

North Lancs Swimming & Water Polo Association

Executive Committee Meeting

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

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| <p>Present: Garry Whittle (President) Bob Thompson (Secretary) Andy Gaskell (Vice President) Janice Whittle (Champ Sec.)</p> | <p>Judith Dutton (Leyland) Allan Howarth (Burnley) Catherine Holmes (Garstang) Helen Jenkins (Southport) Paul Kenny (Clitheroe)</p> | <p>Alison Lawson (Fleetwood) Paul Maxwell (Kirkham) Mary Parkinson (Chorley) John Robinson (Pioneer) Jackie Wilkinson (Ormskirk)</p> |
| <p>The President welcomed everybody to the meeting, and thanked them for their attendance.</p> | | |
| <p>1. Apologies had been received from: Pauline Broadbent (Radcliffe); Julie Johnson (Kendal); Linda Ormerod (Lytham); Gillian Rankin (Treasurer); Sue Tinkler (Life Member); Helen Waite (Fleetwood WP); Jane Whittle (Swim League Sec.)</p> | | |
| <p>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.</p> | | |
| <p>3. There were no matters arising from the minutes.</p> | | |
| <p>4. No conflicts of interest were declared.</p> | | |
| <p>5. There were no items of AOB which needed to be prioritised in the agenda.</p> | | |
| <p>6. The Hon. Secretary reported that the following correspondence had been received since the last Exec meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | | |
| <p>7. Hon. Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | | |
| <p>8. Championship/Age Group Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Meet (L3) - 23rd & 24th July. JW reported that the entry file has been circulated to clubs for the | | |

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| <p>would join the existing Div 1 to form the new first division, with the remaining clubs forming the new Div 2. Proposed by Paul Kenny, seconded by Helen Jenkins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once the new structure is in place, how many clubs will be promoted/relegated between the two Divisions at the end 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 gala points when compiling the league results table, given that all clubs within a division will compete at the same galas. It was agreed that this would potentially keep the league outcome open longer. Proposal seconded by Bob T and agreed. • Jane queried whether we wanted to revert to double points for relay events, partly to differentiate the League from Arena League. This was discussed but rejected by the meeting on the grounds that 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 equal weight. • GW pointed out that in line with ASA rules for leagues the "Age at" date would be the age as at the date of the last gala in each year. Whilst it is intended that the dates of the galas will be relatively fixed, within the months of Feb/Apr/June the precise fixture dates will float within these months, allowing for County, Regional events & member club's own Open 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 performed at the December AGM and club duties allocated to each lane, as with Arena League. This was accepted. • GW advised that the electronic results sheet on the website will need to be recalibrated to cater for an eight team gala. | <p style="text-align: center;">JaW BT/AG</p> |
| <p>10. Water Polo Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BT advised that no report had been received. • None of the officers have received details of the 2016 fixtures so it has not been possible to post them on the website. | <p style="text-align: center;">CB/HW</p> |
| <p>11. Development Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GW explained that the Development Committee had met on 23rd May to discuss Steve Heap's paper on the subject of the Association provided 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 would only succeed if the head coaches from the member clubs bought into the concept, 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 level of interest and support. • GW will also produce a flyer for distribution to member club coaches at the July Development meet, explaining the concept and inviting them to the | |

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| October lunch. | GW |
| <p>12. Handbook/Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • 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. | <p>JW/GW</p> <p>BT/GW</p> <p>BT</p> <p>JW/BT</p> |
| <p>13. A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW reminded delegates about the Lancashire Junior meet being held at Broughton pool on Saturday 2nd July (<i>Please note this has since been cancelled due to lack of entries</i>) • 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: bobillthomo@gmail.com | <p>BT</p> <p>All</p> |
| <p>16. Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Exec meeting is on Monday 12th September at County Hall | |
| There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm | |