

# North Lancs Swimming & Water Polo Association

## Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 - County Hall Preston - 7.30pm

<p><b>Present:</b> Garry Whittle (President) Bob Thompson (Secretary) Janice Whittle (Champ Sec.) Gillian Rankin (Treasurer)</p>	<p>John Higginbottom (Colne) Catherine Holmes (Garstang) Allan Howarth (Burnley) Paul Kenny (Clitheroe)</p>	<p>Mary Parkinson (Chorley) Andrew Richardson (C/forth) Sue Tinkler (Life Member) Dave Woods (Fleetwood)</p>
<p>The President welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.</p>		<p><b>FAB</b></p>
<p>1. <b>Apologies</b> had been received from:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Judith Dutton (Leyland); Ron Flude (Lancaster); Steve Heaps (PSC/LM); Helen Jenkins (Southport); Alison Lawson (Fleetwood); Catherine Rainford-Read (B/pool); Jane Whittle (S/L Sec); Jackie Wilkinson (Ormskirk)</p>		
<p>2. The <b>minutes</b> of the previous meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved as a true record, as proposed by Sue Tinkler, and seconded by Janice Whittle. The President then signed them.</p>		
<p>3. There were no <b>matters arising</b> from the minutes.</p>		
<p>4. No <b>conflicts of interest</b> were declared.</p>		
<p>5. There were no items of <b>AOB</b> which needed to be prioritised in the agenda. Paul Kenny advised that Clitheroe now had a new head coach – Paul Davidson together with a new Chairman.</p>		
<p>6. <b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>The Hon. Sec reported the following correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thank you from Alison Lawson for the flowers and best wishes sent by the Executive.</li> </ul>		
<p>7. <b>Hon. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>This year's accounts have been given to Bob T to take to the independent examiner ready for the AGM.</p> <p>I will give a full report at the AGM but have fetched copies of the accounts ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with me to this meeting for you to see. We have made a surplus of £ 3,975.</p> <p>Please can any coaching grants be sent to me as early as possible for this year's account with the correct paperwork and receipts not invoices?</p> <p>Please can I ask that if clubs are making a BACS payment to the Association, for subs, entries fees etc., could you please ensure that you also e-mail me a remittance advice to advise me of the amount being paid, and also the affiliation</p>		

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<p>form, so that I have a record of the amount coming in, rather than having to wait for the bank statement to arrive?</p> <p>Thank you. Gillian Rankin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A proposal to leave the affiliation/league fees for 2018 the same as those for 2017 was unanimously agreed.</li></ul>	
<p><b>8. Age Group Report</b></p> <p><b>North Lancs Level 2</b></p> <p>The meet went well both weekends. No real issues. There were more entries. Thanks to clubs for fulfilling their duties. We were a little short on officials but in the end managed. We should be able to cover our meets with the number of officials we have in North Lancs irrespective of the fact that other meets were on over our second weekend. I don't think it is too much to ask sometimes to do that little bit extra and help even if their child is not swimming. Thanks to all the officials who helped over the two weekends and to those who stood in last minute. As usual the swimming committee will review the meet and see if any changes need to be made to the programme. Also look at dates for 2018 to see what the best option may be.</p> <p><b><u>Squadrons</u></b></p> <p>Six clubs entered the Squadrons this year. It is a little disappointing when we have 2 swimming leagues and the age groups are mainly the same. I know some coaches did try to get teams together, but swimmers were not available for whatever reason.</p> <p>The event went well and there were some very close races. All clubs who entered won medals, which was good. Congratulations to Preston who won the overall award by one point from Pioneer 79.</p> <p>To encourage more clubs to compete in this event we may need to incorporate the relays into the main programme. This can be discussed at the swimming committee.</p> <p><b><u>Inter Association Update</u></b></p> <p>Some points for associations to discuss: Venue: Palatine Blackpool (North Lancs host) Date: Weekend of 23/24 June (TBC) Entry Fee: Minimum £600, maximum £800 Programme of events: Remain unchanged</p> <p>Changes to Consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 3 swimmers in the 100m races and 2 in the 200m races (change from and 1).</li><li>2. Level of meet and format</li></ol> <p>North Mids came to the meeting and requested that Inter Association becomes a development gala as they run their championships as such. It is unfair that some teams choose off the rankings and have better swimmers!!</p>	

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Bolton & Manchester / Central Lancs / Manchester & District want to compete as 1 association team.

After much debate we came to the following 2 options:

### **Option 1**

North Mids to provide QT's (Last place in Summer Nationals in each event) and no swimmer faster may enter – Age groups 12, 13, 14 - 10,11 remain unchanged  
3 Manchester associations join and become 1 for the meet – In essence this is how they swam in 2017 – The one big association team would pay 3 x entry fee  
L&D North Lancs Cumbria all remain the same – we have a 5 team Gala.

### **Option 2**

Gala conditions remain the same – We Lose North Mids  
3 Manchester associations join and become 1 for the meet – In essence this is how they swam in 2017 – The one big association team would pay 3 x entry fee  
L&D North Lancs Cumbria all remain the same - we have a 4 team Gala

Of the two options my recommendation to the committee is to go with Option 2. I don't believe that altering our team will make North Mids any stronger in the competition. My opinion is that North Mids should make their Championships Level 2 or work harder with their member clubs to provide swimmers.

I personally think North Lancs swimmers should NOT be penalised for being fast swimmers.

**Janice Whittle**  
**23.10.2017**

- Gill Rankin asked could a new entry form be designed for the Squadrons Competition.
- There was a strong consensus from the meeting not to “dumb down” the Inter Association meet even if it meant the loss of North Mids. It was also agreed that NLSWPA would support increasing the number of swimmers per Assoc in the 100m & 200m events.
- Andy Richardson (C/forth) asked could the Champs be moved back to their old date in January and widening the entry time band. GW explained that this was not possible given the revision to the Swim England/Brit Swimming competition calendar, which requires County Champs to be held in Jan/Feb. GW advised that if the entry times were widened we risked having to reject swimmers. Other delegates did not have an issue with the Assoc Champs being held in Autumn.
- Bob Thompson suggested that the Assoc did not go “head to head” with Manchester Open regarding the date of our Champs as some member clubs sent swimmers to that meet in preference to the District Champs.
- JW asked for a volunteer to take on the duty roster for club duties at Assoc meets. Gill Rankin requested a more consistent approach regarding clubs when carrying out the door/desk duty.

JW

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<p><b>9. Swim League Report</b> Garry Whittle read Jane's report, in her absence.</p> <p>Following the last meeting Bob asked if we could consider using Salt Ayre as a venue for swim league to spread around the association. This was going to be considered at a swimming committee meeting. However due to the "packed" calendar it has been hard to arrange such a meeting. I have made enquiries at Salt Ayre but had no confirmation of date availability yet. Darwen and Palatine are both ok but I need confirmation of which pools we do wish to use.</p> <p>When we first decided on the new format it was agreed to use Darwen and Palatine as our venues to enable us to use the electronic timing. There is no timing at Salt Ayre. This is not an issue as we can run galas without electronic timing. My preference would be to use Darwen and Palatine, but I will run with whatever is decided. I just need the confirmation, so I can make the bookings necessary. Once this is decided and venues confirmed I will circulate to the clubs.</p> <p>Jane Whittle Swimming League Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BT said his request to use Salt Ayre followed from the original Swim Committee decision when reorganising the competition to spread it around the three pools to the advantage of the whole Association, travel wise.</li> <li>• Andy Richardson (C/forth) agreed to check available dates at Salt Ayre &amp; revert to JaW</li> <li>• It was agreed that R3 would be run with AOE and Salt Ayre, be used for R1 or R2, if available.</li> <li>• Provisional dates             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R1 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</li> <li>• R2 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> April</li> <li>• R3 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ST agreed to liaise with JaW regarding Micro League dates.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">AR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ST/JaW</p>
<p><b>11. Development Committee</b></p> <p>BT advised that he had discussed the Coach Development programme with Steve Heaps who had expressed disappointment at the perceived lack of activity and feedback regarding inter-club visits.</p> <p>Catherine Holmes (Garstang) advised that Sue Booth had something in her diary. A stroke clinic is to be run by Michael Rock at Accrington Academy.</p> <p>Andy Richardson requested a session for junior coaches on set preparation perhaps over lunch at one of the Assoc Meets</p> <p>To be discussed further at the next Swim &amp; Dev Committee meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sub Cttee</p>

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<b>11. Election of Officers</b> The following nominations were received:		
<b>Post</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>
Preisident	Sue Tinkler	Allan Howarth
Vice President	Steve Heaps	Bob Thompson
Secretary	Bob Thompson	Mark Patrickson
Treasurer	Gill Rankin	Mary Parkinson
A/G Champ Sec.	Janice Whittle	Sue Burrows
S/L Sec.	Jane Whittle	Sue Burrows
In the absence of any further nominations the above would be circulated with the AGM papers.		
<b>12. Handbook/website</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ST advised that Craig Tinkler was willing to redesign the website.</li> </ul>		
<b>13. A.O.B.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A query was raised concerning the availability of Safeguarding courses. Enquiry to be made via NW Region.</li> </ul>		BT
<b>14. Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AGM will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at County Hall</li> <li>The next Exec meeting is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 7.30pm at County Hall</li> </ul>		BT
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm		