

Yorkshire Swimming Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting (as amended by the Executive) held at the John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds on Wednesday 12th March 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

Present:

President: Mr. J Hickey.

Chairman: Mr. D Lee.

Honorary Secretary: Mr. D Alexander.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. M G Hill.

Honorary Championships Secretary: Mr. D Dickenson.

Honorary Diving Committee Secretary: Mr. D Johnstone.

Honorary Swimming Committee Secretary: Mr. B J Saunders.

Honorary Water Polo Committee Secretary: Mr. A Butler.

Executive: Mr. W Crawford, Mr. A Day, Mr. A Donlan, Mrs. N Muir-Cochrane,
Dr. R Muir-Cochrane, Mrs. S Prasad, Mrs. J Preston and Mr. H Rudd.

16 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from; Mr. M Burgin, Mr. W Cooper, Mrs. W Emmerson, Mr. S Greetham, Mr. S Johnson, Mrs. C McCabe, Mr. S Walker and Mr. T Wilkinson.

17 Executive Committee Meeting

The minutes of the Executive Meeting held on the 5th January were accepted as a true record.

18 Matters arising from the above minutes

Min 6.8 Karen Selman was proposed as the Association Disability Officer. The Executive approved the appointment.

~~Min 5 Co-opted members – As we have vacancies it was proposed that Karen Selman be appointed as a Co-opted member. A discussion followed and the Executive agreed to co-opted Karen. (minute deleted by the Executive Committee meeting held June 2008).~~

Min 9.3 The position of the Association Record keeper is still being looked into by the Swimming Committee, to find a suitable candidate.

Min 4 Election of Chairman – The Executive agreed that this election was for the position of Chairman of the Executive Committee and not the Chairman as described as an Officer of the Association. The recommended rules to be amended to reflect this for the Special General Meeting.

19 Honorary Secretary's Report

The Secretary had received letters/information re:-

19.1 Letter from City of Leeds, requesting grant assistance for their Distance Meet. The Meet is Licensed and takes place on 31 May 2008. The Executive approved the request, the Treasurer will action.

19.2 The Executive wished to express their congratulations on the appointment of Sue Prasad as Deck Referee at the Beijing Paralympics in September 2008.

20 Honorary Treasurer's Report

20.1 Currently in the middle of the Championships.

20.2 Expenses are higher than ever, due to increased pool hire and Officials expenses.

20.3 Possibly have to look at increasing entry fees next year.

21 Special General Meeting Report

21.1 Currently only 5 delegates have registered to attend.

21.2 All Past President have a vote.

21.3 Committee members were requested to get their clubs to nominate a delegate to attend the Meeting.

22 Water Polo Committee Report

Mr. Butler gave a verbal report, key points were:-

22.1 ASA North East Region – vacant Water Polo representative position, however, it would appear that, the information has only come to light by chance no-one was formally notified.

22.2 The Association's 2007 Senior / Junior Champs were held in February, Rotherham won both Trophies defeating Huddersfield.

- 22.3 Thanks to Huddersfield Otters and Borough of Kirklees for giving up their pool time to allow the Championships to take place.
- 22.4 Meeting to be held soon of the Water Polo Committee, to look at structure of the Champs.
- 23 Synchronised Swimming Committee Report**
- 23.1 Report as written, distributed.
- 23.2 Minutes of the meeting on 27th February were approved by the Executive.
- 23.3 Two members are now International Judges, Leanne Parker and Fiona Blackstone. Leanne recently officiated at an Open Meet in Germany.
- 24 Swimming Committee Report**
- 24.1 Next meeting on 8th April.
- 24.2 A successful training camp was held in Spain.
- 24.3 Coaches Conference date for your diaries – 7th September 2008 at The Leeds Metropolitan Complex, Beckett Park, Leeds.
- 24.4 Championships in full swing to date we have had 2 record applications.
- 24.5 Nuala queried who actually applied for a record? The form has been amended and is available via Barry or on the Association website. Currently the swimmer needs to claim a record, this will be looked at the next Swimming Committee meeting.
- 24.1.1 Championships Secretary's Report**
- 24.1.2 Championships well into Age Groups
- 24.1.3 It has been a smooth transition to Leeds pool.
- 24.1.4 More Teams entered than ever before.
- 24.1.5 Possible issue with spectator seating
Question from the floor – any plans to move events back to Sheffield? Some events will be at Sheffield next year.
- 24.2.1 Open Water Report**
- 24.2.2 No report.
- 25 Diving Committee Report**
- 25.1 Report as written, distributed.
- 25.2 People are working on getting a Henry Dixon Trophy back from Ben Swain, if no joy, refer to David Johnstone.
- 26 Masters Committee Report**
- 26.1 Report as written, distributed.
- 26.2 Next committee meeting is on 17th June.
- 26.3 Minutes of meeting held on 15th January were approved by the Executive. The Inter Counties competition will take place at Macclesfield on 15th or 16th November.
- 27 Welfare Officer Report**
No report.
- 28 Sports Aid Report**
A meeting is planned to look at the structure of the awards.
- 29 Volunteer Club Liaison / Liaison Secretary's Report**
No report.
- 30 Webmaster Report**
No report.
- 31 Trophy Controller Report**
- 31.1 Issues getting some Trophies returned.
- 31.2 Two Trophies are broken – George Lester Trophy has a missing base and Yorkshire Bank Trophy has it's lid missing.
- 31.3 2 new Trophies donated this year.
- 31.4 Matters to take to Swimming Committee
There will not be sufficient pennants at this weekends gala – we will give out hats to older swimmers and pennants to younger swimmers, Malcolm to do the exact calculations.

32 Disability Report

Karen Selman had sent a written report to the Secretary. It was agreed that the Secretary distribute it with the minutes.

33 Development Report

33.1 RDO's report
No report.

34 ASA North East Region

34.1 Board of Management Board minutes for the meeting held on the 5th February 2008. Points of interest included:-

- 34.1.1 Catterick Water Polo club is first water polo club to be accredited at Swim 21.
- 34.1.2 Extension in place for revised club constitutions.
- 34.1.3 2008 is 'Year of the Club' – Craig Nicholson has written a paper on this.
- 34.1.4 Grant Aid – Level 3 courses are available for Swim 21 accredited clubs.
- 34.1.5 Masters Manager still in place.
- 34.1.6 Water Polo Manager – no successor yet.
- 34.1.7 The Association well represented at Aquaforce Volunteers, both Nick Mills (Borough of Barnsley) and Joan Weatherington (City of Sheffield).

35 A. S. A. Board

The minutes of the A.S.A. Board Meeting held on the 8th February were not yet available.

36 Any Other Business

- 36.1 The Secretary to invite the ASA North East Region Regional Director to come and talk to the Executive.
- 36.2 The Association Winter Championships – will be held in Leeds in 2008, potential issues over pool time.

37 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive will take place on Thursday 5th June 2008 in the Denison Suite at the John Charles Centre for Sport.

There being no further business - The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm.