

# Yorkshire Amateur Swimming Association

## Minutes of the Executive Meeting held South Leeds Stadium on Wednesday 27th November 2002 at 7.15 p.m.

### Present:

**President:** Mr. D Lee

**Past Presidents:** Mr. J W Weston, Miss D Rose, Dr. R R Muir-Cochrane, Mr. P Boyd and Mr. J Emerson

**Honorary Secretary:** Mr. D Alexander

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Executive:** Mr. A Donlan, Mr. N Greenfield, Mr. S Johnson, Mrs. N Muir-Cochrane, Mrs. S Prasad, Mr. G Richardson, Mr. H Rudd, Mr. K Simpson, Mr. R Stead, 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. J S Bonds, Miss S Beaver, Mr. K H Binns, Mr. A Day, Mr. D Fodden, Mr. I Greyson, Mr. J Hallis, Mr. G W Kenyon and Mr. H Young

### 59 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 7 September 2002 were accepted as a true record.

### 60 Matters Arising

**Minute 42.3 Website.** Mr. Wilkinson reported that the site is operational but requires more information from the committee secretaries. It has had 63,000 'hits'.

**Minutes 58.5 President's Expenses.** The Executive agreed that the Secretary and Treasurer should submit a written proposal to the March 2003 meeting, which would address the duties of the President and the expenses that the Association would meet.

### 61 Presidential Duties in 2003

62.1 The Secretary reminded the Executive that the Association currently has no President-elect and advised that he has received no nominations for the either that post or President for 2003. The Executive was asked to consider who would carry out the President's duties if the post is not filled.

62.2 It was agreed that Past Presidents would undertake the ceremonial duties and that those Past Presidents that are willing to do so should contact the Secretary. The Secretary will then forward invitations to them.

62.3 It was also agreed that the first agenda item at the Annual General Meeting is the appointment of a chairman who chair the whole meeting. The Executive will elect a chairman who will serve for the full year.

### 62 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.

62.1 **South Holderness S.C.** The new constitution was unanimously approved.

62.2 **Dearne Valley S.C.** The Secretary reported that he had received the revised constitution.

62.3 **Rotherham Metro S.C.** It was agreed unanimously to give Samantha Wilson dispensation from the residential qualification from 1 January 2003.

62.4 **Skipton S.C.** The new constitution was unanimously approved.

62.5 **Cheesestings Offer of Sponsorship** The Executive approved the decision of the officers to decline the offer, which they felt was too small.

62.6 **A.S.A. Training for County Welfare Officers** Danny Parsonson was appointed as the County Welfare Officer and nominated for the training.

62.7 **Rotherham Metro A.S.A.** The new constitution was unanimously approved.

62.8 **Lindsay Clare** An application for financial support to attend G.B. training camps was rejected after it was confirmed that she was not required to pay £2,000 costs herself.

62.9 **Leeds City Council** The plans for the new pool were available at the meeting for members to inspect.

