

North Lancs Swimming & Water Polo Association

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 8th April 2019 – Hartwood Hall Chorley - 7.30pm

Present: Sue Tinkler (President) Bob Thompson (Secretary) Janice Whittle (Champ Sec.) Judith Dutton (Leyland) Lindsay Hargreaves (Blackburn Cent) Catherine Holmes (Garstang)	Ron Flude (Lancaster) Mary Parkinson (Chorley) John Robinson (P79) Lee Scanlan (Clitheroe) Jackie Wilkinson (Ormskirk) Dave Wood (Fleetwood)
1. The President welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.	FAB
2. Apologies had been received from: Steve Heaps (VP); Helen Jenkins (Southport); Julie Johnson (Kendal); Alison Lawson (Fleetwood); Gill Rankin (Treasurer); Garry Whittle (Life Member)	
3. The minutes of the previous meeting on 4 th February 2019 were approved as a true record, they were then signed by the President.	
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes. None.	
5. No conflicts of interest were declared.	
6. There were no items of AOB which needed to be prioritised in the agenda.	
7. Correspondence The Secretary reported that he had recently received the Swim England membership pack posted in January! He confirmed that he'd previously completed the online renewal and paid the affiliation fee.	
8. Hon. Treasurer's Report The accounts are following their usual income and outgoing for the Association. There is not a lot of activity for this meeting. The bank balance for the Current Account is £22,997.48 as at 25 th March 2019 and the Reserve Account as £25,036.60 on 23 rd November 2018. Thank you to Bob Thompson for sorting the door money, expenses and banking the money for the two rounds of NL Swimming League. I have received paperwork etc for coaching grants from Chorley, by post and Garstang, by e-mail. Once I have checked paperwork and confirmed that clubs have sent representatives to the exec meetings, I will post the cheques to the clubs' treasurers,	

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due to me not being able to attend meetings (to distribute cheques) and remaining as NL treasurer.

Please send applications for this year to me as soon as possible, before 30th September 2019, with the correct paperwork and receipts. If clubs have any questions concerning grants, please ring me, not e-mail. Mornings work well for me.

Please can I again ask again that if clubs are making a BACS payment to the Association for L2/L3 entries etc. could you please ensure that you also e-mail or text me a remittance advice to advise me of the amount being paid, so that I have a record of the amount coming in, rather than have to wait for the bank statement to arrive.

My e-mail address: gillianrankin36@icloud.com

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Thank you

Gillian Rankin

Dave Wood advised that Alison Lawson had offered her help at the Association meets in terms of liaising with the door personnel/officials etc obo Gillian.

9. Age Group Secretary's Report

Level 3 Meet

Entry data will be sent to clubs this week. Sorry for the slight delay.

Closing date Monday 24 June.

Level 2 Meet

License granted.

As suggested at the previous meeting we need to amend the programme to 7 sessions. The Squadrons will be on Sunday 20 October in the afternoon i.e. it will be listed as session 8.

Suggested closing date for the Age Groups Monday 9 September.

I will work on a draft programme of events and circulate to swimming committee for ratification/amendments at a Swimming Committee meeting.

With this in mind, the entry pack could then be made available to clubs. Qualifying times as agreed will remain the same as 2018 so coaches do know what their swimmers are aiming for. Times can be circulated prior to the full entry pack being produced.

Inter-Association

As predicted the Inter-Association will not be taking place. Liverpool has withdrawn which met with approval from clubs. As previously notified the combined associations of Central Lancashire, Manchester and Bolton wished to withdraw. North Midlands will not take part unless it is a low-level gala.

I will be meeting with the representatives from the Associations to finalise things.

Monies in the account will be divided equally between the seven Associations as per the Inter-Association constitution.

Janice Whittle

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<p>It was agreed to organise a Swimming Sub Committee Meeting before the next Exec meeting.</p>	BT
<p>10. Swim League Report</p> <p>Mary advised that the Round 2 results and League Tables were on the website together with the Lane draws/club duties for the third round at Blackpool on Saturday 1st June 2019.</p> <p>She thanked Jane Whittle for her help in booking venues this year and Bob for his support.</p>	
<p>11. Development Committee Report</p> <p>BT read the following e-mail from Steve Heaps, who had sent his apologies to the meeting, owing to coaching commitments</p> <p><i>Please accept my apologies for non-attendance at tonight's meeting. My personal circumstances have again changed and this should allow me the time to try and concentrate on this subject a little more now as I have been able to do in the past 12 months. It is my intention in the next couple of weeks to try and email all Head Coaches in the district and to arrange a meeting for coaches at the Development meet in Blackpool on 13/14 July. I hope to have an agenda put together for the development meet which will be sent out prior to the competition.</i></p> <p><i>Please accept my apologies for lack of communication over the past 12 months.</i></p> <p>All acknowledged Steve's valuable input to date and passed on their condolences on the recent death of his father.</p> <p>BT raised the possibility of mentoring of junior coaches by senior club coaches at the Level 3 meet in July and running a further stroke clinic with Michael Rock</p>	SH
<p>12. Handbook/website</p> <p>BT & ST to meet regarding trophies in advance of autumn Championships.</p>	ST/ BT
<p>13. A.O.B.</p> <p>Summer Regionals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an extensive discussion concerning the forthcoming Regional Summer Championships concerning the tighter QTs, timing of the dissemination of information and adoption of online entry system. • BT distributed the table in Appendix A which compared the 2018 Championship results with the 2019 QTs and which he had forwarded to the Region and which predicted reduction in the number of entries. Whilst it showed a 33% reduction overall there were wide fluctuations in the reduction across age groups, events and distances with two events showing a predicted two-thirds reduction in entries. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 11/12-years age group showed a disproportionate reduction in predicted entries compared to other age groups and BT cited examples of swimmers from Preston & Southport who had medalled at the 2019 County Championships but who were ineligible for entry to Regionals, because of the tighter times. Concern was expressed that, if 11/12-year old were not encouraged at this level of the sport, they would not remain in the sport in later years to develop at National Level and above and the base of potential talent would shrink. BT also compared the NW entry times with those for other Regions and demonstrated that the NW Region had significantly harder QTs than other Regions. BT also highlighted the SE Region entry system which had an automatic QT together with an easier consideration time (CT) and where available pool time is filled up from swimmers having achieved the CT, fastest first. This contrasts with the NW where there is no discernible, transparent system for fairly allocating available pool time across age groups and events and providing a level playing field and equal opportunity for all. JW advised that coaches had requested that the QTs be tightened following the 2017 Champs which were regarded as too long. She advised that the Region had consulted coaches on the new times and not received any adverse comments. None of the delegates were aware of any consultation. BT advised that Gill Rankin had volunteered to consult on the QTs but had not been contacted prior to publication. JR expressed surprise that QTs were being tightened at a time when the quality of swimming on the face of things appears to be declining, not improving which would naturally necessitate a raising of the bar. Concerns were also expressed about the difficulty and additional cost of obtaining poolside passes under the National online system, given the short period between publication of the entry data and the event. It was agreed by 10 of the 11 clubs present that the secretary write to NW Region outline the above concerns and requesting a wholesale review for future years. 	BT
14. Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Exec meeting is on Monday 3rd June 2019 at 7.30pm at Hartwood Hall 	BT
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm	

