

Yorkshire Swimming Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held South Leeds Stadium on Wednesday 16th November 2005 at 7.15 p.m.

Present:

President/Honorary Secretary: Mr. D. Alexander.

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

Chairman: Mr. D. Lee.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. M. G. Hill

Honorary Diving Committee Secretary: Mr. D. Johnstone.

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

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

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

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

Co-opted Specialist Member: Mr. A. Donlan.

In Attendance: Ms S. Skipper (A.S.A. Regional Development Officer).

94. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from: Mr. L. S. Beatty, Mr. J. S. Bonds, Mr. A. Day, Mrs. S Prasad and Mr. A. S. Walker.

95. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22ND September 2005 were approved as a true record.

96. **Matters Arising**

- 96.1 Min 76: Min 62.2 from June meeting, The ASA North East Region inaugural meeting decided that their presidential year would be a calendar year.
- 96.2 Min 78.3: Honorary Secretary still not sure that we have the correct wording for the record criteria.
- 96.3 Min 82: The Honorary Secretary requested members to consider the position of Welfare Officer and asked that any nominations for the position be sent to him.
- 96.4 Min 86.2: The working group had met and prepared a draft Development Plan which will need further consideration when the ASA North East Region produce their Plan. The Executive approved the proposal that, if required, the working group can allocate members to action items in the plan.
- 96.5 Min 86.3: Mr. Lee was unhappy at the level of support given to him at the inaugural meeting of the ASA North East Region. As a result of the change to the original Management Board decision to have the presidential year starting on the 1ST October he was elected as the first President to serve until the 31ST December 2005.

97. **Hon Secretary's Report**

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

- 97.1 A.S.A: Asking to consider having Cheestrings as the sponsor for the County Swimming Championships. It was agreed not to take up this option.
- 97.1.1 Mr. Hill: Gerrard Swimwear announced that they would be increasing their sponsorship for the County Swimming Championships in 2006.
- 97.2 ESSA: Results from the ESSA National Swimming Championships held in Manchester. It was noted that Joseph Sowden, Bradford Schools, had been the winner of the Intermediate Boys Breaststroke in a new record time. Katie Johnson, Doncaster Schools, had been the winner of the Senior Girls Ind. Medley.
- 97.3 Leeds Metropolitan University: Confirmation of the bookings for facilities in connection with the 2006 Coaches Conference on Sunday 10TH September.
- 97.4 City of Sheffield S.S.: Request for financial support towards their Distance Meet. The sum of £250 was agreed.
- 97.5 Club Rules: The Honorary Secretary was concerned at the length of time it takes to review the amendments to Club Rules that he is undertaking on behalf of the ASA North East Region. This is mainly due to there being an up dated version of the A.S.A. draft constitution, which all clubs must follow.

98. **Treasurer's Report**
Mr. Hill reported that the clubs would have noticed that the Association no longer collects their Affiliation Fees on the 1ST January. These will now be collected by the ASA North East Region and are due for payment not later than the **31ST March 2006**. Any club failing to make payment by the due date will be immediately suspended.
This has resulted in the need to transfer funds from the Deposit Account into the Current Account.
99. **Masters Committee**
The minutes of the Meeting held on the 4TH October were presented and approved.
Mrs. McCabe presented a written report and added that the regional round of the A.S.A. Inter County Competition was taking place at Harrogate on Sunday 20TH November and asked if any members were able to officiate.
100. **Swimming Committee**
Matters from the minutes of the meeting held on the 29TH September were discussed and it was noted in Min 2005.28 that the appointed Team Manager for the training camp was not able to attend and had been replaced by Mrs. Ophelia Rix. In minute 2005.24 a letter had been received from Russ Barber, coach to City of Sheffield S.S. requesting that the committee reconsider their decision to end the funding for senior swimmers. It was agreed to wait until the ASA North East Region had dealt with a request from Mr. Barber for similar funding. Mr. Barber had also requested that the committee consider returning the Winter Competition back to a short course set up.
Mr. Saunders reported that the county had finished level on points with Lancashire in the A.S.A. Inter County Competition. Lancashire, however, were declared the winners as the Rules specify that in the event of a tie the winner will be the highest placed team in the final relay event.
Mr. Boyd asked how the team was selected and Mr. Saunders replied that it was selected from the results at the National Age Groups and National Youth Championships.
100.1 Championships Report: Mr. Dickenson reported that the Winter Competition had once again been a success. He added that details of the 2006 Championships were available on the web site and would be sent to clubs shortly.
100.2 Open Water Report: In the absence of Mr. Greetham there was no report.
101. **Synchronised Swimming Committee**
Mr. Cooper presented his written report and had nothing to add.
102. **Water Polo Committee**
In the absence of Mr. Bonds there was no report however the President informed the meeting that the Ladies Final would take place on the 22ND November. No other details were available as he had not been invited to attend.
The Treasurer reported the two clubs had not paid their entry fees to the County Championships. It was agreed that Mr. Hill writes to the clubs requesting payment.
102.1 Water Polo Referee's Association: In the absence of Mr. Beatty there was no report. Mr. Saunders was concerned that the Referee's Association details were included in our handbook and questioned if they were up to date. The Honorary Secretary informed the meeting that a new Committee had recently been installed but he was not sure if their Rules were correct.
103. **Diving Committee**
Mr. Johnstone presented a comprehensive written report and had nothing to add.
The Chairman, as ASA North East President, had attended the recent Diving Championships and was once again pleased with the high standard of diving.
104. **Trophy Controller**
It was reported that the 2006 Championship medals have been ordered. And Mr. Saunders reported that the pennants had also been ordered.
105. **Welfare Officer**
No report. The Honorary Secretary again appealed to members try and identify a suitable person to fill this important position.
106. **Volunteer/Club Liaison Secretary**
Mr. Wilkinson gave a verbal report. It was noted that he had attended, by invitation, an event at St. James's Palace.

