

Yorkshire Amateur Swimming Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at the South Leeds Stadium on Thursday 18th September 2003 at 7.15 p.m.

Present:

President: Mr. L S Beatty

Past Presidents: Mr. J W Weston, Miss. D Rose, Mr H. Young, Mr. P Boyd, Mr. J Emerson
and Mr. D Lee

Honorary Secretary: Mr. D Alexander

Honorary Championships Secretary: Mr. D Dickenson

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. M G Hill

Honorary Diving Secretary: Mr. D Johnstone

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

Honorary Medical Officer: Mr. D Fodden

Executive: Mr. R Barber, Mr. W Crawford, Mr. A Day, Mr. A Donlan, Mrs. W Emmerson, Mr. N Greenfield,
Mr. J Hallis, Mr. J Hickey, Mr. S Johnson, Mrs. S Prasad, Mr R. Stead, Mr. D Teale, Mr. A S Walker,
Mr. T J Wilkinson and co-opted member, Mr. H Rudd.

56. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from; Mr. G F Alexander, Mr. S Greetham, Mr. G W Kenyon,
Mrs. N Muir-Cochrane, Dr R Muir-Cochrane, Mr. D Parsonson, Mrs. G Rudd, Mr. K Simpson
and Mr. J B Tiffin.

57. Minute Secretary

Following the resignation of the Minutes Secretary, Mrs. McCabe agreed to take the minutes of the
meeting.

58. Diving Committee

Mr. D Johnstone was elected as Diving Committee Secretary. The President welcomed Mr. Johnstone to
the meeting and hoped that he would enjoy his time with the Association.

59. Minutes

With the addition of Mr J. Hickey and Mrs. G Rudd to those present the minutes of the meeting on 18 June
2003 were accepted as a true record.

60. Matters Arising

40.3 Mr Donlan and Mrs Emmerson volunteered to work with the North Yorkshire Active Sports
Partnership.

61. Hon Secretary's Report

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

61.1 The amended Rules for Scarborough and Selby Tiger Sharks were approved. The amended Rules
for New Earswick had recently been received and the meeting agreed that the Honorary Secretary
approve them if they are in order.

61.2 Exemption from the Residential Qualification received from Rebecca Hamilton and Michael
McCann, both City of Sheffield S.S. members. These were approved. Mr. Barber withdrew an
application in respect of Christian Johnson.

61.3 It was agreed that the Make-a-wish Foundation be given a copy of the affiliated clubs data.

61.4 Letter of resignation from David Fletcher, Minute Secretary. The President thanked Mr. Fletcher for
his work during his short time as Minute Secretary.

61.5 Letter from Adam Scholefield seeking financial support for his commitments to the G.B. Water Polo
Teams. The Executive was unable to offer any support. They did however agree to make a
contribution of £50 to his sponsored swim. The Honorary Secretary added a further £5 to this and
requested other Executive members consider giving a donation.

61.6 E-mails from Bernice Cowton, Francis Leighton and Larissa Davies seeking financial support in
respect of their commitments to the G.B. Women's Team that competed at the World
Championships in Barcelona. The Executive was unable to offer any support.

61.7 Elland S.C. The Honorary Secretary gave an update on the position regarding their 2003 Affiliation.
A payment had been received in response to an affiliation form being sent to them. They asked the
Executive to consider not implementing the late payment penalty of £80 imposed. After much
discussion it was agreed not to implement the penalty of £80. The Executive did however feel that
due to the late payment that a penalty of £30 is imposed and that the club cannot affiliate until it is
paid. **POST MEETING:** The club have now paid and are once again Affiliated.

- 61.8 Letter of resignation received from Bradford Water Polo Club.
61.9 Letter from Harrogate District S.C. requesting financial support for their Distance Meet.
The Executive agreed that £250 be awarded. Mr. Saunders and Mr. Wilkinson abstained from voting.

62. **Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Hill reported that there should be a small surplus on the year. Expenses have been greater than usual as equipment was updated and more was spent on development.

The Treasurer proposed that from January 2004 the Association offer Honorariums to bring us into line with district.

It was agreed that the following amounts be offered; Honorary Secretary £500, Honorary Championships Committee Secretary £250, Honorary Treasurer £100, Diving, Masters, Swimming, Synchronised Swimming and Water Polo Committee Secretaries £25, Water Polo Referees Association Secretary £25 and Trophy Controller £25.

63. **Rules Group**

Mr. Wilkinson presented the final draft of the new rules and gave an explanation on some changes made since the June draft. The main alteration was that the Executive would appoint a Championships Secretary at their June meeting each year and he/she would forthwith become a member of the Executive.

The Rule regarding the rights of Past Presidents to attend Executive meetings was discussed at length and it was proposed to amend they proposed new rule regarding this be omitted. This was agreed on a majority vote.

It was agreed to set aside the present rules regarding the 2004 A.G.M. nominations.

The Honorary Secretary reminded members that the Special General Meeting would take place on Saturday 18th October starting at 10.30 a.m.

The President thanked Mr. Wilkinson for his presentation and the group for their work.

