

Yorkshire Swimming Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Leeds Metropolitan University, Carnegie Campus on Saturday 5th January 2008 at 1.00 p.m.

Present:

Past Presidents: Mr. D. Alexander, Mr. L. S. Beatty, Mr. A. Clarkson OBE, Mr. A. Donlan, Mr. D. Dickenson, Mr. J. Emerson, Mr. S. Greetham, Mr. D. J. Harrison, Mr. D. Lee, Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R. Muir-Cochrane and Miss D, Rose.

Delegates: from affiliated clubs; Aireborough, Airedale & Wharfedale A.S.A., Barnsley S.C., Barnsley Minors Swimming League, Bradford & District A.S.A., City of Leeds Diving C., City of Leeds S.C., City of Sheffield S.S., City of Sheffield Ladies Water Polo C., City of Wakefield S.C., Cleethorpes & District S.C., East Leeds S.C., Grimsby Penguins S.C., Grimsby Santa Marina S.C., Halifax S.C., Harrogate District S.C., Rotherham A.S.A., Rotherham Metro S.C., Scarborough S.C., Sheffield & District A.S.A., Spa (Askern) S.C., White Rose Junior Swimming League and York C.B.C.

Mr. A. Butler, Honorary Secretary, Water Polo Committee.

Mr. W. A. Cooper, Honorary Secretary, Synchronised Swimming Committee.

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

Mr. M. G. Hill, Honorary Treasurer.

Also in attendance were Chapeltown S.C. and Mrs. J. Preston

Before the start of the meeting The Chairman asked delegates to stand in memory of Harry Vanson (Past President), Peter Boyd (Past President) and Dennis Teale (Past Executive member) who had passed away during 2007.

Before the start of the meeting Mr. J. Emerson raised a point of order regarding the start time for the statutory Meeting which in accordance with the Rules should be 15 minutes after the end of the Annual General Meeting. In view of the discussion that is due to take place after the completion of the Annual General Meeting he proposed that the Standing Order be suspended to allow the Statutory Meeting to start after the discussion on the proposed New Constitution. This was agreed.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr. G. F. Alexander, Miss S. Beever, Mr. S. Johnson, Mrs. G. Rudd and Mr. B. Tiffin all Past Presidents, Mr. D. Johnstone, Diving Committee Secretary, Mrs. S. Ainley and Mr. H. Rudd.

2. Appointment of Tellers

Mrs. A. Binns and Mr. D. Plowman were appointed to act as tellers.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 6th January 2007 were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from those minutes.

5. Reports

5.1 Annual Report

Mr. Alexander presented his report as printed and brought to the attention of delegates the following matters;

5.1.1 He was disappointed at the small number of clubs that had attended the A.S.A. North East Region Annual General Meeting held in September 2007. He appealed to clubs to attend the 2008 Meeting that will take place on Saturday 13th September at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Wetherby.

5.1.2 It should be noted that the A.S.A. will be introducing a fine for clubs that fail to make their Membership Return on or before the 31st March 2008. Also noted that the A.S.A. North East Region are also going to impose a similar fine to clubs that fail to pay their Affiliation and Per Capita charge to them on or before the same date.

5.1.3 Mr. Alexander pointed out that his comment regarding the Diving/Swimming Reports not being up to their normal standard was for the items under that heading in HIS report and not the Diving/Swimming Committee Reports.

The Report was accepted.

5.2. Diving Committee Report

5.2.1 There was no report available from the Diving Committee Secretary

5.2.2 Mrs. Muir-Cochrane, Past President, asked if there had been any Yorkshire Diving Championships in 2007. In the absence of a positive response the Honorary Secretary was asked to contact Mr. Johnstone to confirm if any Yorkshire Diving Championships had taken place in 2007.

5.3. Masters Committee Report

5.3.1 Mrs. McCabe presented the report as printed and had nothing to add. There were no questions raised on the report.

The Report was accepted.