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Appendix A

NW Region Summer Championships - Comparison of 2018 A/G results/entries with 2019 QTs										RWT 01.04.2019						
		2018 Entrants				2018 Entrants using 2019 QT				Change						
Event		11/12	13	14	Total	11/12	13	14	Total	11/12	13	14	Total	%age		
551	14/U Mens 50m F/S	25	18	49	92	20	15	36	71	(5)	(3)	(13)	(21)	(23%)		
651	14/U Womens 50m F/S	21	37	43	101	20	34	36	90	(1)	(3)	(7)	(11)	(11%)		
652	14/U Mens 100m F/S	30	15	41	86	20	12	25	57	(10)	(3)	(16)	(29)	(34%)		
552	14/U Womens 100m F/S	43	25	30	98	15	17	24	56	(28)	(8)	(6)	(42)	(43%)		
502	14/U Mens 200m F/S	38	29	37	104	14	15	21	50	(24)	(14)	(16)	(54)	(52%)		
602	14/U Womens 200m F/S	42	26	35	103	14	20	25	59	(28)	(6)	(10)	(44)	(43%)		
557	14/U Mens 400 F/S	25	18	19	62	15	14	14	43	(10)	(4)	(5)	(19)	(31%)		
657	14/U Womens 400m F/S	23	20	21	64	11	16	16	43	(12)	(4)	(5)	(21)	(33%)		
457	Mens Open 800m F/S	5	5	5	15	5	5	5	15	0	0	0	0	0%		
505	14/U Womens 800m F/S	8	17	15	40	6	8	12	26	(2)	(9)	(3)	(14)	(35%)		
605	14/U Mens 1500m F/S	6	12	6	24	3	11	6	20	(3)	(1)	0	(4)	(17%)		
603	14/U Mens 50m Back	24	21	27	72	20	19	27	66	(4)	(2)	0	(6)	(8%)		
503	14/U Womens 50m Back	29	43	37	109	25	37	31	93	(4)	(6)	(6)	(16)	(15%)		
555	14/U Mens 100m Back	13	19	31	63	5	9	8	22	(8)	(10)	(23)	(41)	(65%)		
655	14/U Womens 100m Back	34	31	28	93	14	13	13	40	(20)	(18)	(15)	(53)	(57%)		
656	14/U Mens 200m Back	19	19	30	68	13	17	15	45	(6)	(2)	(15)	(23)	(34%)		
556	14/U Womens 200m Back	40	41	25	106	12	14	10	36	(28)	(27)	(15)	(70)	(66%)		
404	14/U Mens 50m Breaststroke	15	13	28	56	15	13	28	56	0	0	0	0	0%		
403	14/U Womens 50m Breaststroke	14	25	21	60	14	25	21	60	0	0	0	0	0%		
654	14/U Mens 100m Breaststroke	17	14	23	54	8	10	8	26	(9)	(4)	(15)	(28)	(52%)		
554	14/U Womens 100 Breaststroke	18	23	20	61	7	15	14	36	(11)	(8)	(6)	(25)	(41%)		
453	14/U Mens 200m Breaststroke	9	14	24	47	6	8	6	20	(3)	(6)	(18)	(27)	(57%)		
454	14/U Womens 200m Breaststroke	19	21	24	64	10	13	14	37	(9)	(8)	(10)	(27)	(42%)		
504	14/U Mens 50m Fly	21	21	29	71	18	21	27	66	(3)	0	(2)	(5)	(7%)		
604	14/U Womens 50m Fly	16	26	27	69	14	23	25	62	(2)	(3)	(2)	(7)	(10%)		
455	14/U Mens 100m Fly	12	10	19	41	4	7	13	24	(8)	(3)	(6)	(17)	(41%)		
456	14/U Womens 100m Fly	11	20	17	48	8	10	13	31	(3)	(10)	(4)	(17)	(35%)		
601	14/U Mens 200m Fly	8	9	7	24	7	6	6	19	(1)	(3)	(1)	(5)	(21%)		
501	14/U Womens 200m Fly	7	12	12	31	6	12	10	28	(1)	0	(2)	(3)	(10%)		
553	14/U Mens 200m IM	25	19	23	67	6	16	14	36	(19)	(3)	(9)	(31)	(46%)		
653	14/U Womens 200m IM	27	24	28	79	16	16	20	52	(11)	(8)	(8)	(27)	(34%)		
405	14/U Womens 400IM	18	12	23	53	8	9	12	29	(10)	(3)	(11)	(24)	(45%)		
406	14/U Mens 400IM	7	9	14	30	5	7	12	24	(2)	(2)	(2)	(6)	(20%)		
	Total	669	668	818	2155	384	487	567	1438	(285)	(181)	(251)	(717)	(33%)		
	Mens	299	265	412	976	184	205	271	660	(115)	(60)	(141)	(316)	(32%)		
	Womens	370	403	406	1179	200	282	296	778	(170)	(121)	(110)	(401)	(34%)		
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