64. **Championships Committee**

Mr. Dickenson reported that only the Winter Competition was left. He was pleased that a small number of entries had been received from Grimsby Santa Marina who hoped to join the Association in 2004.

The Honorary Treasurer offered his thanks to Mr. Dickenson and his team for their hard work during the 2003 Championships.

The Championships Secretary reported that the dates for the 2004 Championships are

- Senior/Junior Championships 28-29th February at Leeds International Pool
- Age Group Championships 6-7th March at Leeds International Pool
20-21st March at Leeds International Pool
- Teams Championships 3rd April at Ponds Forge Pool, Sheffield
- Sports Aid Gala 4th April at Ponds Forge Pool, Sheffield
- Winter Competition 8 – 9th May at Leeds International Pool
9-10th October at Ponds Forge Pool, Sheffield

65. **Diving Committee**

Mr. Alexander reported that the divers from the county had enjoyed a successful Age Group Championships with Matthew Cowan (City of Bradford Esprit) and Claire Blencowe (City of Sheffield Diving) both winning three gold medals.

Mr. Day asked if all the Diving Championships for 2003 had been held. The only Championships left are for the Men's and Ladies Highboard and it was difficult to find a date at the Leeds International Pool for these.

66. **Masters Committee**

The written reported from Mrs. McCabe was noted.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June were presented and approved.

It was noted that the 2004 Masters Championships would be held at Scarborough Pool on Saturday 15th May.

67. **Swimming Committee**

The Swimming Secretary gave a verbal report in which he noted that

67.1 The next meeting of the Committee would take place later in September

67.2 Selection for the Inter-County Competition was again proving difficult due to a clash with a World Class Performance Camp but it was not as bad as last year.

67.3 In the absence of the Open Water Secretary, the Honorary Secretary reported that in the A.S.A. Age Group Championships, Stephanie Clegg (Halifax) was the only individual medal winner from the county.

68. Synchronized Swimming Committee

Mr. Cooper reported that Lindsey Claire was still competing. This was in answer to a question regarding a Sports Aid grant.

He also added that he had been in contact with the Grimsby Synchro club.

For the Championships at Aireborough on the 15th November the North Eastern Counties President had been invited and Mr. Cooper extended that invitation to all Executive members who should contact him for the timings.

69. Water Polo Committee

Mr. Bonds reported that the Senior Final is between Rotherham and City of Sheffield and would take place at the McAlpine Pool, Huddersfield on the 7th October. The Junior Final is between Rotherham and either Doncaster or Leeds who have to replay their semi-final. The date to be decided later.

70. Development Report

Mrs. McCabe reported that the Coaches Conference had once again been a huge success with over a hundred coaches in attendance. Mrs. McCabe was thanked for her work in organizing the conference. It was proposed to follow a similar format for 2004.

It was noted that Sally Skipper had a son, Rory Alexander William on the 4th August and was doing well, even attending the Coaches Conference for a short time.

A written report from Mr. Rudd gave details of the Humber Active Sports Partnership. He was very concerned that the majority of the funding would be taken up with the staff costs.

71. North Eastern Counties Amateur Swimming Association

71.1 Minutes of the Management Board held on the 16th July had been distributed to members.

71.2 Noted that the next meeting of the Management Board had been put back to the 24th September.

71.3 Mr. Saunders gave a verbal report on the joint North Eastern Counties/Yorkshire A.S.A. meeting held with the clubs from North and North Eats Lincolnshire. The Honorary Secretary advised the Executive that these clubs would be invited to the Special General Meeting and it was hoped to speak to them after that meeting.

72. Amateur Swimming Association Report

It was noted that the A.S.A. Committee had met on the 5th September and that Mr. Hill had been awarded the Harold Fern Award. The President offered the congratulations of the Executive to Mr. Hill on what was a well deserved award. Mr. Hill replied thanking members for their help to him.

73. Sports Aid Foundation Report

Applications forms are available from the Secretary and the deadline for submitting them is 21st November. Forms had been sent to all those swimmers etc who met the strict criteria.

It was noted that the date for the 2004 Sports Aid Gala is confirmed as 8-9th May at the Leeds International Pool.

74. Dinner Report

Mr. Hickey reminded members that tickets could be obtained from him.

The President thanked those members who had donated prizes for the tombola and reminded other members that he would be only too please to receive more prizes.

75. Water Polo Referee's Association Report

Mr. Beatty reported that there is still a severe shortage of referee's, which put pressure on the small number of existing referees.

76. Any Other Relevant Business

76.1 Mr. Teale gave details of the forthcoming ESSA Division 3 Individual Swimming Championships taking place at Hull.

76.2 Mr. Emerson requested that when members book the City of Leeds clubroom they should contact Ms Pat Rycroft in order to avoid a clash of meetings.

76.3 Mr. Stead was concerned at the large increase in the membership fees, particularly for volunteer members and could see some of the smaller clubs folding.

76.4 On the same point, Mr. Donlan pointed out that all club members would be required to complete a membership form.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 9.08 p.m.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as: being held at the South Leeds Stadium on Tuesday, 18th November 2002 starting at 7.15 p.m.