107. **Dinner**
Mr. Hill reported that the dinner had taken place on Friday 11TH November at the Headingley Experience and had been an enjoyable evening and one of the best he had attended. The number in attendance was disappointing with very little support from members of the Executive and as a result had incurred a substantial loss. A long discussion took place as to what should be done in future years, as we would be unable to sustain similar losses. It was agreed to hold the dinner in 2006 as Mr. Dickenson had already made some enquiries as to a venue and to review the situation afterwards.
108. **North Eastern Counties A.S.A.**
Mr. Alexander gave a verbal report from the meeting held on the 1ST October that wound up the Association. It was noted that the three perpetual trophies would pass to the ASA North East Region and adopt the same criteria.
109. **A.S.A. North East Region**
109.1 From the Inaugural meeting the following points were noted;
109.1.1 Mr. A. Donlan was elected as chairman for the meeting.
109.1.2 The Presidential year would start on the 1ST January and it was agreed that Mr. D. Lee be installed as President until the 31ST December.
109.1.3 Mr. D. Alexander was elected as Vice-President.
109.1.4 Mr. D. Dickenson and Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane were elected to the Management Board with Mr. S. Greetham being unsuccessful.
109.1.5 The Association will be represented on the Board by Mr. M.G. Hill, Mr. B.J. Saunders and Mr. D. Alexander.
109.1.6 Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane and Mr. D. Alexander were elected as delegates to the A.S.A. Council Meeting. Mr. J. Hickey, Dr. R.R. Muir-Cochrane and Mr. S. Greetham being unsuccessful.
- Members should note that the Honorary Secretary would no longer distribute any minutes from ASA North East Region meetings, as they will not be supplied to him. They are available on the North East web site at
110. **A.S.A. Committee Report**
No report.
111. **Awards**
111.1 Henry Dixon Trophy: Members approved the Emergency Committee nomination of Tandi Indergaard, City of Leeds Diving, as the winner. The Honorary Secretary to arrange with the recipient a suitable time and venue for the presentation.
111.2 Vince and Margaret Horner Trophy: The Honorary Secretary reminded members that the closing date for nominations was the 30TH November. Two worthy nominations have been received to date.
111.3 Adrian Moorhouse Scholarship: Members approved the nomination, by the Swimming Committee, of Max Partridge, City of Sheffield S.S.
112. **2006 Meeting Dates**
The 2006 Executive meeting dates were confirmed as:
Saturday 7TH January (Statutory Meeting), at Beckett Park after the Annual General Meeting.
Tuesday 14TH March, at South Leeds Stadium. 7.15 p.m.
Wednesday 14TH June, at South Leeds Stadium. 7.15 p.m.
Thursday 21ST September, at South Leeds Stadium. 7.15 p.m.
Wednesday 15TH November, at South Leeds Stadium. 7.15 p.m.
113. **Development Report**
Sally Skipper gave a comprehensive report on the development work in the County.
114. **Sports Aid Foundation**
Mrs. Emmerson gave a verbal report and asked Committee Secretaries to give her the details of swimmers who meet the criteria in order that she can submit their applications.
115. **2006 Executive**
The nominations received were distributed and noted.

116. **Rule changes**

A paper showing the changes to Rules that had been received was distributed to members for information.

117. **Emergency Committee**

The meeting approved the decision of the Emergency Committee to allow the Honorary Secretary to grant an extension of 14 days to the new clubs from the North and North East Lincolnshire area to submit nominations for the Executive positions as he had only recently received notification of which clubs had been allocated to the County. This was approved.

118. **Any other relevant business**

118.1 Dr. Muir-Cochrane asked if there was to be a change to the date of the Annual General Meeting. It was agreed to remain with the early January date, subject to Rule amendment, and to monitor the situation of the ASA North East Region and the A.S.A. who will be holding their meeting in September/October.

118.2 It was agreed that Mr. D Dickenson, Mr. M.G. Hill, Mr. D. Alexander Miss D. Rose and Mrs. M Dickenson form a Dinner Committee.

107. **Date of next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting (Statutory) was confirmed as Saturday 7th January 2006 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 8.50 p.m.