5.4.1. Swimming Committee Report

5.4.1.1 Mr. Saunders presented his report as written. He pointed out that in the first sentence of the report the reference to the strength of swimming in some areas also meant that in other areas the strength at the present time was poor.

The Report was accepted.

5.4.2. Championships Report

5.4.2.1 Mr. Dickenson presented his report as printed. There were no questions on the report.

5.4.2.2 It was noted that Mrs. Barbara Lancaster, City of Leeds S.C. had been awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's New Years Honours list.

The Report was accepted.

5.4.3. Open Water Report

5.4.3.1 Mr. Greetham presented his report as printed.

5.4.3.2 He pointed out that there will be a need for Timekeepers, Judges and Team Managers for the Open Water events at the 2012 Olympic Games.

The Report was accepted.

5.5. Synchronised Swimming Committee Report

5.5.1 Mr. Cooper presented his report as printed and had nothing to add. There were no questions raised on the report.

The Report was accepted.

5.6. Water Polo Committee Report

5.6.1 Mr. Butler presented his report as printed.

5.6.2 He added that the 2007 Championships had not been concluded due to problems finding a suitable pool.

5.6.3 It was noted that the Catterick Cobras Water Polo Club has achieved Swim 21 Accredited status. This was the first Water Polo Club, and the only one, to have gained this status.

5.6.4 It was noted that the Wakefield & District Water Polo League are proposing to hold an under 12 Competition in an effort to attract younger players into the sport. They are also proposing to run a Referees/Table Official course during 2008.

The Report was accepted.

6.1 Financial Report

6.1.1 Mr. Hill presented his report as printed and had nothing to add. There were no questions to the Treasurer on the Accounts. Mr. D. Morley, Airedale & Wharfedale District A.S.A. congratulated the Treasurer on an excellent set of accounts and how they were presented.

The Report was accepted.

6.2. Affiliation Fees

6.2.1 Mr. Hill proposed that the 2008 Affiliation and Per Capita Fees are not increased and are Affiliation Fees £6 per club and the per capita charge 15p per member.

The Executive Committee decision was approved.

7. Independent Examiners

7.1 It was agreed that PCL Group of York act as our Independent Examiners for the accounts.

8.1. Election of 2008 President

8.1.1 Mr. Hill proposed Mr. John Hickey as the 2008 President. All delegates voting in favour.

8.1.2 Mr. Hickey was installed as President and was presented with the Chain of Office by Mr. Day. Mr. Hickey thanked his proposer and his club Aireborough S.C.

8.1.3 In his first duty as President Mr. Hickey presented Mr. Day with the Presidents Certificate and Lapel Badge.

At this point of the meeting the Honorary Secretary asked that the Vince and Margaret Horner Award be presented. This award is for a person within the Association who has given outstanding service in support of the Association Swimming Championships. The nominations coming from the Affiliated clubs. Mr. Alexander was disappointed that only 2 clubs had made a nominations this year when, in his opinion, there are many such people in our clubs and asked that delegates get their clubs to make a nominations in future.

8.1.4 The Vince and Margaret Horner Award was presented to David Dickenson, City of Sheffield S.S.

8.2. Election of President-Elect

8.2.1 On a proposal by Mr. Clarkson, Past President, Mrs. Wendy Emmerson 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. Swimming Committee Secretary:

Mr. Barry Saunders was elected as Swimming Committee Secretary.

8.8. Championships Secretary:

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

8.9. Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary:

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

8.10. 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

8.11. Honorary Club Liaison Secretary:

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

8.12. Honorary Volunteer Liaison Secretary:

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

9. Executive Committee

9.1 There were no nominations to fill the places allocated to clubs from the North and North East Lincolnshire clubs. On a proposal from the floor, Mr. K. Brocklesby, Grimsby Santa Marina S.C. was elected as an Executive Committee member.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 1.40 p.m.