

North Lancs Swimming & Water Polo Association

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 19th September 2016 - County Hall Preston - 7.30pm

Present: Garry Whittle (President) Bob Thompson (Secretary) Andy Gaskell (Vice President) Gillian Rankin (Treasurer) Janice Whittle (Champ Sec.) Jane Whittle (Swim Lge Sec) Sue Tinkler (Life Member)	Judith Dutton (Leyland) Steve Heaps (Preston) John Higginbottom (Colne) Allan Howarth (Burnley) Catherine Holmes (Garstang) Helen Jenkins (Southport) Paul Kenny (Clitheroe)	Alison Lawson (Fleetwood) Linda Ormerod (Lytham) Kath Turner (Lytham) Mary Parkinson (Chorley) John Robinson (Pioneer) Andy Timpany (Carnforth) Jackie Wilkinson (Ormskirk)
The President welcomed everybody to the meeting, and thanked them for their attendance.		
1. Apologies had been received from: Pauline Broadbent (Radcliffe); Julie Johnson (Kendal); Paul Maxwell (Kirkham)		
2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 06/06/16 were approved and signed by the President as a true record.		
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application for membership from Rawtenstall ASC, this was progressing, with a view to being presented to the Executive for approval, when it transpired that the club is not affiliated to the ASA. The Sec. has informed the club that ASA affiliation is a prerequisite for membership in the Association's constitution. The application has been withdrawn whilst the club consider the wider issue of ASA affiliation. • Lancaster University Water Polo section had requested help sourcing WP officials. The Secretary had put them in touch with WP Ref Yvonne Kelley who now assisting them. • Bonhams auctioneers have advised that the two trophies sent to auction in July raised £1,307.50 for the Association which has now been remitted to the bank. • Pauline Broadbent (Radcliffe) had enquired whether the Association could assist the club's WP section in funding new goals. The Sec had pointed out that the Assoc does not have a general bursary, only a coaching bursary and directed the club to Swim NW which has a club grant fund and Lancashire Assoc which may have a further round of club grants. 		
7. Hon. Treasurer's Report		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treasurer circulated the latest income and expenditure figures to 19.09.2016. The bank balance was not up to date as she reported that whilst it was getting towards the end of her first year in office, she is still trying to get the bank to send statements and correspondence to her home address and they are still being sent to her predecessor. She now has a photo of the bank clerk's ID who has promised to sort the issue. • The two trophies sold at auction on 20th July 2016 and replacements are being procured. • All coaching grant applications need to be in before the month end for inclusion in the 2015/2016 accounts year. • There was also a request that if clubs are paying money to the Assoc by BACS that they e-mail a remittance advice to the Treasurer, so that she has a record of funds received, rather than have to wait for the bank statement. 	
<p>8. Championship/Age Group Secretary's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter Association Competition As you are probably aware N Lancs finished in third place with 816.5 points, behind Liverpool & District (1,032 points) & Cumbria (839.5 points). Liverpool & District were always going to win. NLSWPA had a battle with Cumbria and M&D which then became a fight between NLSWPA & Cumbria. It was slightly disappointing to finish third, but there were some good swims and the swimmers enjoyed themselves in the main. Special thanks to Jane and Mary who managed the team for the day, I know it wasn't always easy for them. • Level 3 Meet Although entries for this meet were down on the previous year. It was a good weekend, with no real stress at all. The main reason for fewer entries was holidays. I would suggest possibly bring the event forward by one week. <i>(there was some discussion whether to make it even earlier)</i>. Next year I will make sure that speeding tickets are issued over the week-end. Thanks to all the officials and anyone who helped in any way with the running of the meet. • L2 & Championships - 1st, 2nd, 15th & 16th October. Entries are good this year. I must apologise for the error at our end with the LC to SC conversion times. All have been rectified. The other issue was some sort of "bug" in Sportsystems, as you were all informed. However everyone should have been following the QTs distributed by N Lancs and if swimmers didn't meet that criteria then they should not have been entered. The rejections could have been avoided if this was adhered to. Please in future ensure you follow the information you are given. As this is a Level 2 meet, all times submitted must have been achieved at a licensed meet and therefore on the rankings. Coaches times cannot be permitted. I encourage clubs to licence their club champs or hold a licensed time trial in your club. Times achieved at level 1-4 will allow entry into County Champs. The programme will be going to print in the next couple of days. Unfortunately, times achieved at our second weekend of competition will be too late for entry into Winter Regionals. This is something we need to look at for next year. There are some dates we are not allowed to hold a Level 2 so we do need to be careful when planning. <i>(There was some discussion on this</i> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Swim Cttee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JW</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Swim League Secretary will ascertain which teams wish to compete in the following year’s competition, prior to the AGM. • The League will operate on fixed gala dates as far as practicable taking into account the competition calendar, with Galas in February, April & June. • The fixture dates and venues will be agreed and advised to participating teams by the AGM. • Rule 5.5 to be reworded “no swimmer having already competed for the “A” team may then swim for any lower ranked team in the same league year” • Rule 5.8 Event 1 may be swum in any order – consistent with Event 38. • Rule 5.9 first sentence – replace “place” with ‘part” • Rule 5.10 the points awarded need to match the number of teams in the division i.e. Eight teams points 8 through 1; Seven Teams – points 7 through 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was some discussion concerning venues – GW pointed out that eight lane electronics was considered essential. Pools will be booked for four hours on a Saturday say 1500-1900 to host both A & B division fixtures. Consideration will be given to alternating the order of fixtures - A Division before B and vice versa. • Steve Heaps offered to speak to PSC’S AOE operator I relation to Darwen Pool Daktronics. • Sue Tinkler to check with Craig regarding the maximum spectator capacity at Lancaster Uni and the state of the AOE. 	JaW
<p>10. Water Polo Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BT advised that no report had been received. 	
<p>11. Development Committee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GW reported that the committee hadn’t met since the last Exec meeting. • A coaches meeting will be convened during the second week-end of the L2 meet to discuss the proposals regarding coach development and gauge the appetite from member club head coaches. • A flyer explaining the meeting will be distributed over the first w/end. 	GW
<p>12. Nominations for election at the AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination forms for officer posts were made available and need to be returned to the Hon. Sec by 7th November. • GW enquired whether the Hon. Sec/Treasurer/Champ Sec & Swim League Sec were willing to seek re-election and all confirmed that they were. The WP Sec was not present. 	
<p>13. Handbook/Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW advised that the Operations Manual will be e-mailed ready for circulation • Some editing is required to the Handbook on the website JW pointed out that the completion conditions need to be updated to match what actually happens! • Trophies – GR/ST gave an update on trophies and requested all remaining trophies to be returned at the Level 2 meet. 	JW GW

