

Yorkshire Swimming Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Leeds Metropolitan University, Beckett Park Campus on Saturday 8th January 2011 at 1.00 p.m.

Delegates Present:

Past Presidents: Mr. D. Alexander, Mr. L. S. Beatty, Miss S. Beever, Mr. A. Day, Mr. D. Dickenson, Mr. A. Donlan, Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R. Muir-Cochrane, Mrs. G. Rudd and Mr. H. Young.

Affiliated Clubs; Borough of Kirklees S.C., City of Bradford S.C., City of Leeds S.C., City of Sheffield W.P.C., City of Wakefield S.C., East Leeds S.C., Halifax S.C., Harrogate District S.C., Huddersfield Cambridge Ladies S.C., Huddersfield Crusader S.C., Kirklees & District A.S.A., Leeds Kingfisher S.S.C., Pudsey Pearls S.S.C., Rotherham A.S.A., South Hunsley S.C., White Rose Junior Swimming League and York City B.C.

Others: Mrs. J. Weatherington (President), Mr. R. Perrell (President Elect), Mr. M. G. Hill, (Treasurer), Mr. J Cole (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/Management Board member) and Mrs. A. C. McCabe (Secretary, Masters Committee).

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Mr. Donlan, welcomed delegates.

Before opening the meeting the Chairman asked delegates to stand in silent memory of two Past Presidents who had passed away during 2010.

Mr. David Harrison (the 1991 President) and Mr. Alan Clarkson O.B.E. (the 1973 President).

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from:

Mr. G. F. Alexander, Mr. S Greetham, Mr. J. Hickey, Mr. D. Lee, Mr. L.D. Stubbs, Mr. B. Tiffin (all Past Presidents), Mrs. W. Emmerson (Management Board Member), Airedale & Wharfedale & District A.S.A., South Yorkshire Swans S.S.C., Mrs. A Ibbotson, Mrs. B Newman, Mrs. J Renton and Ms. G Wright.

3. Tellers

Mrs. A. Binns, Mr. D. Plowman and Ms. L Stansbie were appointed to act as a teller.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 9th January 2010 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, Secretary, presented his Report adding, on page 2, the name of David Harrison to that of Alan Clarkson as those who had passed away during 2010. He also explained how difficult it had been to find out any information regarding any success, at any level, of Water Polo Clubs or players. He brought to the attention of the meeting, on page 7, that Mrs. Muir-Cochrane, the Handbook Editor would not be available to carry on with this duty after this year and that Mr. Alan Day, Trophy Controller, would also not be continuing with his role after 2011. The Report was accepted.

6.2. Diving Report

In The absence of a Report from the Diving Liaison Officer the Secretary had produced a report, which acknowledged the success of the County Divers during the 2009/2010 period and in particular Jack Laughler (Harrogate District Diving) who has won two gold medals at both the World and European Junior Diving Championships. Mr. Hill pointed out that the name of Megan Sylvester (City of Sheffield Diving) had been missed off the list. Megan had made the final of the Platform event at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. The report was accepted.

6.3. Masters Committee Report

Mrs. McCabe, Masters Committee Secretary, presented the report as printed. 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. He wished it to be noted that for the 2011 Championships there are some problems with the entries for the 800 & 1500 Freestyle events. As this was a new system we were using he intended to be a little flexible with the submitted entries and he would be contacting the clubs regarding this. There was a considerable amount of discussion on the matter and it was agreed that the Swimming Committee considers the points raised. The Report was accepted.

6.6. Open Water Report

There was no Open Water Report. Mr. Alexander did however inform the meeting that there would be a Yorkshire Open Water Championship.

6.7. Synchronised Swimming Committee Report

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

6.8. Water Polo Committee Report

There was no Report from the Water Polo Committee Secretary.

7. Financial Report

7.1. Accounts

Mr. Hill, Honorary Treasurer, presented his report the Annual Accounts. He reported that for the first time since he took over as Treasurer, 22 years ago, the Association showed a loss. This being £8052. The following items were noted; Sponsorship had increased with addition of British Gas. Our other sponsors being Leo Beatty, Teams Gala, and Gerrard Sports for our Championship Galas. The spectator income was down by approx. £4000. The bank interest had dropped by appx. £700. The administration costs of the Association were appx. £6000 with only £2584 coming from the Affiliation Fees.

As a result of the loss the following actions have been taken; there will be only 3 Championship Galas instead of the 4 in 2010. The Championship Entry Fees have been increased. The per capita charge has been increased as per item 8.2.

The Report was accepted.

7.2. Affiliation Fees

The decision of the Management Board to increase the per capita charge from 15p per member to 30p per member was noted. This would raise an extra £1500.

8. Account Examiners

It was agreed that PCLG of York act as the Independent Examiners of the accounts.

Before the next item the retiring President, Mrs. Weatherington thanked all those people that had made her and her husband, Keith, welcome at the many different events that they has attended during the year. It was an exciting time and she had enjoyed every minute.

9. 2011 President

Mr. S Long, City of Wakefield S.C. proposed Mr. Roger Perrell as the 2011 President. All delegates voted in favour.

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

He thanked his proposer, and his club for nominating him.

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

10. Elections

10.1. President Elect

Mr. Philip Morrison was proposed as President Elect with all delegates voting in favour.

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. Masters Committee Secretary:

Mrs. Christine McCabe was elected as Masters Committee Secretary.

10.5. Swimming Committee Secretary:

Mr. Barry Saunders was elected as Swimming Committee Secretary.

10.6. Championships Secretary:

It was noted that the Management Board had appointed Mr. David Dickenson as Championships Secretary.

10.7. Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary:

Mr. Bill Cooper was elected, after a ballot, as Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary. Mr. I. Watson and Ms. G Wright being the unsuccessful nominees.

10.8. Water Polo Committee Secretary:

There were no nominations for this position. Mr. J Martin, City of Sheffield W.P.C. proposed that the Management Board discuss the matter and that the Water Polo clubs be circulated to see if there is anyone interested in taking on the role of Committee Secretary. This was agreed.

10.9. Management Board

The following were elected 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.

11. Changes to Rules

The following change to the Rule 7.1.1 (line 2) was approved
After Secretary DELETE 'who shall serve for a period of one year and be eligible for re-election. In order to allow some continuity with the position of Treasurer it was agreed that this would be effective from 2012.

12. Any other relevant Business

The Secretary had not been advised of any other business.

Mr. Young, on behalf of delegates, offered the congratulations to the various Secretaries for producing excellent reports.

The Chairman, Mr. Donlan, thanked the Tellers and the Registrar for carrying out their duties so effectively.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 1.50 p.m.