

**Yorkshire Swimming Association
Water Polo Committee**

Minutes from meeting held on 1st April 2009 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: A. Butler, Committee Secretary, (ALB), L.S. Beatty (LSB), R. Stead (RS), G. Twohey (GT), B. Littlejohn (BL), J. Roxburgh (JR) and M. Hill (MH).

Yorkshire Swimming Association Water Polo Championships

Alan Butler informed the committee of the results of the survey regarding the Yorkshire championships.

16 clubs circulated 9 replies 8 for continuing 1 no.

Of the 6 not replied 5 have entered the Yorkshire Senior Championships before.

Age Groups senior men 7 senior women 6, U18 6, U16 5, U14 3.

Rounds & final: 4, Tournament 4.

Wakefield & District Water Polo League organise U14 and U16 KO tournaments for members of their league.

Suggestion therefore to have rounds for seniors and U 18,s and final on fixed date and tournament for U16 and U14 to coincide with refs/table officials course?

After discussion it was agreed to use the rounds and final approach and cover all age groups as suggested and therefore ALB would send out the appropriate letters and entry forms.

It was also agreed that LSB would talk to Paul Bentley at Huddersfield to try to arrange time at the Galpharm pool to play all finals on the same date in the current year.

LSB agreed also to be the contact for appointment of referees as in previous years but would need assistance to assess the suitability of newer referees of which he had little information as to their ability and reliability.

Referees and table Officials course

It was agreed that ALB try to organise with Wakefield & District Water Polo League a course for refs and table officials: practical to coincide with tournament?

It was suggested by MH that he would need to approach ASA North East Region first with proposals and then contact BL who would arrange the tutors.

North East Region and development

Currently Yorkshire Swimming Association Water Polo Secretary also ASA North East Region Secretary but with no committee, would wish to form a small committee for ASA North East Region-volunteers from Yorkshire and perhaps old committee ASA North East Region if willing to help.

ASA North East Region has authorised progress towards inter region U18 side, but need coach (been advertised since Dec 2008 no enquiries) before approaching for times and funding. This is part of A.S.A. National development plan.

Region did not enter senior interregional (due to no coach, no committee, and no apparent interest!)

Regional clubs circulated also re their ideas but replies from only two in N & D

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

BL opened a discussion relating to the restructuring of the leagues in the region from his perspective as a referee and the lack of willing independent referees for league competitions.

This was to be a basis for a paper he intended to put together, but required assistance and input from the committee and all clubs in the region.

No formal conclusion was reached but as a result BL with GT would progress this for a more detailed discussion at a later date, and GT offered his assistance in marketing the eventual proposals to the clubs in the region.

It was suggested that the next meeting be in November 2009 to consider rescheduling of the Yorkshire championships so the finals would not be in the middle of both National league seasons.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm