

North Lancashire

Swimming & Water Polo Association

President – Andy Gaskell

Hon Secretary: Dominic Hartley, 10 Parkers Wood Close, Chorley PR7 2FD Tel. 07931356768

E-mail : dom@zhu-zhu.co.uk

Swimming & Development Committee

Monday 6th November 2023

Ribble Pilot, Docklands, Preston PR2 2YN 8:00pm

MINUTES

Present

Gary Whittle, Alison Lawson, Dominic Hartley, Janice Whittle, Mary Parkinson, Gill Rankin, Lee Scanlan

Welcome

Gary Whittle kindly agreed to chair the meeting and welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

1. Apologies

Andy Gaskell, Bob Thompson

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Not available

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4. Notification of AOB (& prioritisation if appropriate)

There were no items of AOB which needed to be prioritised in the agenda.

5. Age Groups

L3 Development Meet

The pro and cons of one / two day meets were discussed for the L3 Development Meet. One day is easier for parents but limits the number of events that can be entered, two days is more relaxed. Ten clubs entered and is regarded as a good meet for swimmers development. There is potential to review the lower entry times to open the meet to more swimmers. Could relay events be included?

It was agreed to continue with a two day meet.

Proposed dates 6/7 July 2024 at Palatine Pool Blackpool.

Age Groups & Championships

The date is close to the return after the summer break, previously January / February. The busy swimming calendar limits the options.

It was discussed whether the meet needs to be L2, times only needed for Internationals but can be achieved at Winter Regionals. There is a lower levy for a L3 and easier to run including using trainee officials. (levy 20p L3, 35p L2)

Could time be found to run finals for 50/100m events? Combine age groups in the final e.g. 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15 & over.

Could a skins event be included? Medley or Free style?

It was provisionally agreed to run as L3 over three days with potential dates in September / October.

Potential Distance Meet

The idea of an open distance meet was discussed. Six clubs not affiliated to NLSWPA have expressed an interest in 800/1500m events. It was considered to be unviable as too expensive to run.

Entry Fees

Meet entry fees have been £4 per event for several years. Open meets have become increasingly expensive at £7/£8 an event. There was agreement that the level should be kept low to help parents and encourage participation. There needs to be a balance between affordability and generating a surplus for training bursaries.

It was agreed that it should increase to £4.50 to be reviewed in twelve months.

Coaches Passes

There was discussion over whether passes should remain free and would charging make ordering food more accurate. Free passes was seen as a selling point for the meets. It was agreed that they should remain free, emphasise the importance of confirming meal requirements. To be reviewed again after the Development Meet.

Swimmer No Shows

Was an issue at the L2 Meet. Clubs need to take responsibility for withdrawing swimmers. Change the wording from maybe to will be fined. Potential level of fine, £5 per event.

6. Swim League

The majority of clubs have confirmed their participation, still waiting for Ormskirk and Leyland.

Carnforth would like to enter a B team which was agreed.

7. Coach Development

Eligibility for £600 training grant

Clubs claiming it should be seen to be involved and supporting NLSWPA. AGM to consider if eligibility should be dependent on clubs entering at least one of the meets.

AOB

GR raised the question of the future of trophies belonging to NLSWPA. To be discussed at the next Executive Committee.

9. Meeting dates

To be decided at the Executive Committee.