associations competed. North Lancs finished 3rd behind Liverpool & District (1st) and Bolton, Manchester & Central Lancs combined (2nd). Cumbria was 4th. The team swam well but it was always going to be hard competing against a very strong Liverpool team and a combined team. Thanks to Nicky Edwards and Mike Wilson who were the team coaches. They really motivated the swimmers. Team Captains Ben Rogerson and Beth Hartwell did a great job also in supporting and encouraging everyone, especially the swimmers who were swimming for the first time. Thanks to those who helped in any way on the day and to parents who supported the team. Where we go as far as the future of the Inter Association competition is concerned I don't exactly know. There is a meeting being arranged this month to review and discuss. More information will be available at the next North Lancs meeting in October.</p> <p>Level 3 Meet This was successful. The sessions were a "relaxed" length and everyone enjoyed the two days. We had an issue in the first session in that the computer crashed and we had to run with manual times. However, this didn't hamper the smooth running of the gala. All was rectified for session 2 and the rest of the sessions went without a hitch. Thanks again to everyone who helped in any way. Thanks to Bob for organising the officials and to clubs for providing helpers. However please can clubs' representatives remind their competition secretaries to make sure they check what duties they are listed to do. Proposed date for 2019 Sat/Sun 13/14 July. Refer to Swimming Committee if necessary.</p> <p>Level 2 Meet Entries are steadily coming in. The closing date is next Tuesday 18 September. No late entries will be accepted. A memo will be distributed to clubs with final details of warm up times etc and their allocated duties. Teams for the squadron events do need to be entered as they are built into the programme. I will send a team declaration sheet which will need to be produced before the start of each session. Clubs do need to submit a summary of entries which includes the number of coaches passes required and meals required. Bob has asked for officials via the Swimming Officials Finder and I must stress that we do need the required number in order to fulfil our license.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JW</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JW</p>

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<p>Proposed dates for Age Groups and Championships 2019 21/22 September and 28/29 September or 28/29 September and 19/20 October. Squadron date to be decided. Refer dates to Swimming Committee.</p> <p>Janice Whittle 10.09.18</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p>9. Swim League Report</p> <p>Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in the ratification of the final gala held in June at Blackpool. After smooth sailing with the first 2 galas there were a few issues with the teams for gala 3.</p> <p>As mentioned at the last meeting, in Division 2, Fleetwood swam an ineligible open girl in the cannon. The points were adjusted with the deduction of 13 points for Fleetwood. Although the overall positions in the gala were affected I am pleased that the final league results have not been affected. Congratulations to Chorley who are the Division 2 winners and runners up Kendal who will both gain promotion for 2019. The Division 1 results were also amended. Unfortunately, Clitheroe swam an ineligible swimmer in the 14 Boys Relays and 1 individual. The results were amended for each of the affected events and 30 points were deducted from Clitheroe as per the rules. Again, although the positions in the gala were changed the final league positions have not been affected. Congratulations to Pioneer 79 who are the Division 1 Champions for 2018. Commiserations to Ormskirk and Preston B who will be relegated for the 2019 season.</p> <p>I will be sending the official results on email to the delegates tomorrow morning and to Craig for the website.</p> <p>I would like to offer my thanks to all who have helped in the running of the 3 galas this year. As always, your help is very much appreciated.</p> <p>Due to increased work commitments and swimming commitments on a National, Regional and County level, I feel it is appropriate that I should stand down from the role of swimming league secretary. I have been very conscious of the fact that I have been unable to attend meetings on a regular basis and this will not change going forward. I have enjoyed the role as I do thrive with working with teams. I would like to express my thanks to all those who have helped and supported me in this role. I will of course ensure a smooth hand over to my successor.</p> <p>Jane Whittle</p>	

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Swim League 2018			
Positions after all 3 Rounds			
Division 1	R1		R2
Carnforth	220	Blackpool A	219
Preston A	218.5	Preston A	214
Pioneer 79	218	Pioneer 79	201
Blackpool A	195.5	Carnforth	187
Leyland A	176	Clitheroe	178
Clitheroe	146	Leyland A	165
Ormskirk	111	Ormskirk	132
Preston B	79	Preston B	69
Division 2	R1		R2
Chorley	215	Kendal	225
Lancaster	190	Chorley	210
Fleetwood	178	Blackpool B	185
Kendal	178	Fleetwood	183
Garstang	174	Blackburn	158
Blackburn	172	Garstang	143
Blackpool B	135	Lancaster	139
Leyland B	122	Leyland	122
League Positions			
Pioneer 79	1	662	Champions
Preston A	2	643.5	
Blackpool A	3	634.5	
Carnforth	4	624	
Leyland A	5	494	
Clitheroe	6	447	
Ormskirk	7	372	Relegated
Preston B	8	201	Relegated
Chorley	1	660	Promoted
Kendal	2	611	Promoted
Fleetwood	3	543	
Blackburn	4	513	
Blackpool B	5	504	
Garstang	6	470.5	
Lancaster	7	455.5	
Leyland B	8	328	

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<p>10. Development Committee</p> <p>The Sec. drew attention to Steve Heaps e-mail as follows:</p> <p><i>“Please accept my apologies for tonight’s North Lancs meeting, I am sadly not going to be able to attend.</i></p> <p><i>With regard to the Teacher / coach education Programme? – I emailed all people who attended the development day on 25th June to inform them it was our intention to put on a few CPD courses for the remainder of the year. JP (Blackpool) kindly agreed to tutor these for the district and we intended to do the following</i></p> <p><i>September 2018 - Tools of a Sports Practitioner</i> <i>October 2018 - Anatomy & Physiology</i> <i>November 2018 - Construction of Sets, Season Planning and periodisation</i> <i>December 2018 - Coach and the race: Stroke Counting; Rates; etc</i></p> <p><i>To date I have only received replies from 8 people for each of the above CPD’s and as a result I haven’t as yet booked anything in with JP. Sadly, I haven’t had the time to chase as I just have too much going on at the moment. I understand this is frustrating for all and I can only apologise (I am having the same frustrations with micro so I know and respect that people will be disappointed with me) but until my circumstances change at work, swimming club and more importantly with my family, I am unable to give this the attention it deserves. I can only apologise again.</i></p> <p><i>Steve.”</i></p> <p>BT explained that Steve had put a huge effort into promoting the Coach Development programme and urged delegates to remind their coaches back at their clubs of the education programme and encourage them to take advantage of the free resource and book.</p>	
<p>11. Election of Officers at forthcoming AGM</p> <p>The Secretary advised that nomination forms need to be returned by the next Executive meeting on 22nd October.</p> <p>The following posts are elected annually: Hon Sec; Hon Treasurer; A/G & Champ Sec; S/L Sec. The President enjoys a two-year term.</p> <p>The incumbent officers were canvassed as to whether they would seek re-election, with the exception of Jane Whittle the S.L Sec, who’d indicated in her report that she would stand down at the AGM, all the officers indicated they were happy to be re-nominated.</p> <p>The Sec advised that nomination forms would be posted on the Association website.</p>	BT
<p>12. Handbook/website</p> <p>Trophies</p> <p>The trophy inventory has yet to be completed with additional trophies to be purchased to provide a full complement for Championship Events.</p> <p>Sue Tinkler advised that she wished to donate a perpetual trophy along the lines of the George Harris Award but aimed at youngsters within the sport, perhaps drawn</p>	ST/ BT

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<p>from the cohort in the Young Volunteer Programme. Karen Cater offered to advise on the criteria applied for a similar national award.</p>	<p>ST/ KC</p>
<p>12. A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palatine Scoreboard GW advised that the scoreboard is due to be fixed, possibly in time for the L2 meet • Level 1 Coaching Course Mary Parkinson advised that a course is being run at the end of Sept into early Oct over three weekends and Tuesday/Thursday evenings. The Tuesdays will be at Leyland pool. There are places for 16 delegates and a 505 bursary from NW Region. Cost £220 pp. • Regional Office. Karen Carter advised that Di Stafford is now semi-retired and only working one day a week in a purely financial role. A new manager Lisa Beckstein will be appointed at the forthcoming AGM. 	
<p>13. Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Exec meeting is on Monday 22nd October at 7.30pm at Hartwood Hall • The AGM is on Monday 3rd December 2018 at 7.30pm at Hartwood Hall Chorley. 	<p>BT</p>
<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm</p>	