

# North Lancashire Swimming & Water Polo Association

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> September -7.30pm - County Hall Preston

	Action By:-
<p><b>1. <u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></b></p> <p>Bob Thompson (President), Kevin Whiteside (Hon. Treasurer), Sue Tinkler (Hon.Secretary), Janice Whittle (Age Group Secretary), Garry Whittle (Vice President&amp; Swim League Secretary), Mary Parkinson (Chorley Marlins), Maureen Crawford (Blackpool Aquatics), Gillian Rankin (Leyland Barracudas); Judith Dutton (Leyland Barracudas), Ron Flude (Lancaster S&amp;WPA), Sue Roome and Sandra McKean (Garstang ASC), Malcolm Wilson (Life Member), Karen Hulme (Ormskirk), Andy Timpany (Carnforth), Cherry Wilkinson (Colne ASC), Rose Proctor (Clitheroe).</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>APOLOGIES:</u></b></p> <p>Asley Cocks (Life Member); Alan Howarth (Burnley Aquatics); Helen Jenkins (Southport SC) Alison Lawson (Fleetwood ASC); Jen Barcock(Fleetwood ASC); Craig Tinkler (Facilities Officer); Steve Heaps (Preston SC); Shelley Whitehead(Pioneer 79)Pauline and Jeff Broadbent (Radcliffe ).</p>	
<p><b>3. <u>PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS</u></b></p> <p>It's been a busy summer for swimming and the Association's clubs have been well represented on the National &amp; International stage.</p> <p><b>At the ASA A/G &amp; Youth Nationals the following member clubs were directly represented: -</b></p> <p>Blackpool Aquatics Carnforth Otters Leyland Barracudas Pioneer 79 Preston Southport</p> <p><b>Other clubs also had swimmers competing through their respective squads : -</b></p> <p>Burnley (BOBCATS) Chorley (BOLTON METRO) Ormskirk (COLSC)</p> <p>At nine clubs that comprises nearly half the Associations Clubs with swimmers competing at a National level!</p>	

**In terms of individual swimmers achievements: -**

**Holly Hibbot (Southport)** has had a busy summer

She collected 6 individual Gold Medals & 2 Silvers at the Nat A/G champs and not surprisingly was the Girls 14 years BAGCAT winner.

Well done also to Southport on taking Gold in the Girls 4x100m F/S Relay.

Holly also competed at the European Juniors at Dordrecht taking Silver in the 800m F/S with a new British A/G record.

**14 year old Niamh Robison (Pioneer 79)** represented the IOM at the **Commonwealth Games** in Glasgow and qualified for the semi-finals of both the 50m Breaststroke & 50m Backstroke events.

**On the disability side**

**Preston's Steph Slater** competed at the **Commonwealth Games**

Winning Silver in the S8 100m F/S

She then went onto the **IPC European Championships** in August where she won 5 individual gold's and gold in the 4x 100m F/S team relay. Steph's results included a new European record in the 50m F/S and she regained her World Record in the 100m Fly.

**Burnley's Thomas Hamer** also competed at both competitions.

At the Commonwealths he secured silver in the men's S14 200m F/S in a new lifetime best of 2:00.27

He matched this performance in Eindhoven again winning silver in the same event. He also finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the final of the SB14 100m Breaststroke with another lifetime best.

The Summer's results are a remarkable achievement for the Association's swimmers and testimony to their hard work and dedication, together with that of their coaches and I think it appropriate that we minute their achievements.

A huge well done to all the swimmers and coaches involved.

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 were reviewed.

Minutes were amended Kevin Whiteside was marked as absent but did attend. A proposal to accept the minutes was received from Maureen Crawford and seconded by Garry Whittle approved by all present and signed by the president as a true record.

<p><b>5. <u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>Piccolo Board still needs to be checked and permission sort from Blackpool Council.</p> <p>Craig Tinkler to be asked to look into whether the board is suitable and in working condition.</p> <p>Janice Whittle to approach Blackpool Council.</p> <p>In future at this point delegates are to be asked if they have any items for AOB.</p>	<p>ST to speak to CT</p> <p>JW to approach Blackpool Council</p>
<p><b>6. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>There were no Conflicts of interest were registered.</p>	
<p><b>7. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email from Blackpool Aquatics re Swim Camp swimmers had enjoyed the camp</li> <li>• Steve Davison who had come as a volunteer for the week expressing his thanks and saying he is prepared to attended again.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. <u>HON TREASURER'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Very little to report. Accounts for Swim Camp in the process of being completed and will be available for the November meeting.</p> <p>Still having problems with the changing of the Bank accounts which is not particularly easier.</p>	
<p><b>9. <u>AGE GROUP SECRETARY'S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>Janice began by thanking NL for the good wishes she received and also for the Basket of Fruit from North Lancs during her illness.</p> <p><b>October Level 3 (25/26 October )</b></p> <p>Apologies that information hasn't been distributed. I will circulate the information by the end of this week. With the proposed changes to swimming from 2015 it may be more beneficial to keep the same programme and consideration times as last year – i.e. keeping the 100m Ind. Med for 9/10 year age groups. At a previous meeting we had agreed to include the 400m Free in the programme to give swimmers an opportunity to achieve a time help gain entry to proposed Level 2 in January. Do we still wish this to be included?</p> <p><b>January Level 2</b></p> <p>In view of the proposed changes do we really want this to be a level 2 meet as swimmers will not be able to achieve NQT's which was the main purpose of changing? We can raise the consideration times for the meet and swimmers will still be able to use the times achieved for entry into County Championships. License application submitted – conditions and times will be</p>	<p>All agreed to JW Proposal</p>

