

# North Lancs Swimming & Water Polo Association

## Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Hartwood Hall Chorley - 7.30pm

<p><b>Present:</b> Sue Tinkler (President) Bob Thompson (Secretary) Janice Whittle (Champ Sec.) Judith Dutton (Leyland) Lindsay Hargreaves (Blackburn Cent) Catherine Holmes (Garstang) Allan Howarth (Burnley Bobcats ADM)</p>	<p>Helen Jenkins (Southport) Mary Parkinson (Chorley) Andy Richardson (Carnforth) John Robinson (P79) Lee Scanlan (Clitheroe) Jackie Wilkinson (Ormskirk) Dave Wood (Fleetwood)</p>	
1. The President welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.	FAB	
2. <b>Apologies</b> had been received from: Steve Heaps (VP); Ronnie Flude (Lancaster); Julie Johnson (Kendal); Alison Lawson (Fleetwood); Linda Ormerod (Lytham); Catherine Rainford-Read (B/Pool); Gill Rankin (Leyland); Garry Whittle (Life Member)		
3. The <b>minutes</b> of the previous meeting on 22.10.2018 were approved as a true record, as proposed by Alan Howarth and seconded by John Robinson, they were then signed by the President.		
4. <b>Matters Arising</b> from the Minutes. A Judge level 1 course/time-keeper course is to be organised at P79.		
5. No <b>conflicts of interest</b> were declared.		
6. There were no items of <b>AOB</b> which needed to be prioritised in the agenda.		
7. <b>Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretary reported that the Insurance Renewal Docs had been received and passed to the Hon Treasurer for payment.</li> <li>• Details of a Coaches Conference organised by NW region for 6.4.2019 had been received. (The date being a Swim League Fixture Date).</li> </ul>		
8. <b>Hon. Treasurer's Report</b>  None		
9. <b>Age Group Report</b> <b>Level 3 Meet</b> Entry data will be sent to clubs March. Closing date Monday 24 June. Same times and programme of events, as this seems to work.		

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## **Level 2 Meet**

What do we want to do regarding the Squadrons. There were varying opinions as to whether it was a separate event or combined with the Age Groups & Championships.

Perhaps this needs to be discussed further at a swimming committee meeting or do we proceed as 2018.

Suggested closing date for the Age Groups Monday 9 September.

## **Inter Association**

It is almost certain that the Inter Association will not be taking place. Liverpool has notified clubs proposing that the Inter Association folds. I have had an email from the Cumbria rep who feels the competition has run its course and should cease. Midlands as we know will not compete unless it is a low-level competition.

I recently spoke to one of reps from the "combined" associations who said that she didn't feel the competition was feasible to have in Workington. Overall everyone agrees that Cumbria should have their choice of pool. There would be a cost involved for other teams ie. laying on a coach or coaches, overnight accommodation perhaps. There would possibly be a lack of spectators therefore lack of revenue. Officials' expenses would also be high.

We have certainly come to a crossroads and now that all the pros and cons have been laid out, finally we do seem to be making headway into making a decision. There is nothing to say that other things cannot be planned but the calendar is very busy.

## **Janice Whittle**

**4.02.2019**

The delegates discussed the timing of the Squadrons competition and agreed to revert to the previous format and hold them en-bloc on the last Sunday afternoon of the meet.

The Level of the Championship meet (2 or 3) is to be discussed by the Swimming & Dev Committee.

## **10. Swim League Report**

- The first round is due to be held at Darwen (not Salt Ayre the venues have been swapped for rounds 1 & 2). Admission for the first gala will be 1.00pm.
- Josh Williams will be on hand to run Daktronics.
- Each team should bring a judge and a time-keeper.

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<p><b>11. Development Committee Report</b></p> <p>Mary Parkinson suggested paying an external coach to run some sessions.</p>	
<p><b>12. Individual Appointments</b></p> <p>The following appointments were ratified: -</p> <p><b>Treasurer (deferred from AGM)</b> Gill Rankin had reported that she was happy to continue in the role, provided others could help out at Swim League &amp; Licensed meets to free her to perform coaching duties. All Agreed.</p> <p><b>Welfare Officer</b> – Sue Tinkler <b>Delegate to Lancs County WPSA</b> – Gill Rankin <b>Inter- Association Rep</b> – Janice Whittle <b>Trophy Controller</b> – Sue Tinkler</p>	
<p><b>13. Sub Committees</b></p> <p><b>Combined Swimming &amp; Development Committee</b> In addition to the Officers who are ex-officio members the following members were elected en-bloc: Catherine Holmes Andy Richardson John Robinson Garry Whittle</p> <p><b>Emergency Committee</b> Officers No elected members</p>	
<p><b>14. Handbook/website</b></p> <p>Trophies The trophy inventory has still to be completed with additional trophies to be purchased to provide a full complement for Championship Events.</p>	ST/ BT
<p><b>15. A.O.B.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janice queried if the Water Polo sections of member clubs had been organising friendlies – B/pool &amp; Fleetwood have. BT advised no further correspondence had been received.</li> <li>• Andy Richardson requested that the Swim League try and avoid half term holiday dates for fixtures. Swimming Committee to review but limited scope in crowded calendar.</li> <li>• Helen Jenkins advised that Southport have qualified for the Arena League National (B) Final for the first time in the Club's history.</li> <li>• Daisy Rushton (B/pool Synchro) was featured in the final edition of Swimming Times.</li> </ul>	

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<b>13. Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The next Exec meeting is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm at Hartwood Hall</li></ul>	BT
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm	