

North Lancs Swimming & Water Polo Association

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 22nd October 2018 – Hartwood Hall Chorley - 7.30pm

Present:	
Sue Tinkler (President)	Allan Howarth (Burnley Bobcats ADM)
Bob Thompson (Secretary)	Alison Lawson (Fleetwood)
Janice Whittle (Champ Sec.)	Mary Parkinson (Chorley)
Judith Dutton (Leyland)	John Robinson (P79)
Ron Flude (Lancaster)	Sue Roome (Garstang)
Lindsay Hargreaves (Blackburn Cent)	Lee Scanlan (Clitheroe)
John Higginbottom (Colne)	Garry Whittle (Life Member)

The President welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.	FAB
1. Apologies had been received from: Steve Heaps (VP); Gill Rankin (Treasurer); Nick Evans (Blackburn); Catherine Holmes (Garstang); Helen Jenkins (Southport); Catherine Rainford-Read (B/Pool); Jane Whittle (S/L Sec); Jackie Wilkinson (Ormskirk).	
2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 10.09.2018 were approved as a true record, as proposed by Sue Roome and seconded by John Robinson, they were then signed by the President.	
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.	
4. No conflicts of interest were declared.	
5. There were no items of AOB which needed to be prioritised in the agenda.	
6. Correspondence None	
7. Hon. Treasurer's Report I must apologise for the lack of reports this year, but it's not been the best of summers (year), ending in the death of my mum at the end of August. The accounts have followed their usual income and outgoings for the Association this year with the full year's accounts having been circulated by Bob last week. The Association has made a surplus again this year of £3,162, but this in the main, is due to the coaching grants being lower than last year by £1,550. The Level two and three meets continue to make a surplus but the Level two was down by £2,223 from 2016/17 and I think that the number of entries being low again over the last two weekends will result in a lower surplus in 2018/2019.	

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I am stepping down this year from the role of Treasurer due to some changes in my club contract; I have spoken to the Exec Committee about this. I would like to thank everyone for their support. I will continue to see you all on pool deck.

Thank You
Gillian Rankin
Hon. Treasurer

8. Age Group Report

Level 2 Meet

The meets have gone well overall with sessions running smoothly and to time. Swimmers were able to gain times for entry into the 2019 County Championships and the Winter Regionals.

In summary there were 2444 swims. As a level 2 we pay the Region the levy fee of 35p per swim. This in total amounts to £855.40.

We eventually managed to have the required amount of officials. This was hard work this year. Thanks to Bob for his invites and to everyone who rallied round their clubs. Although there were other meets in the region over our second weekend we have more than sufficient officials in North Lancs to fulfil the requirements for the Level 2 License. Having the squadron events within the meet gave some variety. I have spoken with most of the coaches and the general feeling is that they would prefer the squadrons to be as a stand-alone gala (as in the last few years).

Items To Consider:

- Volunteers for the duties- This is proving difficult for some clubs. It often falls on the same few clubs to cover the roles. This needs addressing for the future.
- Summary Sheets- Some clubs don't provide the summary sheet with number of coaches' passes and number of meals required. The latter causes issues when catering. Suggestion – if clubs do not provide the required information then lunch will not be provided or we revert back to a small charge for coach passes.
- Paper entries – not via clubs. I would suggest that that all entries are sent via the club.
- Level of Meet- With the increasing difficulty of getting the required amount of officials for Level 2 do we have a higher Level 3 meet. We can then use trainees who are more than willing to come along.

Dates for both North Lancs Meets 2019 have been booked at Palatine as reported at the last meeting.

Inter Association

At the recent meeting of the Inter Association Committee different views were expressed.

- Some associations felt that the meet with just 4 competing associations was flat.
- Are we holding the meet just for the sake of carrying the competition on ie. tradition.
- The combined associations of Central Lancs, Bolton & District and Manchester & District did feel it was alright.

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- The amalgamation of the 3 associations is not felt the correct way as the competition was originally 7 associations.
- North Midlands will not compete unless the competition is a development gala. It was decided that we need to decide if the competition will continue or is it time to "call it a day".

If the competition goes ahead Cumbria will be the hosts and would like to host at Workington pool. There are hotels nearby eg. Premier Inn and Travel Lodge and others. Associations travelling would need to decide how they would plan the day. There would be cost implications if associations travel by coach.

Date 22 June

Entry £600 - £800 (TBC depending on association entries.

If the competition does not go ahead then the funds in the account would be split evenly between the 7 associations as per constitution.

Information received from M & D:

It was agreed, as long as the other Associations agree, to carry on with the Inter Association in its current format. It was felt that to change it to a development competition would change the original conception of the Inter Association and until it reduces to 2 Associations then it is viable.

Liverpool & District – will continue but not for the "sake of it".

Janice Whittle

22.10.18

9. Swim League Report

Swim League

Jane has not received to date any notification of clubs withdrawing from the league. A booking forms have been sent to Salt Ayre (16 February) and Darwen (6 April) for 2019. Palatine has been booked for the final gala on 1 June 2019.

Clubs were asked to confirm their intention to compete in advance of the AGM so that the round draw could go ahead at the AGM.

10. Development Committee Report

None

Coaches' Course Dates to be reviewed in the New Year

11. Election of Officers at forthcoming AGM

The following nominations were received to go forward to the AGM :

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Secretary	Bob Thompson	Helen Whittle (B/pool)	Helen Jenkins (Spt)
AG/Champ Sec	Janice Whittle	Sue Burrows (B/Pool)	Mary Parkinson (Chorley)

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Swim Lge Sec	Mary Parkinson	Janice Whittle (B/pool)	Alison Lawson (F/wood)	
There was no nomination for Treasurer and it was agreed to keep nominations open until the AGM.				
There were no nominations for Life Members.				
12. Handbook/website				
Trophies The trophy inventory has still to be completed with additional trophies to be purchased to provide a full complement for Championship Events.				ST/ BT
12. A.O.B. Lindsay Hargreaves(B/burn) requested a Timekeeper/Judge Level 1 Course for her club.				
13. Meetings				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Exec meeting is on Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.30pm venue TBA The AGM is on Monday 3rd December 2018 at 7.30pm at Goodwins (aka Hartwood Hall) Chorley. 				BT
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm				