

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

President – Mr Roger Perrell

Minutes of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Management Board held on Wednesday 14th September 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. Mr. J. Cole, Mr. R. Perrell (also President), Mrs. S. Prasad, Mr. H. Rudd and Mr. T. Wilkinson.

Also in Attendance:

Mr. P. Morrison, President Elect, Mr. I. Gardiner, Regional Director, ASA North East Region and Ms. V. Norman, Aquatic Officer, ASA North East Region.

Apologies: Mr. D. Dickenson, Mrs W. Emmerson and Mr. B. Saunders.

179. Minutes

The Minutes of the Sixteenth Meeting held on the 13th July were presented and approved as a true record.

180. Matters Arising

180.1 (min 170.4) Mr. Hill had been looking into the matter and proposed that payment by BACS would be the preferred option but other club payments would be acceptable. Bulk individual payments from swimmers parents are not acceptable.

180.2 (min 172.4.1) Mr. Alexander had met with Mr. Richards at the University of Leeds. It is an excellent venue but is unable to offer lunches. It is possible that the North East Region may take ownership of holding a Coaches Conference.

180.3 (min 172.4.3) Mr. Alexander has updated the Association swimming records and they are now correct on the web site. He offered his thanks to Mr. Wilkinson, Webmaster, for his assistance with this matter.

180.4 (min 175.1.1) This matter was still ongoing.

181. Secretary's Report

181.1 Mr. Alexander reminded members that under the new rules, two members, Mrs Prasad and Mrs Emmerson, would need to seek re-election at the Annual General Meeting should they wish to continue as Board members.

182. Treasurer's Report

182.1 Mr. Hill reported that there would be a surplus of income against expenditure and the accounts are being prepared to go to the auditors.

182.2 Mr. Hill was looking into the need to buy, outright, a photocopier for the Swimming Championships or to take one on a contract basis.

182.3 It was agreed to amend the Bank mandate for the Yorkshire Bank accounts by the addition of the Secretary as a signatory.

182.4 It was agreed to set up the facility to use Telephone/Internet Banking for the Yorkshire Bank accounts.

183. Technical Sub-committees

183.1 **MASTERS:** The report from the Masters Committee Secretary was presented to the meeting.

183.1.1 The date and venue for the Northern round of the A.S.A. Inter County masters Competition were confirmed as Saturday 19th November at the John Charles Pool, Leeds. The pool has been booked from 1.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m.

183.1.2 Congratulations were offered to Steven Allen (Hull Masters) and to Andrew Gristwood (Cleethorpes) who had won medals at the recent European Masters in Yalta, Ukraine. Steven winning bronze in both the 100 and 200 Backstroke and Andrew a bronze in the 800 Freestyle.

183.2 **SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING:** The minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee meeting held on the 7th September were presented to the meeting with the following points noted:

183.2.1 There was a requirement for a laptop and a printer to run the new scoring system. It was agreed to deal with this matter when the software has been received from the A.S.A.

- 183.2.2 It was noted that the Committee Secretary has dealt with a matter without consulting the committee members. This should be avoided in future.

DIVING Although there is not a Technical Diving Committee the Chairman allowed the results, as supplied, of the 2011 Association Diving Championships to be considered under this heading. The results were noted.

184. ASA North East Region

- 184.1 Annual Council Meeting held on Saturday 10th September. The following points from the meeting were noted:
- 184.1.1 It was noted that the number of delegates from Yorkshire clubs was very poor.
- 184.1.2 AWARDS: The winners were presented with their awards and included;
Outstanding contribution at Club level: Barry Saunders (Harrogate District)
Outstanding contribution at County/Regional level: Leo Beatty (City of Leeds)
Lifetime Achievement Award: Ron Elkington (Kippax)
- 184.1.3 Roger Perrell (City of Wakefield) was elected as Vice President.
- 184.1.4 Barry Saunders was elected to the Management Board for a 4-year term.
- 184.2 Mr. Gardiner gave a verbal report from the Management Board meeting held on Saturday 10th September. The following points were noted;
- 184.2.1 Gemma Ripley has been appointed to the position of Aquatic Delivery Manager for the ASA North East Region. Her previous position as Aquatic Officer for the ASA North East Region would be advertised.
- 184.2.2 Disability Development. There is a need for some assistance to the ASA North East Region Regional Development Coach, Disability Swimming, Chris Armstrong. It was agreed that Mr. Gardiner would draw up a Role Description for a County Liaison Officer, Disability Swimming to assist Chris.
- 184.2.3 Mr. Hill reported that he was pleased that swimming matters had been discussed at the meeting. This was as a result of comments at the Annual Council Meeting about the poor performances of the Regions swimmers at the National Age Group and Youth Championships. As a result the Region will be looking to hold a regional Coaches Conference with workshops run, hopefully, by some of the top regional coaches.

185. A.S.A. Board Report

- 185.1 The minutes of the A.S.A. Board meeting held on the 24/25th June were presented to the meeting.
- 185.1.1 It was noted that the Membership Fees for 2012, as agreed by the A.S.A. Board Working Group, and endorsed by the Board will be
Category A: £7.40 up from £7.10 in 2011
Category B: £24.20 up from £23.25 in 2011
Category C: £4.20 up from £4.10 in 2011
- 185.1.2 Mr. Wilkinson was concerned that the minutes of the Board meeting held on the 7th May had been agreed as a true record without any matters arising. Mr. Wilkinson recalled that the meeting had been called to discuss the Grow agenda and as such merited some update on progress as a matter arising. The Secretary to contact the Regional Board member for clarification as to what, if any, progress was being made on the matter.

186. ASA North East Region Aquatic Officers Report

- 186.1 Ms. Norman presented the written report that had been circulated to members. The following points were noted;

187 ASA North East Region Development Coach, Disability Swimming Report

- 187.1 The written report from Mr. Armstrong was presented to the meeting and the following points were noted;
- 187.1.1 Included in the award winners at the Federation of Disability Sports Organisation were;
Young Achiever (Girl): Chloe Selman (Doncaster Darts)
Young Achiever (Boy): Ben Sweeney (Edlington)
Sportswoman of the Year: Claire Cashmore (City of Leeds)
Sportsman of the Year: James Crisp (City of Sheffield)

188. Any other relevant Business

- 188.1 Mr. Hill was concerned that the Annual Report from the Synchronised Swimming Secretary was too long. He suggested that it only needed to show the success of swimmers at International and National level. County and Regional results were available to members on the relevant web sites.
- 188.2 Mr. Cole asked if members of an affiliated club who had been successful in other sports that included an Aquatic element could be included in the Annual Report. The Secretary would be pleased to include such success if the details were made available to him.

189. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next, Eighteenth, Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 23rd November in the Denison Room at the Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.43 p.m.