

North Lancs Swimming and Water Polo Association

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting 13th April 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),
Andy Gaskell (Leyland Barracudas),
Judith Dutton (Leyland Barracudas),
Malcolm Wilson (Life Member),
Steve Heaps (Preston SC),
Alison Lawson (Fleetwood ASC),

Andy Timpany (Carnforth Otters),
Maureen Crawford (Blackpool Aquatics),
Jane Whittle (Hon. Swim League Secretary),
J Robinson (Pioneer 79),
P Kenny (Clitheroe),
Jackie Wilkinson (Ormskirk),
Lindsay Hargreaves (Blackburn Centurions) Arrived at the end of the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Ashley Cocks (Life Member),
Zak Sly (Hon. Water Polo Secretary),
Mary Parkinson (Chorley Marlins),
Gillian Rankin (Leyland Barracudas),
Alan Howarth (Burnley Aquatics),
Helen Jenkins (Southport SC)

Cherry Wilkinson (Colne ASC),
Janice Whittle (Age Group Secretary),
Garry Whittle (Vice President),
Hannah Leeson (Garstang ASC),
Jen Barcock (Fleetwood ASC)

Action By:-

1. WELCOME

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend. He also noted that we had some new delegates and asked all present to introduce themselves.

He also congratulated all the Association's swimmers who had qualified for the British Championships and their clubs and coaches on getting them there and wished them every success.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th February 2015 were reviewed.

A proposal to accept the minutes was received from Steve Heaps and seconded by Maureen Crawford 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	
ASA Registration Documents a copy of the Insurance certificate given to relevant parties. BT emphasised that we also have our own insurance for items like Trophies and Equipment	
7. HON. TRESURER'S REPORT	
Pool Hire Costs were less than estimated at £5,229 for the championships and Squadrons Surplus for the championships £9,277 Everything else should be in the attached accounts. It is hoped that this will cover the Swim Camp and Bursaries for the rest of the year from the surplus. M Wilson Proposed and Jane Whittle seconded that we accept the accounts	
8. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age Group Report <p>In the absence of Janice Whittle. Jane gave her report.</p> <p>Most items are ongoing and currently working on the L2 in September/October. This is to be a full programme of events. No upper times required minimum lower qualifying time is required.</p> <p>Inter Association is in hand for the one day event in November at Wigan Age at 31st December. A more detailed report will be available at the next meeting.</p> <p>Andy Gaskell asked some questions re the Development meet. Bob explained that the Swimming Committee are due to meet on the 28th April where most of these questions will be discussed and answers should be available for the June meeting. It had been hoped to meet prior to this meeting but unfortunately that had not been possible.</p>	

- **Swim League Report**

Swim League is now well under way. Only confirmed 3 of the galas on the web site. Some paperwork has not been forwarded to Jane by the hosting club and is actively being pursued. At the first gala the opening medley had been swum incorrectly by one team, so points had been adjusted.

The new rule was widely discussed at the AGM and all paperwork on the website updated. There are problems with host clubs not sending the complete documentation to Jane. BT appealed to delegates to ensure that they inform their coaches/team managers about any rule changes and the gala protocols regarding paperwork.

Steve Heaps suggested that fines are introduced for incorrect paperwork and asked if Swim League would be on the Agenda at the Swimming Committee. BT confirmed that it was.

Some discussion was held with regard to the way Micro League is run in comparison to Swim League.

Jane has been approached by a couple of teams with an interest in joining the swim League and there admission would have a bearing on whether we retain three divisions in 2016 or contract to two. The points system was also discussed again this is on the agenda for the Swimming Committee.

BT canvassed opinion regarding the possibility of moving to gala points next year as opposed to the current league points, most delegates were in favour of gala points.

- **Water Polo Report**

- **NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE UPDATED**

The league has officially started but no fixtures or results have yet to come in. It has been very hard to communicate with the clubs as it is all one way communication most of the time.

Found that many clubs competing are registered as Cat 1 rather than Cat 2 so this has been corrected and most if not all players competing are Cat 2.

Hopefully by the next meeting I will have some results and a table.

- **GREAT BRITAIN RESULTS**

The two lads who represented Great Britain Owain Llewellyn (Lancaster) and Ben Riding (Preston) went to Malta to compete in the European Qualifiers. I was lucky enough to go out and watch. They lost their opening game to Germany 19 – 7 then beat Latvia 52 – 0. GB also beat Switzerland 12 – 1.

The final game was the deciding game against host Malta. GB took an early lead but Malta managed to squeeze in front and win by a goal 6 – 7. There were about 400 Malta people watching, lots of school children! Atmosphere was amazing. Ben Riddings got GB player of the tournament, not bad for the only player one year younger than everyone else!

- **NORTH WEST RESULTS**

The North West came runners up in the under 18's Inter Regions after losing one game to the South West by two goals. There were 8 players from the North Lancashire League area and two staff.

- **MANCHESTER FESTIVAL**

Manchester are holding another festival for players born 2001 and 2003 this year which I encourage any water polo club in the North Lancashire area to join up to! It is on Saturday 27 June at the Manchester Aquatics Centre and the closing date is **Friday 22nd June 2015**.

- **Development Committee**

The committee met on the 31st March 2015.

- **Swim Camp (Proposal)**

Date:	W/C 17 th August 2015 at Lancaster University.	ST
Format:	2 CAMPS OF 2 ½ DAYS 10/11yrs and 12/13 possibly 14 yrs. Age on the 21 ST August 2015.	
Conditions:	Use ASA Graded times for Qualifying times for the camp (any 200m event Ideas welcome for who would be taking the Wednesday)	
Lead Coaches:	Mike Wilson and Dean Sumner	
Assistants:	Applications to be sort from the clubs.	
Helpers:	Volunteers would be required especially if the camp is to be residential	
Remuneration/expenses:	These would include expenses	
Contracts:	Bob Thompson to organise.	BT
Costs:	This would be confirmed but probably looking at £40/45 for the camp. Additional cost for residential. Possibly looking at £90/100 all in for the 2 ½ days	KW

Since the meeting Residential costs have been received from Lancaster these are

DBB IN SINGLE ROOMS £34.15 PP
DLBB AGAIN SINGLE ROOMS £41.65

Information to be sent out to the clubs to canvass views on whether they would prefer residential format and are prepared to support in terms of parent volunteers. Coaches would be specifically excused any evening duties!

- **Proposed changes to constitution**

These were discussed and sent to the delegates prior to the meeting for discussion.

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- **Operations Manuals**

Bob to do preliminary work on general matters & Garry and Janice to do some preliminary work on Competition protocols for the next meeting.

BT/JW/GW

- **Swimming Committee**

No Meetings have been held. The President asked that a meeting be convened in the next few weeks to review the arrangements for the L2 Meet and the Inter Association Team.

9. CONSTITUTION

- **Changes**

Hon. Championship Sec re-named Hon Age Group & Championship Sec. throughout. Rule regarding retirement removed – to be included in operations manual for agenda item at Sept Exec Meeting.

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Conflicting rules on Chairman's deliberative and casting votes removed – Chairman has both a deliberative and casting vote (where necessary) at meetings of both Council & Executive. Quorum for Swimming Committee increased to four. New rule 19 to include Development Committee Subsequent rules re-numbered.

All present agreed to the changes in the constitution and for it to be set to the Region to be approved. Hopefully this will then be brought to the AGM for formal adoption.

A COPY OF THE CONSTITUTION IS ATTACHED

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Application received from Lytham St Anne's. This has been accepted on condition that we receive a copy of their constitution. Andy Gaskell Proposed and Steve Heaps seconded all present agreed. ST
2. Trophies all these have been collected and looking at valuations. Some of the trophies need plinths updated GR
3. Trophy winners list and Championship record holders list are being compiled for inclusion on website and future programmes where applicable BT

Bob thank everyone for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Next Meeting Monday 8th June 2015