

# Yorkshire Swimming Association

## Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at the John Charles Centre for Sport, South Leeds Stadium on Wednesday 15th November 2006 at 7.15 p.m.

### **Present:**

**President/Honorary Championships Secretary:** Mr. D. Dickenson.

**Chairman:** Mr. D. Lee.

**Past President/Honorary Secretary:** Mr. D. Alexander.

**Honorary Treasurer:** Mr. M. G. Hill

**Honorary Masters Committee Secretary:** Mrs. A. C. McCabe.

**Honorary Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary:** Mr. W. A. Cooper.

**Honorary Water Polo Committee Secretary:** Mr. A. Butler.

**Executive:** Mr. P. Boyd, Mr. W. Crawford, Mrs. W. Emmerson, Mr. J. Hickey, Mr. S. Johnson, Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R.R. Muir-Cochrane, Mr. H. Rudd, and Mr. T. J. Wilkinson.

**In Attendance:** Ms L. O'Leary (A.S.A. Regional Development Officer).

Members stood in silent memory of Mrs. Mollie Spencer, 1978 President who had passed away recently.

Before the meeting began, the Chairman, introduced Craig Nicholson, A.S.A. Regional Development Officer for the counties of Durham and Northumberland. Craig is assisting Laura O'Leary with her work with the CSP's.

### 85. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from: Mr. L. S. Beatty, Mr. K. Brocklesby, Mr. A. Donlan, Mr. S. Greetham, Mr. D. Johnstone, Mrs. S. Prasad, Mr. B. J. Saunders and Mr. A. S. Walker.

### 86. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September 2006 were approved as a true record.

### 87. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### 88. **Hon Secretary's Report**

The Honorary Secretary presented a verbal report and brought to the attention of the meeting the following points:

88.1 Letter from Hull Masters regarding the 1+ medal situation at the ASA North East Region Masters Championships. This had been passed to the Masters Committee.

88.2 Letters from Barnsley S.C regarding the decision not to include Any other Business at the Annual General Meeting. The Honorary Secretary had replied to their first letter and received a reply pointing out that the Chairman had the unlimited authority upon every question of order and shall, for the purpose of such meeting, be the sole interpreter of the Rules of the Association. After a long discussion it was proposed that 'Any other Business' is not an agenda item at the Annual General Meeting, This was passed.

88.3 Spencer Moore, A.S.A. Coach Education Manager. Re: Health & Safety Training for Counties. Workshop report to the ASA Health & Safety Forum that will make recommendations on how this can be delivered to the Counties.

88.4 Coz Tantrum. Re: warm up marshals at Yorkshire Championships and Competitions. Letter passed to the Swimming Committee for discussion.

88.5 Sport Leeds. Request for nominations for Leeds Sports Awards. Members to contact the Honorary Secretary if they have any nominations.

88.6 Focus Group. Interim report from the meeting of the group given by T Wilkinson. Agreed that a paper be prepared and to be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

### 89. **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Hill reported that the 05-06 accounts have been finalized and are ready for distribution. There was a small surplus declared but this was unlikely to be the case with the 06-07 accounts, which due to increased cost would see a deficit.

90. **Masters Committee**

- 90.1 Mrs. McCabe presented her written report. She reminded members that the A.S.A Inter County Masters Competition will take place on the 18/19th November. The Northern round will be held at the Harrogate Hydro on the 19th.
- 90.2 The minutes of the Masters Committee meeting held on the 3rd October were presented and approved.

91. **Swimming Committee**

- 91.1 In the absence of Mr. Saunders, the Honorary Secretary, reported that we had finished 3rd in the A.S.A. Inter County Competition at Sheffield.
- 91.2 The minutes of the Swimming Committee meeting held on the 26th September were presented and approved.
- 91.3 **Championships Report:** Mr. Dickenson reported that the Winter Competition had been a success with a new format that had two sessions on the Saturday instead of the three in past years. This had resulted in a drop in income. Alterations have been made to the published dates for 2 of the 2007 Bagcat Age Group Championships. The sessions on the 4/5th March are moved to 18/19th March and will be held at Sheffield. The session originally on the 18/19th March will now take place on the 25/26th March with no change to the venue. This would result in the 1,500 freestyle event being held at Sheffield with the 2 extra lanes, which should reduce that session time.
- 91.4 **Open Water Report:** In the absence of Mr. Greetham there was no report.

