

# Yorkshire Amateur Swimming Association

## Minutes of the Executive Meeting held Barnsley Town Hall on Saturday 7th September 2002 at 10.00 a.m.

### Present:

**President:** Mr. D Lee

**Vice President:** Mr. K H Binns

**Past Presidents:** Mr. J W Weston, Miss D Rose, Dr R R Muir-Cochrane, Miss S Beaver, Mr. L S Beatty, Mrs. G A Rudd, Mr. P Boyd and Mr. J Emerson

**Honorary Secretary:** Mr. D Alexander

**Honorary Assistant Championships Secretary:** Mr. D Parsonson

**Honorary Diving Secretary:** Mr. A Sotheran

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

**Honorary Synchronized Swimming Committee Secretary:** Mr. W Cooper

**Honorary Swimming Committee Secretary:** Mr. B J Saunders

**Honorary Water Polo Committee Secretary:** Mr. J S Bonds

**Executive:** Mr. W Crawford, Mr. A Day, Mr. A Donlan, Mr. N Greenfield, Mr. J Hallis, Mr. S Johnson, Mrs. N Muir-Cochrane, Mr. G Richardson, Mr. H Rudd, Mr. K Simpson, Mr. D Teale, Mr. A S Walker and Mr. T J Wilkinson.

### In Attendance:

**A.S.A. Regional Development Officer:** Ms. S Skipper

**Honorary Minute Secretary:** Mr. D R Fletcher

### Apologies

Mr. G F Alexander, Mr. G Barraclough, Mr A M Clarkson, Mr. D Dickenson, Mr. D Fodden, Mr. S Greetham, Mr. I Greyson, Mr. G Griffin, Mr. M G Hill, Mr. G W Kenyon, Mr W Pickering, Mrs. S Prasad, Mr. R Stead, Mr L D Stubbs, Mr. J B Tiffin, Mr. H Vanson and Mr. H Young,

The President noted that the 'Vince and Margaret Horner Memorial Trophy' was on display at the meeting.

### 40) Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 18 June 2002 were accepted as a true record.

### 41) Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

### 42) Hon Secretary's Report

The Honorary Secretary presented a written report of correspondence he had received and brought the following matters to the meeting's attention.

42.1 **Don Valley Dolphins Swimming Club.** The Secretary advised the Executive that the Club was now fully affiliated to the Association.

42.2 **Ryedale Swimming Club.** The new constitution was unanimously approved.

42.3 **Website.** It was reported that the Association's website was now available with the address <http://www.yorkshireswimming.org> but that information was needed from committee secretaries.. Committee Secretaries were reminded that they are responsible for the content of their pages on the site and for the commissioning and writing of articles. It is not the role of the Web Master to write articles. Mr. Wilkinson is the Web Master

42.4 **A.S.A. Swimming Conference:** Yorkshire A.S.A. can send 3 delegates to the conference but it is on the same day as the North East Masters Championships. The Secretary was asked to approach Mr. Dickenson to attend the conference.

42.5 **A.S.A. Boundary Commission:**

42.5.1 It was noted that, as a member of the Commission, the Minute Secretary could not take part in the discussions but remained in the meeting.

42.5.2 The Secretary gave a brief summary of the draft report the Commission had published and asked the Executive to give their comments to him, which he would forward to the Commission. It was noted that the report recommends that parts of Lincolnshire A.S.A. move into Yorkshire A.S.A and that the Association would need an active policy to ensure the new area was involved in and felt part of Yorkshire A.S.A.

42.6 **New Earswick Swimming Club:** After much discussion the Executive agreed to the Club's request that the installment period to pay their affiliation fees is extended. However, the Executive instructed the Officers to review the position in 2003.



49) **Synchronized Swimming Committee**

The Synchronized Swimming Committee tabled the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2002.

- 49.1 He reported that the Committee has invited 53 swimmers to join the development squad with sessions arranged for 8 September, 22 September and 6 October.
- 49.2 A Routine B examiners course is on 22 September 2002
- 49.3 A judges course is planned for 2003.

50) **Water Polo Committee**

The Water Polo reported that the Senior and the Junior Championships finals are in September and October 2002 but that he is yet to arrange the over 35 years Championship Final.

51) **Dinner Committee**

- 51.1 Miss Rose reported that the next meeting of the Committee is in September 2002. She has received some raffle prizes and asked that the Executive tell her if they intend to take prizes to the Dinner. Ticket sales are going well.
- 51.2 She noted that the Association has still to appoint a President-elect and that this gave the Committee difficulty in arranging which guest would propose the toasts.

52) **Water Polo Referees Association**

Mr. Beatty advised that Executive that he is planning officials courses for the very near future and raised concerns about the new examination procedures. He went on to raise concerns that match organisers were giving little time to appoint officials and the lack of development opportunities for Yorkshire officials on the national stage. Mr. Beatty advised the Committee that he does not have email facility but that he can be contacted by telephone and fax.

53) **Education Officer's Report**

There was no report

54) **Development Report**

Ms. Skipper presented a verbal report.

- 54.1 She highlighted the Club Coaches Conference on 8 September 2002, which was expecting 94 delegates, but was saddened by the lack of attendance at the Club Conference at which only 7 delegates were expected.
- 54.2 She gave notice of the following events
- South Yorkshire Active Sports
  - North Yorkshire Active Sports
  - North Eastern Counties Equity Workshop
- 54.3 Ms Skipper highlighted increased potential to access funds through the regional Sports Council and recommended that the Association is represented at the next meeting.

55) **North Eastern Counties Amateur Swimming Association**

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on 4 July 2002 were circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Donlan also highlighted a number of points.

- 55.1 It was noted that the balance of development grants to volunteers between the two counties had reached expected levels for the first time.
- 55.2 The Board has received the report on the questionnaire about professionalisation of the District and will discuss it in depth at a special meeting in October. Lincoln University has proposed waiving the fee if the report is used as a research project.
- 55.3 The Board will also discuss Equity issues at the special meeting.
- 55.4 The Education Secretary has resigned and, as a result, the Board has considered the need for the post and the Committee. The Board is proposing a change in North Eastern Counties Rules to remove the requirement for the Education Committee and Secretary, which is now permitted by A.S.A. Law. It is suggested that liaison groups are established for Swim 21 clubs and Active Sports Partnerships to enable communication and good practice.
- 55.5 It was noted the officers and committee managers have reached the end of their first 4-year term of office. Members of the Association are encouraged to stand for any post that they are interested in.

56) **Amateur Swimming Association Report**

Mr. Donlan reported that the A.S.A. Committee had spent a great deal of time discussing regionalisation, development and equity. He also reported the Committee's elation over the Commonwealth Games.

57) **Sports Aid Foundation Report**

Applications forms are available from the Secretary and the deadline for submitting them is 29 November 2002. The Secretary is also liaising with Committee Secretaries about possible applications.

58) **Any Other Relevant Business**

58.2 It was noted that Mrs. A Barraclough had died recently and that her funeral is on 10 September.

58.3 Mr. Teale advised the Executive that the Division 3 Schools Championships are on 22 September in Hull with the relay championships in Harrogate on 8 November.

58.4 It was noted that it is "Yorkshire's turn" to elect the Vice President of North Eastern Counties A.S.A.

58.5 There was discussion about the Association's failure to appoint a President-elect. Mr. Donlan suggested that this was partially affected by the potential cost to anybody taking on the role of President and the time it would take up. It was agreed that the Officers would establish a working group to consider these issues.

The meeting closed at 11.11 a.m.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday, 27 November, 2002 at the South Leeds Stadium.