

# North Lancs Swimming & Water Polo Association

## Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Zoom 7.30pm

<b>Present:</b> Steve Heaps (President) Andy Gaskell (Vice President) Bob Thompson (Secretary) Alison Lawson (Treasurer) Janice Whittle (Champ Sec.) Lindsay Hargreaves (Blackburn) Helen Jenkins (Southport)	Rachel Linley (Leyland) Mary Parkinson (Chorley/S/L Secretary) Gill Rankin (Life Member) John Robinson (P79) Clare Williamson (Garstang) Dave Wood (Fleetwood) Lee Scanlan (Clitheroe) Ron Flude (Lancaster)
The President welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.	FAB
1. <b>Apologies</b> Sue Tinkler (Life Member). The Exec wished to extend their best wishes to Sue for a speedy recovery following her recent knee surgery; Garry Whittle (Life Member)	
2. <b>Minutes</b> The Minutes of the meeting 01.02.2021 were approved as proposed by RF, seconded by HJ.	
3. <b>Matters arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helen Whittle has agreed to be the Independent Examiner. The Exec extend their best wishes to Helen for a speedy recovery following her recent illness.</li> <li>AL still awaiting renewal forms/contacts for PSC/Garstang &amp; Burnley.</li> <li>Mary &amp; Steve to make contact with Withnell</li> </ul>	SH/ MP
4. No <b>conflicts of interest</b> were declared.	
5. There were no items of <b>AOB</b> which needed to be prioritised in the agenda.	
6. <b>Correspondence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swim England Membership Renewal</li> <li>Dave Colins (NW Region) re updated constitution</li> <li>Swim England return to comp pathway.</li> </ul>	BT
7. <b>Treasurers Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very little to report</li> <li>2 x cheques written re-imburasing membership fees to BT &amp; bursary</li> </ul>	
8. <b>Update on Member Clubs Returning to Training/Chairs' Forum</b> SH was awaiting clubs returning to training at beginning of April & pathway for return to competition. He will arrange a meeting with S&D committee & follow up with Chairs forum thereafter. Most clubs are back in training, represensatatives reported as follows: -	

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<p><b>P79</b> - currently training in 2 pools – 36 hrs across squads &amp; LTS – in dialogue with pool providers, numbers have dropped given length of time out of pool. Still trying to secure more pool time.</p> <p><b>Chorley</b> – back in Chorley &amp; Brinscall – 60% of pool time but not ideal times – have retained most swimmers.</p> <p><b>Southport</b> – same pool time as Sept 2020 c.80% of time, just a few losses. No Masters or WP yet.</p> <p><b>Leyland</b> – groups swimming 2-4hrs week, no morning training until Sept. gradually increasing hrs from May. c80% of “normal” pool time. Swimmers have to book in. No impact as yet from change from Serco back to South Ribble Council.</p> <p><b>Clitheroe</b> – back at 80% as pre-Xmas, only lost 3 members, inundated with trial requests. Awaiting response from Stoneyhurst College regarding return to pool use.</p> <p><b>Blackpool</b> – still awaiting Palatine opening, hopefully mid-May at which point should get more swimmers back into training. c75-80% of “normal” pool time – Moor Park additional pool time in compensation for Palatine.</p> <p><b>Fleetwood</b> – not back yet, not got Rossall back, waiting for YMCA to confirm dates &amp; times, hopefully wef early May</p> <p><b>Lancaster</b> – almost back to normal days/times</p> <p><b>Garstang</b> – start 22/5 at Lancaster, YMCA open wef 1<sup>st</sup> May. Not clear re hours yet.</p> <p><b>Blackburn</b> – close to normal, pressure from maximum numbers in lanes.</p> <p><b>Preston</b> – back in Fulwood as pre- Xmas, pool at Westview still not open although centre is open particularly climbing wall after considerable investment. Not clear what pool time will be made available.</p>	
<p><b>9. Return to competition</b></p> <p>JW pointed out that there is detailed Guidance from Swim England concerning the return to competition in a safe environment. JW &amp; GW have attended the two M/Cr invitation meets which were run in a very safe manner.</p> <p>Currently only Level Four Club level meets will be licensed. Level three will be released later.</p> <p>NLSWPA to look to next season for some form of District Champs.</p> <p>John Robinson pointed out that a return to Level X may provide a focal point for swimmers returning to a competition mindset.</p> <p>GR has sent the NLSWPA Swim league programme to Shaun from Cockermouth for clubs to run online and provide comparison for times.</p>	S&D Cmtt
<p><b>10. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SH reported that Derrick Miller the Head Coach @ Great Harwood sadly passed away. SH to forward the Assoc's condolences to the club his family.</li> <li>ST wants to get rid of the AOE equipment currently stored in her garage to liaise as to whether it is worth retaining.</li> </ul>	SH BT
<p><b>11 Meetings</b></p> <p>Next Exec meeting 7<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Swimming &amp; Development Committee TBC ASAP</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.33pm</p>	BT/ SH