

# Yorkshire Swimming Association

## Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at The John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds on Tuesday 11th September 2007 at 7.15 p.m.

### Present:

**Chairman:** Mr. D. Lee.

**President:** Mr. A. Day

**Honorary Secretary:** Mr. D. Alexander.

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

**Honorary Diving Committee Secretary:** Mr. D. Johnstone.

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

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

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

**Honorary Water Polo Committee Secretary:** Mr. A. Butler.

**President Elect:** Mr. J. Hickey.

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

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

**Executive:** Mr. M. Burgin, Mr. W. Crawford, Mr. A. Donlan, Mrs. W. Emmerson,

Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R. Muir-Cochrane, Mrs. J. Preston, Mr. H. Rudd and Mr. A. S. Walker.

Before the start of the meeting members stood in silent memory of Mr. Peter Boyd who had recently passed away. Peter was the Association President in 1996.

### 59 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. S. Johnson and Mrs. S. Prasad.

### 60 Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Meeting held on the 5th June were approved.

### 61 Matters Arising

The following matters arising were discussed;

Min 43.2.2: The dates for the 2008 Swimming Championships are now available on the web site.

Min 42: The Focus Group held a meeting on the 14th August to finalise details before the S.G.M.

Min 53: Representative to the ASA North East Region Management Board. It was agreed that the Emergency approves the nomination when the Honorary Secretary is able to confirm this.

### 62 Correspondence/ Honorary Secretary's Report

62.1 Mr. Alexander reported on the following correspondence he had received;

62.1.1 Leeds Kingfisher Synchro Club: E-mail request for funding towards their Novice Competition. It was agreed that, should the event take place, the sum of £250 be given after the event.

62.1.2 DE Photography: Flyer giving details of their photography services at sporting events. Agreed that the Honorary Secretary contact them and inform them that we do not use professional photographer at our Swimming Championships and Competitions.

62.1.3 Yorkshire Sports Awards: details available from their web site at [www.sportengland.org/yorkshire](http://www.sportengland.org/yorkshire). Closing date is Friday 5th October.

62.1.4 South Yorkshire Sports Awards: details passed to the Diving Committee Secretary.

62.1.5 ASA Swimming Committee: re: Swimming Leagues. Paper regarding Swimming Leagues. The following points are noted;

a) The promoting body (League) must be affiliated to the A.S.A.

b) All participants must be members of the ASA and registered at the correct level.

c) ASA minimum age of competitors must be adhered to.

Noted that A.S.A. members must not compete in competition against/with non-members.

62.1.6 Special General Meeting

The Honorary Secretary reported that the Special General Meeting had been cancelled due to the necessary papers not being sent out in accordance with the rules. However those present held a discussion regarding the future management of the Association and a paper was presented to the meeting. It was agreed that the Officers meet to discuss these observations and report back to the Executive. It was also agreed that, if required they seek the views of others.

On a proposal from Dr. Muir-Cochrane the Association recorded their thanks to the members of the Focus Group, and in particular Mr. Wilkinson, for their work.

### **63 Honorary Treasurer's Report**

Mr Hill reported that the loss on the year would be less than he had anticipated. The 2008 figures should see a return to a surplus.

### **64 ASA NER Council Meeting**

64.1 As the majority of members did not have the necessary papers there was no discussion on the Annual Council Meeting of the North East Region.

### **65 Synchronised Swimming Committee Report**

Mr Cooper reported that the Committee had not met since the last Executive meeting. He was concerned that the Leeds Kingfisher Novice Competition must be licensed, similar to Swim Meets although no other members of the Executive were aware of any such requirement.

### **66 Water Polo Committee Report**

Mr Butler reported that the 2007 Championships were progressing. The under 16 Final will be between Huddersfield and Rotherham, the under 18 Final will be between Huddersfield and Leeds with the Senior Championships at the semi-final stage with Huddersfield playing York and Leeds playing Rotherham.

