

Yorkshire Swimming Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at the John Charles Centre, South Leeds Stadium on Thursday 15th March 2007 at 7.15 p.m.

Present:

President: Mr. A Day.

President Elect: Mr. J Hickey.

Honorary Secretary: Mr. D Alexander.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. M G Hill.

Chairman: Mr. D Lee

Honorary Championships Secretary: Mr. D Dickenson.

Honorary Diving Committee Secretary: Mr. D Johnstone.

Honorary Synchronized Swimming Committee Secretary: Mr. W Cooper.

Honorary Swimming Committee Secretary: Mr. B J Saunders.

Honorary Club Liaison/Volunteer Liaison Secretary: Mr. T J Wilkinson.

A.S.A. R.D.O: Ms L O'Leary.

Executive: Mr. P Boyd, Mr. M Burgin, Mr. W Crawford, Mr. A Donlan, Mr. S Johnson, Mrs. N Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R Muir-Cochrane, Mrs. S Prasad, Mr. H Rudd and Mr. A S Walker.

14 Apologies

Mr. R Briggs, Mr. A Butler, Mrs. W Emmerson, Mr S. Greetham, Mrs. C McCabe and Mrs. J Preston.

15 Executive Committee Meeting

The minutes of the Statutory Meeting held on the 6th January were accepted as a true record.

16 Matters arising from the above minutes

Min 8.4 The matter has now been resolved.

17 Honorary Secretary's Report

The Secretary had received letters/information re:-

17.1 Letter from Dorothy Rose, Past President, expressing her thanks to members of the Association for their kindness, following the death of her father

17.2 A letter was received from a photographer wanting to take pictures at the Association Swimming Championships – the letter has been passed to Swimming Committee. The Executive agreed the A.S.A. were giving out mixed messages on this, so the Secretary is to write to A.S.A. Legal Department to seek further advice.

17.3 Letter from Charlotte Broadbent expressing her thanks for the Adrian Moorhouse award. Passed to Swimming Committee.

17.4 Aquaforce Volunteers – newly launched for 2007, nominations required from member clubs. Honorary Secretary to distribute details to all clubs.

18 Honorary Treasurer's Report

18.1 The Winter Training Camp came in on budget.

18.2 Income down and Expenditure up, but this is in line with the agreed budget forecast.

19 Focus Group Report

Terry Wilkinson gave an update on behalf of the focus group. The matter was then discussed by the Committee.

The presentation covered a proposed new structure for the having Management Board, potentially composing of '10 members and 3 officers'. The members being both elected and appointed, coming from all the County Sports Partnership areas within the Yorkshire and Humberside area.

To enable this system to be implemented strict timescales are involved with Rules being needed by June, a SGM called for October, so we can formally adopt the new structure at the Annual General Meeting in January 2008.

At this point the Focus Group requires the Executive to agree in principle to the work. Some questions were asked about:-

- Presidents position – will be ceremonial.
- Who will appoint the members and when? To discuss further
- Can the Committee Managers also be officers? Yes
- The Committee Managers need to be heard at the Board more than twice a year.
- Can the geographical membership be looked at to ensure all members who actively want to help the Association are included?

The Executive agreed to move the proposal forward based on these proposals.

The Chairman, on behalf of the committee, thanked Terry for his hard work in pulling this together and for his excellent presentation.

20 Masters Committee Report

Report as written, distributed.

20.1 The Executive approved the minutes of the meeting held 13th February

21 Diving Committee Report

Report as written, distributed.

21.1 The next part of the Diving Championships will once again be run again alongside the North East Championships.

22 Swimming Committee Report

22.1 The Winter Camp was very well received by all.

22.2 Skills camp planned for 27/4 at the Leeds International Pool, Fred Kirby is booked as Coach.

22.3 The next meeting of the Swimming Committee is 17/4.

22.1.1 Championships Secretary's Report

22.1.2 Junior/Senior Champs at Leeds number were down, mainly due to illness.

22.1.3 Age Groups at Leeds were a success.

22.1.4 Sheffield gala's taking place in next couple of weeks.

22.1.5 Licensing of Officials – to be discussed at the next Swimming Committee meeting.

22.2 Open Water Report

No report.

23 Synchronised Swimming Committee Report

Report as written, with the following amendments,

- Para 1, Skill Level 1 & 2 all the **other** entries failed.

