

Yorkshire Swimming Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at The John Charles Centre for Sport on Tuesday 5th June 2007 at 7.15 p.m.

Present:

Honorary Secretary: Mr. D Alexander.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. M G Hill.

Honorary Masters Committee Secretary: Mrs. C McCabe.

Honorary Swimming Committee Secretary: Mr. B J Saunders.

Honorary Championships Secretary: Mr. D Dickenson.

President Elect: Mr. J Hickey.

Honorary Club Liaison/Volunteer Liaison Secretary: Mr. T J Wilkinson.

Executive: Mr. P Boyd, Mr. M Burgin, Mr. A Donlan, Mrs. W Emmerson, Mr. S Johnson, Mrs. N Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R Muir-Cochrane and Mr. A S Walker.

In attendance: **ASA RDO:** Ms L O'Leary.

In the absence of the Chairman it was proposed, and agreed, that Dr Muir-Cochrane chair the meeting.

37 Apologies

Mr. A Butler, Mr. W Cooper, Mr. W Crawford, Mr. A Day, Mr. D Johnstone, Mr. D Lee, Mrs. S Prasad, Mrs. J Preston and Mr H Rudd.

38 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th March 2007

The minutes were approved.

39 Matters Arising

Min 17.2 The Honorary Secretary to check the recently published A.S.A. Policy. The Executive agreed that the Honorary Secretary write to DE Photography to advise that, at present, no Photography Company be allowed to take photographs at the Yorkshire Championships.

Min 22.1.5 The matter of Licensed Officials was not discussed at the Swimming Committee as agreed. The Honorary Secretary apologised for this.

Min 23 Mr Cooper had produced a paper to Committee members which, hopefully, would explain the situation.

Min 31 The Regional Director of the ASA North East Region was dealing with the matter regarding their web site.

Min 31.1 Club Constitutions. There are still a large number of clubs who have failed, despite numerous requests, to supply the North East office with a copy of their Constitution/Rules.

Min 31.2 Rules review. An additional 3 members are now able to carry out this work.

Min 34 2007 Dinner. No progress. The room has not, as yet, been booked.

40 Correspondence/ Honorary Secretary's Report

Mr. Alexander reported on relevant correspondence he had received

40.1 Letter from the A.S.A. Swimming Officials Administrator re Licensed Officials.

'There is no requirement for any competition below A.S.A./British Swimming level to use only swimming officials that are licensed'. Organisations are encouraged to recognise the value of appointing Licensed Officials where possible.

40.2 The Emergency Committee proposed that the Association support a table at the 'End of an Era' dinner organised by the City of Leeds Swimming Club in recognition of the help given by the club during our championships at the Leeds International Pool. This was agreed.

40.3 Letter from the office of the A.S.A. Judicial Administrator. The Honorary Secretary pointed out that it was suggested that the President had abused the stature of his office as President. This was not proven. It should be noted that members who hold 'High Office' must do so with the dignity and restraint that the Association expects of them.

40.4 Sport England. Ms O'Leary gave details of the funding for Club and Coach and Capacity Funding. There had been some significant funding given to both the Region and the County.

40.5 A.S.A. invite to compete in the A.S.A. National County Team Championship on Sunday 21st October. Passed to Mr. Saunders, Swimming Committee Secretary.

40.6 e-mail from Mr. Hill informing that Mr. R Briggs had resigned from the Executive and the Swimming Committee.

40.7 Annual General Meeting. Contract signed for room hire. It was agreed that, if possible, the tea/coffee be served downstairs in the Jubilee Room. This could also be used for delegates to register.

- 40.8 Coaches Conference. Contract for the various facilities. Passed to Mr. Saunders, Swimming Committee Secretary.
- 40.9 ESSA Division 3 results.
Noted that the Girls' Grammar School, Bradford were winners of the ESSA Synchronised Swimming Team Championships.
Amy Spencer had been selected to represent the English Schools at the WISE International Championships.
Details given of the qualifiers for the ESSA Primary Schools Championships at Ponds Forge in June.
- 40.10 Request from Harrogate District S.C. for financial assistance towards their Distance Meet. It was agreed that the sum of £250 be given.
- 40.11 Letter from the City of Leeds Diving Club re the Henry Dixon Trophy. Following a discussion the Honorary Secretary proposed that should there be no nominations he would seek advice from the Technical Sub-Committee secretaries.

41. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hill reported that nothing much had changed since the last meeting and a loss on the year was likely.

- 41.1 Mr. Hill proposed that, subject to agreement at the Annual General Meeting, there would be no increase in the Affiliation Fee or the per capita Fee for 2008 and 2009.