### **67 Diving Committee Report**

Mr Johnstone presented an extensive written report. He added that Oliver Dingley (Harrogate Diving) gained a bronze medal at the European Junior Championships and apologised for missing this from the report.

### **68 Masters Committee Report**

Mrs McCabe presented her written report with the correction of the venue for the ASA North East Masters that is taking place at Harrogate on the 22<sup>ND</sup> September and not in Scarborough.

### **69 Swimming Committee Report**

69.1.1 Minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>TH</sup> April. These were not available for which Mr Saunders offered his apologies.

69.1.2 The Coaches Conference had again been a success with 80 coaches attending. It was noted that the number of coaches from N & D clubs was more than in 2006.

69.1.3 The dates for the 2008 Championships were on the web site. It was noted that all of the 2008 Championships would be at the new Leeds Aquatic Centre. The programme of events will be available shortly.

#### **69.2 Championship Secretary Report**

Mr Dickenson reported that the Winter Competition was nearing the closing date for entries and to date there were very few entries received.

#### **69.3 Open Water Report**

In the absence of Mr Greetham there was no report.

### **70 ASA North East Region Management Board Report**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>TH</sup> July.

The Honorary Secretary noted the following points of interest:

70.1 Kirsty Huxter (nee Speed) has taken on the work as the webmasters for the North East Web Site with improvements already noted.

70.2 Synchro. A regional Synchro Squad is to be selected from the best 12 and under swimmers. It has been agreed to finance this squad with a Lead Coach who will produce a Business Plan and a Budget in due course.

70.3 Grant Aid to members completing an ASA certificated course, at all levels, will be on a discretionary basis with each application judged on its merits.

70.4 Volunteer Awards: North East Region winners included:

Outstanding Contribution to a Club: Joan Weatherington (City of Sheffield S.S.)

Outstanding Contribution to a County/Region: Nuala Muir-Cochrane (City of Leeds S.C.)

Young Volunteer (under 25): Nick Mills (Borough of Barnsley S.C.)

### **71 ASA Board Report**

Minutes of the A.S.A. Board meeting held on the 29<sup>TH</sup> June.

The Honorary Secretary noted the following points of interest:

71.1 Membership Fees for 2008

Category 1 up 50p to £4.75

Category 2 up 50p to £18.00

Category 3 up 50p to £3.50

**72 Development**

72.1 RDO report: Ms O'Leary had forwarded a written report. It was noted that she has now left the A.S.A. leaving the Region with 1 full time RDO, who is based in Darlington, and Sally Skipper who is still on maternity leave.

**73 Welfare Officer Report**

Mrs Emmerson had nothing to report.

**74 Sports Aid Report**

Mrs Emmerson gave a verbal report. It was noted that she is spending more and more time dealing with Grant applications and in particular extra work as a result of the changing criteria at National level. Members were assured that all our medal winners at National level would be considered for a grant.

**75 Volunteer Liaison/Club Liaison Report**

Mr Wilkinson gave a verbal report.

**76 Disability Co-Ordinator Report**

Mr Walker reported that Sue Prasad had been selected to officiate at the IWAS World Games in Taipei, Taiwan.

**77 Trophy Controller Report**

Mr Day offered his thanks to Alan Donlan and the City of Leeds Swimming Club for giving Trophies. The Honorary Secretary to write and offer the thanks of the Association.

**78 Dinner**

Flyers were distributed to members at the meeting and they are available on the Web Site

The room has been booked.

Unfortunately there will not be a speaker this year.

Raffle prizes are required and should be given to John Hickey of the President.

Overnight accommodation is available at a Hotel nearby and Mr Day will give details on request.

**79 Any Other Business**

79.1 Coaches Conference. It was hoped that a clash with the North East Swimming Officials Seminar could be avoided in future.

It was agreed to book the corresponding date for 2008 at the same venue.

**80 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 14<sup>TH</sup> November 2007, at The John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.