

Yorkshire Swimming Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Leeds Metropolitan University, Carnegie Campus on Saturday 9th January 2010 at 1.00 p.m.

Present:

Past Presidents: Mr. D. Alexander, Mr. A. Day, Mr. D. Dickenson, Mr. A. Donlan, Mr. J. Hickey, Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R. Muir-Cochrane and Mrs. G. Rudd.

Delegates: from affiliated clubs; Aireborough S.C., Airedale & Wharfedale & District A.S.A., Bingley S.C., Chapeltown District S.C., City of Bradford S.C., City of Leeds S.C., City of Sheffield S.S., City of Sheffield W.P.C., City of Wakefield S.C., East Leeds S.C., Halifax S.C., Harrogate District S.C., Leeds & District A.S.A., Rotherham A.S.A., South Holderness S.C., South Hunsley S.C., White Rose Junior Swimming League and York City B.C.

Mrs. W. Emmerson (President), Mr. M. G. Hill, (Treasurer), Mr. J. Cole (Management Board member), Mr. R. Perrell (Management Board member), Mrs. S. Prasad (Management Board member), Mr. H. Rudd (Management Board member), Mr. T. Wilkinson (Management Board member), Mr. B. Saunders, (Secretary, Swimming Committee), Mrs. C. McCabe (Secretary, Masters Committee) and Mrs. J. Weatherington (President-Elect).

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Mr. Donlan, welcomed delegates

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Past Presidents, Mr. G. F. Alexander, Mr. L.S. Beatty, Miss S. Beever, Mr. A. Clarkson O.B.E., Mr. S. Greetham, Mr. D. Lee, Mr. L.D. Stubbs, Mr. B. Tiffin, Mr. H. Young, Mr. A. Butler (Secretary, Water Polo Committee), Mr. W. Cooper (Secretary, Synchronised Swimming Committee), Ms. G. Ripley (A.S.A. Senior County Swimming Co-Ordinator, Ms. V. Norman (A.S.A. County Swimming Co-Ordinator, West Yorkshire) and the following clubs; Borough of Kirklees S.C., Cleethorpes & District S.C., Northern Water Polo League and Scarborough S.C.

3. Tellers

Mr. D. Plowman was appointed to act as a teller.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 10th January 2009 were accepted as a true record.

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from those minutes.

6. Reports

6.1. Annual Report

Mr. Alexander, Honorary Secretary informed delegates that there were two errors in the report. Page 1 in the paragraph regarding the Treasurer it is noted that we did not in fact make a small surplus but had in fact last approximately £600 and Page 2 the panel for IDDP Frank Denison had retired and the name of Barbara Lancaster M.B.E. should be added. With those amendments the report was presented.

The Report was accepted.

6.2. Diving Committee Report

There was no report from the Diving Committee Secretary.

6.3. Masters Committee Report

Mrs. McCabe, Masters Committee Secretary, presented the report adding that the winner of the Leo Beatty Masters Swimmer of the Year was Bill Moore (Halifax S.C.).

The Report was accepted.

6.4. Swimming Committee Report

Mr. Saunders, Swimming Committee Secretary, presented his report as printed. The Report was accepted.

6.5. Championships Report

Mr. Dickenson, Championships Secretary, presented his report. Mr. Hill informed delegates that for 2010 British Gas would be the sponsor of the Swimming Championships. This had been with the agreement of our present sponsors PAW Swimwear. The Teams Gala would not be included as this was a stand alone Competition.

The Report was accepted.

6.6. Open Water Report

There was no Open Water Report. It was noted that there had not been an Open Water Championship in the County in 2009. It was suggested that we approach the ASA North East Region and ask if we could extract the Yorkshire Champions from their event at Stockton. This was agreed.

6.7. Synchronised Swimming Committee Report

The Synchronised Swimming report was presented as printed.
The Report was accepted.

6.8. Water Polo Committee Report

The Water Polo report was presented as printed.
The Report was accepted.

7. Financial Report

7.1. Accounts

Mr. Hill, Honorary Treasurer, presented his report the Annual Accounts.
He gave an explanation on several items that showed large increases on the 2008 figures.
Mr. Morley (Airedale & Wharfedale District A.S.A.) was concerned about the high cost of the overseas training camp and suggested that the money could be better spent elsewhere and in particular with the smaller clubs that are struggling to survive. He was informed that the Swimming Committee had agreed not to send swimmers abroad in 2010.
The Report was accepted.

7.2. Affiliation Fees

Delegates approved the decision of the Management Board, on a recommendation from the Treasurer, that the 2010 Affiliation and Per Capita Fees are not increased and are Affiliation Fees £6 per club and the per capita charge 15p per member.

8. Account Examiners

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

9. 2010 President

Mr. M Hill, City of Sheffield S.S., proposed Mrs. Joan Weatherington as the 2010 President.
All delegates voted in favour.

Mrs. Weatherington was installed as President and was presented with the Presidential Chain of Office by Mrs. Emmerson.

She thanked her proposer, her club and David Dickenson for nominating her.

In her first duty as President, Mrs. Weatherington presented Mrs. Emmerson, with the Presidents Certificate and Lapel Badge.

10. Elections

10.1. President Elect

There were no nominations for the position and it was agreed that the Management Board deal with the matter.

10.2. Election of Secretary

Mr. David Alexander was elected as Secretary.

10.3. Election of Treasurer

Mr. Malcolm Hill was elected as Treasurer.

10.4. Election of Diving Committee Secretary:

There were no nominations for the position. It was suggested that there may not be a need for a Diving Committee as the Championships are now run in conjunction with those of the North East Region and Development was undertaken by the Local Authority schemes. It was felt that there was a need for a Diving Co-Ordinator and that the Management Board deals with these matters. This was agreed.

10.5. Masters Committee Secretary:

Mrs. Christine McCabe was elected as Masters Committee Secretary.

10.6. Swimming Committee Secretary:

Mr. Barry Saunders was elected as Swimming Committee Secretary.

10.7. Championships Secretary:

The delegates approved the Management Board decision to appoint Mr. David Dickenson as Championships Secretary.

10.8. Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary:

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

10.9. Water Polo Committee Secretary:

There being no nominations received delegates agreed that nominations can be taken from the floor. Mr. Alexander indicated that Mr. A. Butler was willing to continue and this was accepted as a proposal. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Butler was elected as Water Polo Committee Secretary

10.10. Management Board

The following were elected, by ballot, as members of the Management Board:

Mr. J. Cole, Mr. D. A. Dickenson, Mrs. W. Emmerson, Mr. R. Perrell, Mrs. S. Prasad, Mr. H Rudd, Mr. B. J. Saunders and Mr. T. J. Wilkinson.

Mr. W Crawford being the unsuccessful nominee.

11. Changes to Rules

The following changes to the Rules were approved

11.1 Rule 7.1.1 The Officers who shall be the President who shall be allowed to speak but not vote, the Secretary who shall serve for a period of one year and be eligible for re-election and the Treasurer who shall serve for a period of four years and be eligible for re-election.

11.2 Rule 7.1.3 up to eight members who (other than in the first instance 2011) will serve for a period of four years with a quarter retiring each year. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

11.3 Rule 7.3.11 The Board shall at its June/July meeting each year appoint a Championships Secretary, who shall be aged 18 years of age or over, be a member of a Club affiliated to the Association and who will forthwith become a member of the Swimming Committee.

11.4 Rule 7.3.12 The Board shall at its June/July Meeting each year.

12. Any other relevant Business

The Secretary had received an item concerning the Roles of the Technical Sub-Committee that were shown as Rules 23-28. It was suggested that these were not Rules and should be deleted. The Chairman ruled that this would need to be presented as a change of rule at the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2.30 p.m.