92. **Synchronised Swimming Committee**

Mr. Cooper reported that the 2007 Competitions would be re-structured to confirm with the A.S.A.'s LTAD programme. The Executive agreed with the alterations to the competition conditions. The Executive agreed, in principle and subject to cost, to support a tri-angular competition as held previously. The Treasurer reported that the Competition held at Aireborough would show a loss.

93. **Water Polo Committee**

Mr. Butler reported that the Senior Championship Final had been won by Rotherham who defeated Sheffield. The under 19 Final had been won by Huddersfield who had defeated Leeds. The under 17 Final has yet to take place. Mr. Butler was hoping to increase the number of entries for the 2007 competition. As part of the National Strategy some extra training had taken place for players born 93/94.

94. **Diving Committee**

In the absence of Mr. Johnstone there was no report.

95. **A.S.A. North East Region**

- 95.1 The Board of Management meeting held 16th September. No matters discussed.
- 95.2 The Annual Council Meeting held 16th September. The following points were noted;
  - 95.2.1 Nominees from the County were not successful at National level.
  - 95.2.2 It was agreed that the Presidential Year should be from the September Council meeting until the following meeting in September.
  - 95.2.3 David Alexander was elected as President and will be installed on the 1st January. He offered to cut short his term of office to run until the September 2007 Council meeting and this was accepted.
  - 95.2.4 Noted that the 2007 Annual Council meeting will be held on Saturday 15th September at the Bridge Inn, Walshford, Wetherby.
  - 95.2.5 Mr. Hill was elected as our delegate to the Board of Management for a 3-year period.

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They are available on the North East web site at [www.swimnortheast.org.uk](http://www.swimnortheast.org.uk)

96. **A.S.A. Board Report**  
A.S.A. Board meeting held on the 22nd September. No matters discussed.  
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97. **Awards**  
97.1 Henry Dixon Trophy: No nominations received. It was agreed that in accordance with the criteria the Emergency Committee make a nomination.  
97.2 Vince and Margaret Horner Trophy: The Honorary Secretary reminded members that the closing date for nominations was the 30th November.  
97.3 Adrian Moorhouse Scholarship: The winner will be advised later.
98. **Trophy Controller**  
In the absence of Mr. Day there was no report.
99. **Volunteer/Club Liaison Secretary**  
99.1 Web Site; Mr. Wilkinson asked members to contact him, [www.webmaster@yorkshireswimming.org](mailto:www.webmaster@yorkshireswimming.org) if they found items wrong or missing from the web site.  
99.2 Mr. Wilkinson advised the meeting that a meeting for North Yorkshire clubs is being held at the Harrogate Hydro on the 5th December at 7.30 p.m.  
99.3 Mr. Wilkinson has not received any information from the South Yorkshire SAG. Ms O'Leary gave an update on the present position.  
99.4 Mr. Wilkinson is still working on dates for the seminars.
100. **Welfare Officer**  
Mrs. Emmerson presented a written paper updating welfare issues in the County.
101. **Development Report**  
Laura O'Leary gave a comprehensive report on the development work in the County.
102. **Sports Aid Foundation**  
Mrs. Emmerson presented a written report with an update on grant applications.
103. **Dinner**  
The President reported that the dinner went well although the Minister for Sport had been unable to stay for the dinner. He thanked Mr. Lee who acted as Master of Ceremonies.
104. **2007 Meeting Dates**  
The 2007 Executive meeting dates were confirmed as:  
Saturday 6th January (Statutory Meeting), at Beckett Park after the Annual General Meeting.  
Thursday 15th March, at the John Charles Centre for Sport at the South Leeds Stadium.  
Tuesday 5th June, at the John Charles Centre for Sport at the South Leeds Stadium.  
Tuesday 11th September, at the John Charles Centre for Sports at the South Leeds Stadium.  
Wednesday 14th November, at the John Charles Centre for Sport at the South Leeds Stadium.  
With the exception of the Statutory Meeting all meetings will commence at 7.15 p.m.
105. **2007 Executive**  
The nominations received were distributed and noted.
106. **Rule changes**  
No changes to the Rules/Constitution have been received.
107. **Any other relevant business**  
107.1 Mr. Dickinson added that the Winter Championships had been a success although the income over all would be down. Entry Fees had been increased but there was less income from spectators due to there being one less session and an increase in the expenses paid.
108. **Date of next Meeting**  
The date of the next meeting (Statutory) was confirmed as Saturday 6th January 2007 at Becketts Park Leeds Metropolitan University Campus. Meeting to start 15 minutes after the A.G.M.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37 p.m.