

# YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

President – Mr Roger Perrell

**Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Management Board held on Wednesday 23rd November 2011 at the Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Mr. A. Donlan (Chairman), Mr. D. Alexander (Secretary), Mr. M. Hill (Treasurer), Mr. J. Cole, Mr. D. Dickenson, Mrs. W. Emmerson, Mr. R. Perrell (also President), Mr. H. Rudd, Mr. B. Saunders and Mr. T. Wilkinson.

Also in attendance, by invitation:

Mr. P. Morrison, (President Elect).

Mr. I. Gardiner, ASA North East Region, Regional Director.

Ms. V. Norman, ASA North East Region, Aquatics Officer.

**Apologies:** Mrs. S. Prasad.

## 190. Minutes

The Minutes of the Seventeenth Meeting held on the 14th September were presented and approved as a true record.

## 191. Matters Arising

The following matters arising from the minutes were discussed;

191.1 (Min 180.2 re Min 172.4.1) Mr. Alexander has not as yet made any progress with the University of Leeds since the departure of Mr. Richards. Vicky Norman agreed to supply details of the new contact.

191.2 (Min 180.4 re Min 175.1.1.) Very little progress on Ponds Forge getting a set of the new starting blocks.

191.3 (Min 182.2) Mr. Hill reported that there was not a requirement for a new copier for use at the Swimming Championships.

## 192. Secretary's Report

Mr. Alexander had been approached, as a result of a request to clubs, by Helen Lee (City of Leeds Diving) regarding the position of Diving Liaison Officer. In the absence of any other volunteers she was willing to take on this role. The Board approved this.

## 193. Treasurer's Report

193.1 Mr. Hill reported that the books were at the auditors.

193.2 The Masters Committee budget for 2011/2012 has been received and was acceptable.

193.3 The Synchronised Swimming Committee expenditure on development was higher than expected. The Treasurer to attend their next Committee meeting.

## 194. Technical Sub-Committee Reports

### 194.1 MASTERS:

The minutes of the Masters Committee meeting held on the 11th October were presented to the meeting. The following matters had been noted;

Min 2011.20: Mr. Alexander explained what action had been agreed as the minute had not shown it. He was to contact Mr. Moore regarding his concerns about the Age Groups at the North East Masters Championships.

Min 2011.21 It was noted that the 2012 Open Masters Championships were scheduled to take place on Saturday 12th May which, once again, is the same date as the Sports Aid Meet at Leeds. It was felt that as there were not sufficient local officials in Scarborough it was likely that the Masters Championships would require officials from the West Yorkshire area which could leave the Sports Aid Meet short of suitable officials at an event which is supported by the Association.

194.1.2 The written report from the Masters Committee Secretary was presented to the meeting. It was noted that to hold a Masters Open Water Championship at the same time as the Open Masters Swimming Championships in May might not be possible due the water being too low.

### 194.2.1 SWIMMING:

The minutes of the Swimming Committee meeting held on the 21st September were presented to the meeting. The following points were noted:

Regional Talent Programme & Funding: the list of swimmers on the various Talent Programmes was now available.

194.2.2 The Swimming Committee Secretary reported that we had finished 4th in the recent A.S.A. Inter County Championship.

194.3 **SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING:**  
The written report from the Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary was presented to the meeting.

194.4 **WATER POLO:**  
Mr. Hill presented a list of Water Polo items belonging to the Association and held by the former Water Polo Committee Secretary Mr. Butler. It was agreed that the Secretary contact Mr. Butler and arrange for the items to be returned.

#### **195. ASA North East Region**

195.1 The minutes of the Management Board meeting held on the 18th October were presented to the meeting and the following points were noted;  
That 75% of Grant Application forms received from clubs were incorrectly completed. In future any incorrect forms will be refused.  
Vicky Norman had presented a Club Support/Establishing a Club Benefits Package briefing. It was noted at the meeting that N & D were looking at a similar package of club benefits and it was felt that to have three such packages in the region would be inappropriate and might confuse clubs. Vicky agreed to look into having just a single package of benefits available to clubs.

#### **196. A.S.A. Board**

196.1 The minutes of the A.S.A. Board held on the 23rd/24th September were presented to the meeting and the following point was noted;  
Min 77.1 The Chief Operating Officer had brought the Board up to date on the current figures, not shown, in relation to the cost savings that had been achieved towards the target of 1m.

196.2 The minutes of the A.S.A. Board held on the 23rd/24th September were presented to the meeting with no matters to note.

#### **197. ASA North East Region Aquatic Officers Report**

197.1 Vicky Norman presented her written report to the meeting and the following points were noted;  
197.1.1: CRM – Local Authority schools companies have been created for schools to be assigned to the relevant parent company. Aquatic Officers have completed Doncaster, Bradford, Sheffield, Wakefield, Kirklees and Calderdale transfer. The process is very time consuming so completion deadline has been extended.  
197.1.2: The Aquatic Officers are currently supporting work with University students at both Leeds Metropolitan and Sheffield Hallam who will shortly benefit from a NCTP Module 1 as part of their taught course. The advantage of this is that the students will enter the teaching profession with swimming skills.  
197.1.3: Leeds City Council have launched the Big Splash Family swim timetable. The promotional material is on the North East web site. The aim of the programme is to encourage more family's into the pool, tying in to the National Parenting Week.  
197.1.4: The National Panel re-accredited the following clubs; Edlington and Stocksbridge. The Regional panel also recommended bids to the National Panel to receive the British Gas Club Grants funding and the following clubs were successful; Cleethorpes & District, Scunthorpe Anchor, City of Sheffield Diving and Borough of Kirklees Synchronised.  
197.1.5: The Aquatic Officer is supporting a working group from Sherburn in Elmet school pool who are looking to keep the facility open.  
197.1.6: An extensive list of courses was noted and these are available on the Regional web site.

#### **198. ASA North East Region Development Coach – Disability Swimming Report**

The written report from Mr. Armstrong was presented to the meeting. There were no matters noted from the report.

#### **199. Annual Awards**

The following 2011 award winners were approved:

199.1 **HENRY DIXON TROPHY:** it was agreed that the Trophy not be awarded this year

199.2 **ADRIAN MOORHOUSE SCHOLARSHIP:** Matthew Johnson (City of Sheffield S.S.)

199.3 The Secretary informed the meeting that there had not been any nominations for the **VINCENT & MARGARET HORNER TROPHY** and that as per the criteria he would be contacting members of the panel to select a winner. POST MEETING; the Secretary did in fact have a nomination and this was approved as per the criteria. The winner being Mr. Mike Burgin (Sheffield & District A.S.A.)

**200. Any other relevant Business**

- 200.1 The dates for the 2012 Management Board meeting were agreed as;  
Saturday 7th January, Wednesday 14th March, Wednesday 16th May.  
Wednesday 18th July, Wednesday 12th September and Wednesday 21st November.  
The January meeting to take place after the Annual General Meeting at Leeds Metropolitan University and the others at the John Charles Centre for Sport.
- 200.2 A.S.A. Strategy (2013-2017) clubs are encouraged to complete the survey being carried out by the A.S.A. It can be viewed via the link from the Regional web site.

**201. Date of next Meeting**

The date of the next Nineteenth meeting was confirmed as Saturday 7th January 2012 at the Leeds Metropolitan University to commence 30 minutes after the end of the Annual General Meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.