Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 6th June 2016 - County Hall Preston - 7.30pm

Present: Garry Whittle (President) Bob Thompson (Secretary) Andy Gaskell (Vice President) Janice Whittle (Champ Sec.)	Judith Dutton (Leyland) Allan Howarth (Burnley) Catherine Holmes (Garstang) Helen Jenkins (Southport) Paul Kenny (Clitheroe)	Alison Lawson (Fleetwood) Paul Maxwell (Kirkham) Mary Parkinson (Chorley) John Robinson (Pioneer) Jackie Wilkinson (Ormskirk)		
The President welcomed everybody to the meeting, and thanked them fo their attendance.				
1. Apologies had been received Pauline Broadbent (Radcliffe Gillian Rankin (Treasurer); S WP); Jane Whittle (Swim Lea				
2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 18/04/2016 were approved and signed by the President as a true record, as proposed by Mary P, seconded by Alan H.				
3. There were no matters arising	3. There were no matters arising from the minutes.			
4. No conflicts of interest were declared.				
5. There were no items of AOB which needed to be prioritised in the agenda.				
 6. The Hon. Secretary reported that the following correspondence had been received since the last Exec meeting: E-mail from Pauline Broadbent (Radcliffe) in which she referred to a proposed WP rule change from Craig Brandwood (Fleetwood) & whether any change could be brought in other than at the AGM. BT had responded to PB and explained that rule changes can be adopted by the Exec during the year (it is only constitutional changes that require approval at an AGM) however the Executive are not aware of any proposed changes to WP rules other than the possible extension of penalty points for non played fixtures floated at the April Exec. 				
 7. Hon. Treasurer's Report GR had sent her apologies, having had a last minute problem to resolve at home. She had explained to BT that there had been few transactions since the last report and that she had hopefully sorted the change of the bank signature mandate and contact details. 				
8. Championship/Age Group Se • Development Meet (L3) JW reported that the	-	o clubs for the		

Development Meet and is also on the website. BT appealed for more officials.	JW			
• L2 & Championships - 1 st , 2 nd , 15 th & 16 th October. The draft programme was circulated. Junior (15/u) and Senior (16/ov) finals will be held for 50m & 100m events, with the top eight from the heats competing. There may need to be a ten minute break inserted into each session, whilst the finals paperwork is compiled. The paperwork will be ready for publication by 30 th June. Closing dates for entry to be set at 11 th September. Nine year olds will have to be nine at the date of the swim, so those with a birthday between the two w/ends will only be eligible to compete on the second w/end.				
Badges will be retained for ages up to and including 14yrs. Medals will be presented to 15/ov and Championship winners, together with trophies, where	JW			
 Inter Association Competition - Sun 26th June - Wigan Life Centre. Mary P & Jane W are the team managers assisted by Sean Hogarth (Kirkham). The team have been selected and notified and some Pioneer 79 swimmers are in the team, whilst others from the club are competing for the B&M team. A get together is arranged for Sunday 19th June at 2.30pm at Palatine and will include a swim session to select/train the relay teams. Kit will be distributed at the get together. 	MP/JaW/JW			
9. Swim League Secretary's Report				
The Secretary had sent her apologies to the meeting having just returned from the European Championships & Masters. The President read her report in her absence: • 2016 League				
 The League has largely run without any issues (other than the rearrangement of the Division 3 fixtures, which is now resolved) and the new paperwork is proving useful in this regard 				
 All results have been ratified and were circulated to the meeting. There is one gala remaining in both divisions one and two and two galas to be swum in division three. 				
 MP asked could the results be posted more quickly on the website? AG explained that he had received the results but had been having problems accessing the site to edit entries, however that has now been resolved and the Swim League section is fully up to date. 				
Changes to Swim League for 2017.				
Jaw will have the draft rule changes ready for ratification at the September				
Executive meeting, however in order to complete the drafting she needed a steer from the Executive on the following matters:				
 The league is restructuring from three divisions comprising six, five and 				
five clubs, to two divisions of eight clubs each. Should any clubs be relegated from Div 1 at the end of 2016 before consideration of promotions from Div 2? After discussion it was agreed that there would be no relegations and the top two clubs in Div 2 at the end of the 2016 League				