- 62.10 **Federation of Yorkshire Sport** It was agreed that the Association should affiliate to the Federation as full members.
- 62.11 **Wombwell S.C.** An application to defer payment of affiliation fees until January 2003 was agreed.
- 62.12 **Wakefield and Ossett Lifesaving Club** The affiliation of the club was approved subject to the Secretary receiving an acceptable constitution.
- 62.13 **Sport Aid Meet 2003** It was reported that this is now a designated Meet with a revamped programme.
- 62.14 **East Leeds SC** The Secretary withdrew from the discussion of this item. Mrs. Muir-Cochrane had read the club's new constitution and advised that it was in order. The Executive approved it unanimously.
- 62.15 **Harrogate District S.C.** The members of the club withdrew from the discussion of this item. The new constitution was unanimously approved.
- 62.16 **Nominations for Office 2003** The Secretary provided a list of the nominations that he has received. It was noted that there are no nominations for President, President-elect, Solicitor and Diving Secretary. It was agreed to accept nominations for these posts from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. It was also noted that there are 20 nominations for 21 seats on the Executive. The Executive decided not to accept nominations from the floor for this position.
- 63 **Treasurer's Report**  
The Treasurer reported the surplus for the year is over £5,000 and that he is receiving affiliations for the new financial year at a steady rate.
- 64 **Diving Committee**  
There was no report and the Executive expressed concerns that the Committee has not met in 2002 and that the championships have not taken place. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Diving Secretary to raise the Executive's concerns.
- 65 **Masters Committee**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2002 were approved and the Masters Secretary tabled a written report. The County had won the Willmott-Dixon trophy at the Inter-County Championship and a number of the County's swimmers won medals at the A.S.A. national championships and the World Masters Games. The Committee has launched a newsletter and is continuing to promote training sessions in Leeds.
- 66 **Swimming Committee**
- 66.1 The Swimming Secretary apologised for not circulating the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee. He reported that the Committee is considering an age group training camp in 2003 and providing water time at Leeds and Sheffield for those clubs who do not have access to a 50m facility. He also reported that the County was third at the Inter-County Competition.
- 66.2 The Committee's nomination of Julia Preston for the Adrian Moorhouse Scholarship was approved unanimously.
- 66.3 There was no Open Water report.
- 67 **Synchronized Swimming Committee**  
A written report was tabled at the meeting.
- 66.1 The Yorkshire Championships were held at the Aireborough Pool, Guiseley and a Grade B Examiners course was organized in September and October 2002.
- 66.2 There was a long discussion about North Eastern Counties A.S.A Synchronized Swimming in which it was highlighted that there were no meetings of the Committee until November 2002 and no 2002 championships held. It was also highlighted that Yorkshire representatives on the Committee must be more pro-active in future.
- 68 **Water Polo Committee**  
There was no report and it was noted that the senior and junior finals had taken place. It was also noted that the Committee met only once in 2002.
- 69 **Championships Committee**
- 69.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2002 were circulated before the meeting and approved. It was noted that the 2002 qualification times for 10 years olds will become the 2003 qualification times for 9 year olds and that the Winter Competition will become a championship in 2003. The Executive's attention was drawn to clash between the Yorkshire and the British championships in March 2003. However, it was felt that few swimmers would be affected and the date will not change
- 69.2 It was agreed that the Association buy Adobe Acrobat software to facilitate the publications of championships information on the web site.
- 69.3 A report on the Swimming Conference was circulated by the Assistant Championships Secretary and noted by the Executive.

- 70 **Water Polo Referees Association**  
There was no report.
- 71 **Education Officer**  
There was no report. The Executive noted that the North Eastern Counties A.S.A. was proposing to remove the constitutional requirement to appoint an Education Secretary and Education Committee. After careful consideration of the issues the Yorkshire Executive agreed to remove the post of Education Officer. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Education Officer and explain the Executive's decision and the reasons for it. He will also convey the Association's thanks to Mr Stubbs for his work as Education Officer.
- 72 **Regional Development Officer**  
The Regional Development Officer (RDO) tabled her report at the meeting and highlighted the bulletin which she and the Northern Region RDO are publishing, Active Sport and Swim 21. It was agreed that she will give the Executive a presentation on these last two initiatives at its meeting in March 2003.
- 73 **North Eastern Counties A.S.A.**  
Minutes of the meetings since the Yorkshire Executive last met were circulated. The North East Executive's discussions about Synchronized Swimming were noted with some concern. It was also noted that the County might require a Volunteer Co-ordinator.
- 74 **Amateur Swimming Association**  
The Executive was advised that it is likely that the Sunderland and Newcastle pools will be built and that the Crystal Palace will be refurbished. The North Eastern Counties is likely to take part in a pilot initiative on communications funded by Sport England. The Department of Culture, Media and Sport has established a Coaching Task Force. The ASA declined to appoint any of the applicants for Finance Director but has appointed a Commercial Director. It also declined to agree a deficit budget.
- 75 **Henry Dixon Trophy**  
The Secretary tabled a paper about the award of the Trophy. It was agreed that the Secretary would draft a new criteria that will include the requirement for written nominations to the Executive and the selection of the trophy winner by ballot of the Executive.
- 76 **2003 Meetings**  
The dates of meetings were agreed as 11 January, 18 March, 18 June, 18 September and 18 November.
- 77 **Sport Aid Foundation**  
It was noted that the closing date for nominations was 29 November 2002.
- 78 **Any Other Business**
- 78.1
  - 78.2 Mrs Muir-Cochrane proposed a vote of thanks to the President which was approved with acclamation.
  - 78.3 Mr Teale reported that Division 3 did not win many medals at the Schools Championships.
  - 78.4 Miss Rose was thanked with acclamation for her work in organising the Dinner. In her reply, she recorded her thanks to all who had helped her.
  - 78.5 It was noted that the closing date for the Vince and Margaret Horner Trophy is 30 November 2002.
  - 78.6 The Secretary was congratulated on his first year in office.