

North Lancs Swimming & Water Polo Association

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 7th June April 2021 Zoom 7.30pm

<p>Present: Steve Heaps (President) Bob Thompson (Secretary) Alison Lawson (Treasurer) Janice Whittle (Champ Sec.) Mary Parkinson (S/L Secretary) Lindsay Hargreaves (Blackburn)</p>	<p>John Robinson (P79) Lee Scanlan (Clitheroe) Tina Steele (Kirkham & Wesham) Jackie Wilkinson (Ormskirk) Clare Williamson (Garstang) Dave Wood (Fleetwood)</p>	
1. The President welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.		FAB
2. Apologies Rachel Linley (Leyland); Andy Gaskell (VP); Gillian Rankin (Life Member); Helen Jenkins (Southport); Garry Whittle (Life Member); Sue Tinkler (Life Member).		
3. Minutes The Minutes of the meeting 19.04.2021 were approved as proposed by JW, seconded by AL.		
4. Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH had tried to get in touch with Chris at Withnell re membership, but didn't receive a response. MP chased up but Chris said he hadn't known who SH was. • SH contacted MP re Swim League and the decision of the S&D committee to postpone recommencement until 2022. • AOE Equip in ST garage – JW to review with GW & revert. 	SH/MP	JW
5. No conflicts of interest were declared.		
6. There were no items of AOB which needed to be prioritised in the agenda.		
7. Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BT reported that following the last Exec meeting flowers had been sent to both Sue Tinkler & Helen Whittle wishing them a speedy recovery and to Derick Miller's widow following the sad loss of her husband. All three had requested that their thanks be conveyed to the Exec. 		
8. Hon. Treasurers Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V. Little to report • One cheque for flowers • No bursary requests had been received • BT outlined the bursary for the benefit of Tina Steele 		
9. Update on Member Clubs Returning to Competition		

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<p>A Swimming & Dev Committee meeting was held at end of April, which discussed potential to introduce an element of comp towards the end of 2021. Also discussed possibility of virtual LX meet.</p> <p>Concern was raised over possible continuing restrictions and difficulties with access to pools.</p> <p>Therefore it was concluded that the best solution might be a series of time trials at 3 pools – Salt Ayre/Palatine/Darwen or maybe Lancs University (AOE) with the Assoc clubs being split between the venues depending on their geographical location.</p> <p>The advantage of spreading c 20 clubs across 3 pools would be that we are better placed to work with any restriction on numbers in the pool hall.</p> <p>Licence at L4 and run on a TT basis – times could be used to qualify up to County Champs</p> <p>Maybe run across a number of dates to ensure sufficient officials and volunteers.</p> <p>NLSWPA has the advantage that we could underwrite the cost of the comp.</p> <p>There would be no medals, & we are not reliant on spectator revenue.</p> <p>SH has written to all three pools expressing an interest in working with them to return to a competition environment. He hadn't heard from Palatine</p> <p>JW said Palatine are keen to take bookings but still waiting for updated Gov't guidance on numbers.</p> <p>SH said Darwen & Salt Ayre were making similar noises.</p> <p>Want to avoid Arena League dates in the event that the rounds go ahead in a pool environment.</p> <p>JW reported that County Champs are aiming for January/February dates in 2022 if possible.</p> <p>SH said that he also wanted to demonstrate to leisure operators that we are able to run an event in a Covid Safe manner.</p> <p>Most clubs plan to train through summer</p> <p>So ideally mid- October onwards, maybe with two venues back to back on Sat/Sun over a single w/end.</p> <p>All agreed it was appropriate to move forward as outlined.</p> <p>SH/JW were tasked to draft a programme and to identify likely length of each TT for booking purposes.</p> <p>JW will sort any necessary Palatine booking</p> <p>SH will revisit Darwen & Salt Ayre (Sue Tinkler may have contact details at Lancaster Uni as an alternative to Salt Ayre as it has Omega timing)</p> <p>Will also need volunteers – LH offered to draft volunteers for Darwen</p> <p>Water Polo</p> <p>SH reported that he had spoken to a number of WP reps across District with a view to reinvigorating WP under NLSWPA banner. City of Preston Aquatics would have to affiliate to District first. He will try to move the matter forward.</p>	<p>SH/JW JW SH LH SH</p>
<p>10. Coaches/Chairs Forum</p> <p>SH explained that the Chairs meetings had been productive, informative and supportive to member clubs. At the last meeting in April it was agreed that it would now revert back to normal Exec meetings. SH thanked everyone for their input and those clubs that helped fellow clubs through the pandemic.</p> <p>SH would like to revive coaches' forums including possible use of Level X in training.</p>	<p>SH</p>
<p>11. Constitution</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor amendments required to draft approved at 2020 AGM. BT to progress with Dave Collins at the Regional Rules Committee. • ST was to write to trophy recipients to recover trophies – SH to check where ST is up to. 	<p style="text-align: center;">BT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SH</p>
<p>13 Meetings</p> <p>Next Exec meeting Monday 6th September, format TBC (this was moved forward from the later published date (27/9) due to the planned meet in October.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BT</p>
<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.31pm</p>	