42 Focus Group Report

The final proposals from the group had been distributed to members. Mr. Wilkinson outlined the more important items.

Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed that the Association proceed with the change to a Management Board. This was agreed.

43 Swimming Committee Report

- 43.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th April were not available.

Mr. Saunders gave a verbal report from the meeting

- 43.1.1 It was agreed that disability swimmers are included in the Championships provided they meet the entry criteria.

- 43.1.2 It was agreed that a contact number, for then pool, be published when we are holding our Championships/Competitions.

- 43.1.3 A review of the points system for the Club Trophies was needed.

43.2 Championship Secretary Report

Mr. Dickenson reported that all the Championships had been completed.

- 43.2.1 It was noted that there had been some problems with presentations and that procedure be published.

- 43.2.2 It was hoped to have the 2008 dates available shortly.

43.3 Open Water Report

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

- 43.3 Mr. Dickenson was elected as the Championship Secretary.

44 Synchronised Swimming Committee Report

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

45 Water Polo Committee Report

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

Mr. Alexander advice the members that the draws had taken place for the various 2007 Championships.

46 Diving Committee Report

Mr. Johnstone was unable to attend but had sent a verbal report. It was noted that Rebecca Burrows had been appointed as the A.S.A. Diving Development Officer for an area that included the North East Region.

Results of Diving Competitions are available on the following web site: www.mdt.me.uk.

47 Masters Committee Report

A written report was available to members at the meeting.

Mrs. McCabe added that the Masters Championships had taken place with entries slightly up on 2006.

It was noted that the President was not in attendance at the Championships.

The date for the 2008 Championships was confirmed as Saturday 10th May at Scarborough.

The next long course training session will take place on Sunday 10th June at Leeds International Pool.

A club cluster training session is due to take place on Sunday 24th June at Huddersfield with a session planned at Scarborough.

Mr. Alexander was looking at the points system used for the Pickering Trophies to see if any amendments were required.

48 Disability Co-Coordinator Report

Mr. Walker gave details of MENCAP events that were taking place at Dearne Valley and Ponds Forge.

49 Welfare Officer Report

Mrs. Emmerson had nothing to report.

50 Volunteer Club Liaison Report

Mr. Wilkinson had nothing to report.

51 Trophy Controller Report

Mr. Day had submitted a comprehensive written report.

The Honorary Secretary to write to those who had donated trophies during the year.

52 ASA Board Report

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th April.

53 ASA North East Region Report

The following notes from the meeting held on the 15th May were noted;

53.1 The Finance meeting had recommended that a minimum Affiliation/per capita charge of £50 be introduced.

53.2 The per capita charge to rise to £2.50 in 2008, £2.75 in 2009 and £3.00 in 2010.

53.3 An N & D club had made an informal application to affiliate to Yorkshire Swimming Association. This was approved subject to a formal request being received.

53.4 Revised Club Constitutions had been received from 14 clubs. The Honorary Secretary to, once again, remind clubs that they are required, by the A.S.A., to forward their Constitutions to the North East Regional office.

53.5 The matter of the minutes not being available on the web site was in hand.

53.6 The North East Region would fund the training of 2 members as IPC Officials in 2008 provided that 2 would be funded from the A.S.A. regional grant in 2007.

53.7 The election of our representative to the Board was deferred until the September meeting.

53.8 Mr. Hill and Mrs. Muir-Cochrane were elected to represent the Association at the Annual Council meeting.

54 RDO Report

Ms. O'Leary had submitted a written report.

It was noted that Colin Huffen would be leaving his post as Regional Education Officer. He was not being replaced with Fiorna Cairns-Smith carrying out these duties.

Ros Brett, former Kingston upon Hull swimmer, had been appointed as the A.S.A. North East Region Business Manager.

55 Sports Aid Report

Mrs. Emmerson reported that all applications from swimmers had been accepted.

56 2007 Dinner

Mr. Hickey reported that the President was looking for suitable hotel accommodation near to the venue. He asked members to forward any prizes for the raffle to him.

57 Any Other Business

57.1 Mr. Saunders reported that the Coaches Conference would be run as a Yorkshire Swimming Association event but little progress had been made in the organisation of the event.

58 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Tuesday 11th September 2007**, at the John Charles Centre for Sport at 7.15 p.m.

Members wishing to visit the New Aquatic Centre are invited to meet in the Reception area of the main Stadium at 6.15 p.m. Further details will be given with the agenda for the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.51 p.m.

The Honorary Secretary asked that thanks be recorded to Dr Muir-Cochrane for chairing the meeting.