

Yorkshire Swimming Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at South Leeds Stadium on Tuesday 12th September 2006 at 7.15 p.m.

Present:

Honorary Secretary: Mr. D. Alexander.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. M. G. Hill.

Chairman: Mr. D. Lee.

Honorary Diving Committee Secretary: Mr. D. Johnstone.

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

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

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

Executive: Mr. P. Boyd, Mr. W. Crawford, Mr. A. Donlan, Mrs. W. Emmerson, Mr. S. Greetham, Mr. J. Hickey, Mr. S. Johnson, Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R. Muir-Cochrane, Mrs. S. Prasad and Mr. A. S. Walker.

ASA RDO: Ms Sally Skipper & Ms Laura O'Leary.

Co-opted member: Mr. K. Brocklesby.

60 Apologies

Mr. A. Day, Mr. H. Rudd and Mr. B. J. Saunders.

The Chairman welcomed Ms Laura O'Leary to the meeting, Laura is the new RDO for Yorkshire & Humberside

61 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th June 2006

The minutes were approved, with the following amendments.

Min 39 - Alteration to wording

Min 41.5 & 44.2- Change date to 1 Oct 2006

62 Matters Arising

Min 39. – still no contact from S Yorkshire SAG.

Min 56.2.5 – Presidential protocol accepted

Min 41.5 - 40p mileage rate agreed by Executive with effect from 1 Oct 2006.

63 Correspondence/ Honorary Secretary's Report

63.1 **Health & Safety Training** – Terry Wilkinson is willing to arrange this on behalf of the County – Executive agreed with thanks.

63.2 **Proposed changes to the County Constitution** – Terry Wilkinson raised a number of points and gave an extensive explanation of his concerns on them.

It was proposed that a focus group be set up to consider these draft rules, with a timetable for reporting back to the November meeting of the Executive. Executive agreed this decision.

The group to consist of – Terry Wilkinson, David Alexander, Malcolm Hill, Wendy Emmerson and Don Lee.

63.3 **Judicial Information** – An article from the recent Wavelength was distributed to members for information as a reminder that clubs must adhere to their Rules.

63.4 **Cheestrings Sponsorship** – Cheestrings want to be lead title for the event, we need to know what amount of sponsorship is being offered before making a decision. It was noted that PAW Swimwear have sponsored our championships successfully for over 20 years, but are willing to stand aside should the Cheestrings deal work out. David to write to the A.S.A. and ask for definite figures for the sponsorship.

63.5 **Yorkshire Sports Awards** – Unsung hero awards – any nominations to David please.

63.6 **Letter from David Sparkes**, in reply to a letter sent by the Honorary Secretary, giving an explanation as to why Local Associations are no longer allowed a delegate at the Region Annual Council Meeting.

64 Honorary Treasurer's Report

- 64.1 **Championship and door entry fees** increased slightly, in preparation to Leeds pool and the increased charges the new pool will levy.
- 64.2 **Sheffield International Venues** have amended their charging policy and now want pool hire paying up front of competitions, this has affected the cash flow.
- 64.3 **Annual overseas camp for swimmers** – paymts are being made earlier this year.
- 64.4 **All these have impacted on the Income & Expenditure**, but we still will show a surplus this year.

65 ASA North East Region Annual Council Meeting

- 65.1 The Honorary Secretary advised the meeting that at the present time only 9 clubs had given the name of their delegate.
- 65.2 Members attending the meeting were asked to support the nomination of Sam Greetham, who was seeking election to the Board of Management.
- 65.3 Due to a change of rule local associations were no longer allowed a delegate.
- 65.4 The Income & Expenditure accounts show a £66K surplus.

66 Swimming Committee Report

No report.

67 Championship Secretary Report

No report.

68 Open Water Report

Several County swimmers did well at the A.S.A. National Age Group Championships. In the Inter County Championship we were the winners.