<p>submitted at a later date as agreed by licensing officer.</p> <p>Point of interest - I do feel that we are very lenient with entries etc. for our clubs but as we only give a couple of weeks or so turn round from closing date to actual event it is important that clubs do ensure the entries are correct. I feel that we must stick to the condition – `no late entries will be accepted`. This is also advisable to those who run their own meets.</p> <p><b>Inter Association</b></p> <p>Team selection coming along well. Swimmers will be notified this month. The entry fee this year has had to be increased to £800 per association. At present the competition is an annual event. It has never been intended to make a profit on this event and the spectator entrance is kept quite low. However the cost of pool hire, increase in official`s expenses etc. mean that there is a need to make some increase. As previously notified Liverpool &amp; District are the hosts and the event will be at the Huyton Pool (Knowsley).</p> <p>Once proposed changes are agreed by the British Swimming Board it is important that our Swimming Committee meets to discuss the way forward for the North Lancs meets.</p> <p>Janice Whittle 01/09/14</p>	<p>Agreed to stay the same at present</p> <p>Swimming Committee to meet in Oct to discuss</p> <p>Dry side get together for the team to be booked</p>
<p><b>10. <u>SWIM LEAGUE SECRETARY`S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>The results are now on the web site. The new format has worked well but ma look at some other changes with the Swimming Committee.</p> <p>Congratulations to Preston, Leyland and Carnforth for winning their divisions.</p> <p>Fixtures meeting will follow the AGM in December.</p>	
<p><b>11. <u>WATER POLO SECRETARY`S REPORT</u></b></p> <p>No Report has been received.</p> <p>Darren Gibson has emailed to say he is resigning as Water Polo Secretary so we are again looking for a new secretary.</p>	
<p><b>12. <u>DEVELOPMENT REPORT</u></b></p> <p>NORTH LANCS SWIM CAMP 2014</p> <p>This year we have tried a new formula for the swim camp. Instead of the previous 5 day camp we held 2 camps. We also held a Coach Development Day.</p> <p>Criteria was as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 11/12 year olds on Monday and Tuesday 18/19<sup>th</sup> August 2014.</li> <li>2. 13/14 year olds on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 20/21/22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014.</li> </ol> <p>We also used the Swim Camp for Coach Development and Fred Furness attended to work with the coaches on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014.</p> <p>The Criteria for Swimmers was as follows:</p>	

1. Age on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014
2. Ability to qualify or a 200m time at North Lancs Jan/Feb Age groups. (times were attached)
3. Club Coaches to sign off on Swimmers ability
4. Initially 3 swimmers per club per camp with any places left being offered on a first come first served basis.
5. Although North Lancs funded the Swim Camp. A nominal cost of £30 per swimmer for the 11/12 year camp and £40 for the 13/14 year camp was required.

We asked for application from Coaches who wanted to attend the Coaches Day with Fred Furness. Place for this were Limited to 1 per club.

Both camps were well attended although we still had spaces on the 13/14 year camp. We did have applications from outside the criteria BUT it was felt it was important to stay within the Criteria set.

Paul Davison and Mary Parkinson were the Lead Coaches for the camp and did an excellent job with the programme. I had some concerns as it was different to the programme we had used for past camps. My concerns proved unnecessary.

Dean Sumner and Mike Wilson were excellent Assistant Coaches and in addition we had Steve Davison as a volunteer Coach for the week. Tom Eccles from Garstang attended for 2 days

The initial problems we had on the Monday I feel were totally due to the fact that I had not been able to attend the centre and check that everything was in place. The initial plan to use the Conference centre had to be changed but in my opinion the venue we changed to was better. After that it was just some minor problems that were very quickly sorted.

The staff at the centre again were excellent nothing was too much trouble.

The biggest disappointment was that only 8 coaches attended the Coaches Day with Fred Furness. All who attended I believe enjoyed the day and I have sent out the presentation Fred delivered to those coaches who attended.

On the Friday Rob Bale gave the Lecture to the swimmers which I think was enjoyed by all Swimmers and Coaches.

We also had Lucy Bowes who is a GB Synchronise swimmer who attended on 2 days.

Feedback from the Swimmers was very positive.

The clubs that attended:

CLUB	11/12 AGE GROUP	13/14 AGE GROUP
Blackpool Aquatics	3	3
Carnforth Otters	5	4
Chorley Marlins	4	5
Clitheroe	3	3
Colne	1	
Fleetwood	3	3
Garstang	1	1

Kendal	3	0	
Kirkham & Wesham	2	2	
Lancaster	4	7	
Leyland	9	1	
Ormskirk	5	3	
Preston	3	7	
Pioneer 79	1	2	
<b>13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>			
<p>Constitution is still with Alan Boyle who unfortunately is ill at the moment.</p> <p>Safeguarding course to be held at Leyland on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014.</p>			
<b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30p.m.</b>			