

Yorkshire Swimming Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Leeds Metropolitan University on Saturday 6th January 2007 at 1.00 p.m.

Present (35):

Past Presidents (11): Mr. L. S. Beatty, Miss. S. Beever, Mr. A. Clarkson OBE, Mr. A. Donlan, Mr. S. Greetham, Mr. D. J. Harrison, Mr. D. Lee, Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R. Muir-Cochrane, Mr. L. D. Stubbs and Mr. H. Young.

Delegates (24): from affiliated clubs; Aireborough, Airedale & Wharfedale A.S.A., Barnsley, Bingley, Bradford Dolphin, City of Leeds, City of Sheffield, City of Sheffield Water Polo, East Leeds, Halifax, Harrogate District, Huddersfield Cambridge Ladies, Huddersfield Otters, Kirklees & District A.S.A., Leeds & District A.S.A., Morley, National Speedo Swimming League North East, Rotherham Metro, Scarborough, White Rose Junior Swimming League and York City Baths.

Mr. A. Butler, Honorary Secretary, Water Polo Committee,
Mr. W. A. Cooper, Honorary Secretary, Synchronised Swimming Committee,
Mr. M. G. Hill, Honorary Treasurer,

Also in attendance were Ms. L O'Leary (A.S.A. Regional Development Officer), and members from Kingston upon Hull S.C., South Holderness S.C. and Rotherham A.S.A.

Before the start of the meeting The Chairman asked delegates to stand in memory of Mrs. Mollie Spencer (Past President) who had passed away during 2006.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr. G. F. Alexander, Mr. P. Boyd, Miss D. Rose, Mr. B. Tiffin and Mr. H. Vanson all Past Presidents, Mr. D. Johnstone, Diving Committee Secretary, Mrs. A. C. McCabe, Masters Committee Secretary and Grimsby Penguins S.C.

2. Appointment of Tellers

Mrs. A. Binns and Mr. J. Cole were appointed to act as tellers.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 7TH January 2006 were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from those minutes.

5.1. Annual Report

Mr. Alexander presented his report and brought to the attention of delegates some minor errors that would be corrected in the printed report and on the web site.

Mr. Clarkson, Past President, noted the comment that the successes were not on a par with previous years and several delegates offered reasons for this.

Mr. Young offered his thanks to the Honorary Secretary for an excellent report.

The Honorary Secretary asked the Chairman for the discussion document re; The Administration of the Association which had been distributed to all delegates to be taken at this point in the meeting.

Mr. Alexander outlined the main point of the paper, which was that the Association is run by a Board of Management rather than as present a large Executive Committee. A lengthy and constructive discussion took place with delegates offering their thoughts for and against with the following points being pertinent;

- It was the number of members that was the concern not if it was a Board of Management or an Executive Committee
- There was a need to have the members with the necessary skills and not just an elected member.
- That the administration of the sport had altered dramatically and we were no longer just about running championships
- Grants and other external funding may not be available if we do not change and be seen by outside bodies like Sport England to be 'fit for purpose'
- A.G.M. representation would not alter and all present delegates would still be entitled to attend

It was agreed, on a majority vote, that the Focus Group meet to consider, in principal, moving to a Board of Management Structure. One delegate voted against.

5.2. Diving Committee Report

In the absence of Mr. Johnstone the report was presented as printed.

The Honorary Secretary commented on the exceptional quality of divers within the county although he was disappointed that there had not been any County Championships in 2006.

The report was accepted.

5.3. Masters Committee Report

In the absence of Mrs. McCabe, Mr. Alexander Chairman of the Masters Committee, presented the report as written.

The report was accepted.

5.4.1. Swimming Committee Report

Mr. Saunders presented his report as written.

The report was accepted.

5.4.2. Championships Report

Mr. Dickenson presented his report as written.

He corrected the winner of the Yorkshire Bank trophy as being the City of Leeds S.C. and not as shown.

The report was accepted.

5.4.3. Open Water Report

Mr. Greetham presented the report as printed.

He pointed out that British, A.S.A. and A.S.A. North East Region had all moved their Open Water Committee into the Swimming Committee. The Honorary Secretary noting that we have worked this way for some time.

The report was accepted.

5.5. Synchronised Swimming Committee Report

Mr. Cooper presented his report as written.

The report was accepted.

5.6. Water Polo Committee Report

Mr. Butler presented his report.

Mr. Clarkson questioned why the U17 Final had not taken place pointing out that it had been postponed due to one of the teams being unable to field a side. It was his opinion that they should have forfeited the match. Mr. Butler informed the meeting that this matter would be discussed at the next Water Polo Committee meeting.

The report was accepted.

6.1 Financial Report

Mr. Hill presented his report as printed and gave details of several items of income and expenditure.

The report was accepted.

6.2. Affiliation Fees

Delegates were asked to approve the Executive Committee decision of June 2006 that the Affiliation Fees be £6 (was £4) per club and the per capita charge be 15p (was 10p) per member.

Mr. Hill gave details for the need to make an increase, which was the first since 1993.

Several delegates questioned the need for an increase when the reserves stood at appx £110,000.

Mr. Hill pointed out that with rising costs it was not viable to service the needs of clubs at the present figure.

The Executive Committee decision was approved on a majority vote with 4 members voting against.

7. Independent Examiners

PCLG of York were nominated to act as our Independent Examiners for the accounts. Members approved the nomination.

8.1. Election of 2007 President

Mr. Crawford proposed Mr. Alan Day as the 2007 President. All delegates voting in favour.

Mr. Alan Day was installed as the 2007 Yorkshire Swimming Association President. Alan thanked the Rotherham Metro club for nominating him.

In his first duty as President, Mr. Day presented the 2006 President, Mr. David Dickenson, with the Presidents Certificate and Lapel Badge. He also presented Mr. Dickenson with the Presidents Consorts Lapel Badge to pass to his wife, Marion who was unable to attend the meeting.

8.2. Election of President-Elect

On a proposal by Mr. M. G. Hill (Honorary Treasurer), Mr. John Hickey was elected as President-Elect.

8.3. Election of Honorary Secretary

Mr. David Alexander was elected as Honorary Secretary.

8.4. Election of Honorary Treasurer

Mr. Malcolm Hill was elected as Honorary Treasurer.

8.5. Election of Diving Committee Secretary:

The Honorary Secretary informed the meeting that there were no nominations for this position. The Honorary Secretary had spoken to Mr. David Johnstone who had agreed to continue as Diving Committee Secretary. There were no other nominations. Mr. Johnstone was elected as Diving Committee Secretary

8.6. Masters Committee Secretary:

Mrs. Christine McCabe was elected as Masters Committee Secretary.

8.7.1. Swimming Committee Secretary:

Mr. Barry Saunders was elected as Swimming Committee Secretary.

8.7.2. Championships Secretary:

The delegates approved the Executive Committee decision to appoint Mr. David Dickenson as Championships Secretary.

8.8. Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary:

Mr. Bill Cooper was elected as Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary.

8.9. Water Polo Committee Secretary:

The Honorary Secretary informed the meeting that there were no nominations for this position. The Honorary Secretary had spoken to Mr. Alan Butler who had agreed to continue as Water Polo Committee Secretary. There were no other nominations. Mr. Butler was elected as Water Polo Committee Secretary

9.1.1. Honorary Club Liaison Secretary:

Mr. Terry Wilkinson was elected as Honorary Club Liaison Secretary.

9.1.2. Honorary Volunteer Liaison Secretary:

Mr. Terry Wilkinson was elected as Honorary Volunteer Liaison Secretary.

10. Executive Committee

10.1 There were no nominations to fill the places allocated to clubs from the North and North East Lincolnshire clubs. It was pointed out that the Water Polo Committee Secretary was from a club in that area.

10.2 The following were elected, unopposed, as members of the Executive Committee; Mr. P Boyd, Mr. R Briggs, Mr. M Burgin, Mr. W Crawford, Mr. A Donlan, Mrs. W Emmerson, Mr. S Greetham, Mr. S Johnson, Mrs. N Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R Muir-Cochrane, Mrs. J Preston, Mr. H Rudd and Mr. S. Walker

On behalf of the delegates, Mr. Young wished to record a vote of thanks to the Officials.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.35 p.m.