69 Synchronised Swimming Committee Report

Report distributed, as written.

70 Water Polo Committee Report

No report.

71 Diving Committee Report

Written report as distributed.

- 71.1 It was noted that the present International Team, including divers from the county, were young and they are fast gaining experience.

72 Masters Committee Report

- 72.1 The Honorary Secretary apologised for not having the written Report available. He will ensure that it is distributed shortly, along with the results from British Masters Championship held in Manchester.
- 72.2 The next Committee meeting is to be held on the 3rd October.
- 72.3 Forthcoming Masters events were the North East, at Scarborough and the A.S.A at Sheffield.
- 72.4 World Masters at San Francisco – Stuart Walker Officiated and Lynne Dawson Chapelton SC competed.

73 Disability Co-Ordinator Report

- 73.1 Meeting set for July at DSE meet in Sheffield.
- 73.2 Some progress being made, but still feeling our feet.
- 73.3 County Disability Officer – Stuart in post but more Officers needed, ideally one per smaller patch South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, Humberside etc).

74 Trophy Controller Report

No report.

75 Welfare Officer Report

Meeting planned with West Yorkshire police – will feedback at next Executive meeting.

76 Volunteer Club Liaison Report

- 76.1 Health & Safety seminar planned.
- 76.2 Funding for clubs seminar in pipeline.

77 Development

Coaches Conference – report as written. The following points were noted;

- 77.1 Good turnout 80 coaches attended.
- 77.2 Pool session was very good, lots of L2 Teachers attended.
- 77.3 Open Forum, the questions dried up, e-mail handouts prior to event a possibility next year.
- 77.4 It was reported that comments had been made regarding LTAD and our championships. The matter to be brought to the attention of the Swimming Committee.
- 77.5 Facilities at Beckett Park have been provisionally booked for next year - 9 Sept 2007.

78 RDO Report

- 78.1 Laura O'Leary has been appointed as full time RDO for Yorkshire and Humberside and had started work recently.
- 78.2 The Regional Educational Officer, Colin Huffen is due to start work at the end of October/beginning of November.
- 78.3 Fred Kirby has been appointed as Regional Development Coach for the North East Region.
- 78.4 Last opportunity for clubs to access old version of Swim 21, YSA needs to get clubs accredited. 5 Doncaster clubs going to next panel.

79 ASA North East Region Report

Management Board minutes of 27 June 2006, points of note:-
Cost of courses in County areas.

If the President can't attend a function the Past President will stand in.

County fees – no change in 2007, up in 2008

Unsure where income will come from when ASA funding ends in 5 years or so.

NER surplus of £66K, but £30-40K is ringfenced for particular items.

Transparency is needed in funding of the region so small increases can be controlled.

Joint meeting with N&D

David Sparkes event was poorly attended.

Election of Board Representative

Malcolm Hill nominated.

80 ASA Board Report

Meeting of 30 June, points of note:-

- Constitution changes re applications for membership
- All clubs must have a standard constitution by 30 June 2007, core elements exist.

81 Sports Aid Report

Guidance received for applications – limiting number of future applications to 10 per year for Swimming, 6 applications between Water Polo, Diving and Sychro. Does Open Water fit in??

YSA raises funds for Sports Aid – we need to see a fair response to our applications.

Disability Swimmers can be awarded funds.

Most awards are for between £250 and £500.

82 Dinner

8 tickets sold to date.

83 Any Other Business

NER Board meeting – if a contribution is sought for RDO cover/honorarium, YSA do not support this proposal – Executive agreed.

Dennis Teale, ESSA (Co-opted onto Executive) detailed results from Inaugural UK School Games, where 7 YSA swimmers competed. 2 YSA Swimmers competed at World School Games.

ASA is responsible for Swimming. How can Local Authorities make Teachers sign up to STA courses, ASA CPD courses are more expensive.

84 Date of next meeting

15 November 2006, South Leeds Stadium.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.