

North Lancs Swimming and Water Polo Association

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 8th June 2015 – 7.30pm County Hall

IN ATTENDANCE:

Please note ONLY One person per club is the Delegate and has voting rights (any other is a visitor).

Bob Thompson (President),
Kevin Whiteside (Hon. Treasurer),
Sue Tinkler (Hon. Secretary),
Janice Whittle (Age Group Secretary),
Garry Whittle (Vice President),
Jane Whittle (Swim League Secretary),
Malcolm Wilson (Life Member),
Andy Gaskell (Development Committee),
Judith Dutton (Leyland Barracudas),

Alison Lawson (Fleetwood ASC),
Gillian Rankin (Leyland Barracudas),
Cherry Wilkinson (Colne ASC),
Andy Timpany (Carnforth Otters),
Sue Roome (Garstang)
Alan Howarth (Burnley Aquatics),
Mary Parkinson (Chorley Marlins),
Karen Hulme (Ormskirk)

APOLOGIES:

Ashley Cocks (Life Member),
Zak Sly (Hon. Water Polo Secretary),
John Robinson (Pioneer 79),
Steve Heaps (Preston SC),

Maureen Crawford (Blackpool Aquatics),
Hannah Leeson (Garstang ASC),
Jen Barcock (Fleetwood ASC)
Rose Proctor (Clitheroe)

Action By:-

1. WELCOME

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend.

Congratulations to the Association Swimmers at the Regional Championships. And those who will find out tomorrow if they have qualified for the British Summer Championships or the Home Nation Championships.

Since our last meeting we have received the sad news that Ron Wynn from Lancaster has suddenly passed away. He was instrumental in Lancaster's Success and recipient of the National Water Polo Coaches Association Coach of the year award. He coached many swimmers who went on to represent team GB at the Olympics. Our condolences go out to his Family and Club. He will be very sadly missed.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th April 2015 were reviewed.

A proposal to accept the minutes was received from Andy Gaskell and seconded by Malcolm Wilson and approved by all present. The minutes were signed by the President as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

No Matters Arising

4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no Conflicts of interest registered

5. ITEMS FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items of AOB required to be given priority for discussion over other items on the agenda.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

We have received a copy of YMCA Lytham St Anne`s Swimming Club Constitution this all appears to be in order. We can now welcome them as members of the Association.

Notification of NW Region Council Meeting on 12th September 2015 at Leigh. Allan Howarth to attend on behalf of North Lancs. We have no nomination to put forward.

7. HON. TRESURER'S REPORT

(Please see attached accounts)

Very little to report. Affiliation Fee from Lytham and a small amount of interest at the Building Society. Small amount of expenditure in the form of postage and Stationary.

The accounts are looking healthy. No Bursary`s have been received these have until September 2015.

It was suggested that the accounts for the September Age Group meet be put into October accounts as this meet is to be held in September/October due to our Financial Year end being the end of September.

The Accounts were proposed by Jane Whittle and seconded by Janice Whittle.

8. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Age Group Report**

Janice handed out draft times and conditions for the September L2 Meet.

This has been put into 8 sessions. With Finals for 50s and 100s. It was felt that swimmers need to get used to doing Finals in preparation for the Lancashire`s.

Janice stressed that although it says 9yrs the must be 9 on the day they swim although they need to submit times from a Licenced Meet. These could be from a Level 4 meet. Finals would also be included for them. Janice encouraged clubs to licence their club championships.

100 IM Heats for 9 to 11 years the will go to finals.

The 100 IM Time Trials these are because there are a lot of swimmers who do not have a time for this event. This will go onto the rankings. (A coach certified time will be accepted this year and Janice will need notifying separately.)

The Disability qualifying times will be the same used for Counties.

Some concern was expressed regarding the Squadron's it had been discussed at the Swimming Committee Meeting to keep session 8 free to run the Squadrons in 2016. Unfortunately at this stage with all the Finals this has been difficult.

This is to be look at again after this Event as a number of those present were still keen to continue with this competition and felt that it was important that it was attached to one of the meets. It could be possible to run at the Development Meet.

A discussion was held as to the need to run 50m and 100m finals. These would need to be looked at later after this meet has run.

The need for Licenced officials at a L2 event is also a concern and is important to make sure enough of Officials with the correct qualifications and Licence attend.

Spit Times will not be accepted. Entry times will be taken from the Rankings.
The Qualifying times are based on those of January.

Closing dates 13th September 2015.

The information for this meet is prepared and will be sent out this week.

If payments are paid by Bacs please can you print the remittance and email to Kevin Whiteside.

Inter Association L3 this will be held on the 22nd November 2015 at Wigan. It is thought that the Inter Association will be held on the 26th June 2016 again at Wigan.

Report proposed by Malcolm Wilson and seconded by Mary Parkinson all present agreed.

- **Swim League Report**

Coming to the end of the season. There have been a few more issues with paper work and points have been adjusted 1 has affect gala points.

Season finishes on the 11th July 2015. Jane is going to look at the paper work to make it easier and try to avoid the mistakes made.

All results are up to date on the web site.

Gillian Rankin asked if there were any potential changes to the League for 2016. Jane stated that there were possibly more teams looking to join the league.

This will all be reviewed in Sept also looking to impose fines for incorrect paper work.

Proposed by Andy Timpany and seconded by Gillian Rankin all present agreed.

- **Water Polo Report**

Only had two games so far in the NLL which is both Kendal at Home

The won both games:

Kendal 16 and Blackpool 7

Kendal 9 Fleetwood 3

No fixtures have yet been received.

Zak to be asked to make contact with Malcolm Wilson and put the results on the web site.

- **Development Committee**

We asked for application to be in by the 8th June 2015 and have received applications from Delegates this evening so I am unable to confirm until I have looked at the numbers tomorrow exactly where we are up to with the Swim Camp. Differing opinions on the Residential but the majority would like this. I am fairly certain we will be very close to fully booked especially for the younger age group. If spaces available in the older age group we will now expand this to include 14 year olds as agreed at the Development meeting.

We have had a few application for Assistant Coaches and also Volunteers. These are to be handed to the Lead Coaches to appoint.

Garry ask about the need for Team Managers. As far as I am aware this is desirable but not compulsory. I know I have completed this course and I am sure others will have too although mine may have expired. I will look into this.

Safeguarding and DBS we have asked the clubs to confirm this for their volunteers. As you are all aware changes have been made to the DBS and not everyone involved will need to have completed this. Although those directly chaperoning the swimmers will have. Sue Roome from Garstang is to be our First Aider for the Residential.

We will hold a Development Committee meeting as soon as numbers are complete. Bob has asked that members of the development committee watch their emails for the date confirmation.

- **Swimming Committee**

Most of this has been dealt with within the Age Group report the Swimming Committee met in April and the report is attached.

9. CONSTITUTION

This has been sent to North West Region and although they have a back log of Club constitutions it is hoped we will have this back for the AGM.

Operations Manuel's this is still a work in progress! Gary and Janice are working on the Competition structure. And Bob is working on the Records thanks to Sue and Norman Cowburn we have managed to collate the records back to 1992 although 2004 is elusive and Janice is looking into this. Hopefully this will be on the Website in time for the Level 2 meet in September.

Trophies- Gill and Bob to meet and get valuations prior to the L2 meet.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was decided to set the Development Meeting for the 22nd June 2015 at County Hall. 7.00pm

It was decided to look at the date for the October meeting which is set for the 26th October 2015 as this is half term and this sometimes affects Delegate.

No Other AOB.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42pm

Next Meeting Monday 14th September 2015