Out of the 36 entrants only 5 passed.

Questions were raised from the Executive. Tuition issues need addressing, to match the new skill levels. A full review of the examination syllabuses has taken place leaving gaps in some of the L1 Teachers core knowledge. The new L1 and L2 courses are ready to be rolled out – The Association needs to source a tutor to run these courses. Colin Huffen recommended to become involved.

24 Water Polo Committee Report

Report as written.

24.1 U17's championships – Sheffield did not attend the match, Huddersfield were then deemed to have won but hadn't played a match! Sheffield have been censured and a letter is going out.

25 Welfare Officer Report

No report.

26 Disability Coordinator Report

Stuart Walker gave a verbal report.

Alan Day ran a successful National Disability Officials course in Leeds, with some Yorkshire officials in attendance.

Stuart Walker is attending the IPC Officials Training course in May – however there have been difficulties encountered to date, with accessing some of the course materials from Australia.

27 Volunteer Club Liaison/ Liaison Secretary's Report

Terry gave details of a report detailing specific information about participation – this report to be sent out with the minutes.

RDO's are moving forward to CSP – need more co-operation and interaction with the Association.

28 Webmaster Report

Terry needs the member's cooperation to help inform him of any relevant updates or new articles, necessary for the website.

The website is becoming a historical library of the Association – is that what is wanted? The Executive approved the website be used as an archive for the Association.

29 Trophy Controller Report

No report.

30 Development

30.1 R.D.O. Report

30.1.1 Harrogate has renewed their Swim 21 status.

30.1.2 All aquatic disciplines come under the one Swim 21 banner.

30.1.3 Nicola Pollard and Dave Legg, newly joined the ASA North East Region teams, Nicola as Everyday Swim Co-ordinator in Kirklees and Dave as Regional Talent Development Coach.

30.2 Coaches Conference

30.2.1 Need to start formalising especially now Colin Huffen is in post.

30.2.2 Swimming Committee will discuss at next meeting on 17/4

30.2.3 Decision needs to be made on whether Yorkshire or North East Region will run the conference.

30.2.4 Facilities are all booked.

30.2.5 Barry Saunders proposed that he will talk/liaise with the North East office, and a decision will be made by 17/4, the Executive agreed this proposal.

31 ASA North East Region Board of Management Meetings

It was noted that Minutes Meetings held since July 2006 were not available from their web site. Honorary Secretary to write to the Regional Director complaining over the non-availability of the minutes.

31.1 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th February.

Key points from the minutes are:-

- Regional strategy is now at the printers
- Club constitutions – clubs need to supply their constitutions to the North East office as per instruction from the A.S.A.
- Focus group

31.2 Rules Review Panel

Linked to previous item as club constitutions have to contain certain core items. Grant Aid and other financial concessions will be withheld from clubs whose constitutions had not been submitted to the North East.

David asked for volunteers who can be trained to assist with this huge task. 2 volunteers have come forward to date.

Alan Day volunteered at the meeting and post meeting Wendy Emmerson expressed an interest.

32 **A.S.A. Board Meetings**

32.1 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th February are available from their web site at www.britishswimming.org

Key points are:-

- Cheesestrings sponsorship – no T-shirts this year
- There has been a change to the A.S.A. Law regarding the Minimum Age of Competition for Racing, which now reads:
- For **EACH** category the age specified shall be the age of the swimmer at midnight on the day of the event or the final day of a series of events forming part of one competition, whichever is the later;
- Events restricted to members of one club; **no minimum age**
- Inter-Club events, limited to not more than eight clubs, which do not form part of a series of events, as in a league; **8 years**
- Open events, other than Regional and National Competitions: **9 years**
- Relay events in Regional Competitions; **9 years**
- Individual events in Regional Competitions; **10 years**
- Relay events in National Competitions; **10 years**
- Individual events in National Competitions; **11 years**

Clubs, Leagues and Associations must adhere to the above.

33 **Sports Aid Report**

No report.

It was noted that there had been difficulties this year, these are/have been addressed.

34 **Association Dinner**

Booked at the Sheffield Wednesday Football Club ground on the Friday 9th November 2007. The cost will be £25 per person. Menus and information handed out.

35 **Any other relevant business**

None.

36 **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 5th June at the John Charles Centre for Sport, South Leeds Stadium at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.53 p.m.