would join the evicting Div 1 to form the new first di-	vision with the			
would join the existing Div 1 to form the new first div	vision, with the			
remaining clubs forming the new Div 2.				
Proposed by Paul Kenny, seconded by Helen Jenkins.				
 Once the new structure is in place, how many 				
promoted/relegated between the two Divisions at the end	I of the season?			
Jane had proposed that the bottom two clubs in Div 1 would be relegated				
to be replaced by the top two clubs in Div 2.				
Proposal seconded by Andy G and agreed.				
 Jane proposed that we replace league points with ga 	la points when			
compiling the league results table, given that all clubs with	-			
compete at the same galas. It was agreed that this would				
the league outcome open longer.	potentially keep			
Proposal seconded by Bob T and agreed.				
Jane queried whether we wanted to revert to double	•			
events, partly to differentiate the League from Arena Lea	•			
discussed but rejected by the meeting on the grounds th	at it potentially			
penalised smaller clubs who would lose too much ground	if they couldn't			
field a relay team and individual/team events should carry of	equal weight.			
 GW pointed out that in line with ASA rules for leagues th 	e "Age at" date			
would be the age as at the date of the last gala in each y	_			
intended that the dates of the galas will be relatively fi				
months of Feb/Apr/June the precise fixture dates will flo				
months, allowing for County, Regional events & member of				
meets and pool availability. The age at date will therefore	·			
	vary within the			
month of June each year.				
 Jane proposed that the Lane draws for all three rounds be 				
the December AGM and club duties allocated to each lane	e, as with Arena JaW			
League. This was accepted.				
 GW advised that the electronic results sheet on the website 	e will need to be BT/AG			
recalibrated to cater for an eight team gala.				
10. Water Polo Report				
 BT advised that no report had been received. 	t			
 None of the officers have received details of the 2016 fixtur 	es so it has not CB/HW			
been possible to post them on the website.				
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11. Development Committee Report	22md Marritz			
GW explained that the Development Committee had met of the Account to the Committee of the Com	•			
discuss Steve Heap's paper on the subject of the Assoc	-			
opportunities for development of coaches from member	clubs including			
mentoring, CPD and courses/swim clinics.				
 It was recognised by the Dev Committee that any scheme wou 	ıld only succeed			
if the head coaches from the member clubs bought into the co	ncept, lent their			
support and encouraged their junior coaches to participate.				
It was therefore proposed to hold a lunchtime meeting with member club				
head coaches at the October Level 2 meeting to gauge the				
and support.				
 GW will also produce a flyer for distribution to member club 	coaches at the			
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July Development meet, explaining the concept and invitir	וצ נוופווו נט נוופ			

October lunch.	GW
12. Handbook/Constitution	
 JW advised that the Operations Manual will be ready for the September meeting. Some editing is required to the Handbook on the website. BT queried whether anybody had a Word version. GW said he had. 	JW/GW BT/GW
• Trophies BT advised that he delivered the two trophies which the Exec had agreed to sell to Bonhams during one of their valuation days in Garstang in May. The reserve price for each one was set at £800 with an upper estimate of £1,200. They are expected to go into a specialist silver auction in London on 19th/20th July. BT explained that we will be given details nearer the time and can follow the auction online.	ВТ
 Association Records BT advised that whilst checking the trophies to the records with GR, a number of discrepancies came to light. The explanation for this being that historically in some years the Championships were held separately to the A/G events, in which case they were usually held together with the Squadrons. BT was not aware of this fact when he trawled through the results from 1992 onwards to reconstitute the records, as he didn't have the Championship results in those years when they were held separately. It will therefore be necessary to check the records against those results, if they can be located. JW said that she may have copies in storage. 	JW/BT
 JW reminded delegates about the Lancashire Junior meet being held at Broughton pool on Saturday 2nd July (Please note this has since been cancelled due to lack of entries) GW congratulated Helen Jenkins on having won one Gold and two Silver medals at the recent LEN European Masters at the London Aquatic Centre, Helen also participated in several team relay finals. Helen Whittle and Jane Whittle had officiated at the European Championships and been referees at the European Masters. Garry also extended congratulations to Steph Slater (PSC) & Thomas Hamer (Burnley) on their selection for the British Paralympic Team for Rio 2016 and asked that the Secretary write to them via their clubs and extend the Association's best wishes. BT advised that he has changed e-mail following a management buy- out at work and asked that delegates use his private e-mail for all swimming matters going forward: bobbillthomo@gmail.com 	
16. Meetings	
The next Exec meeting is on Monday 12th September at County Hall	
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm	