

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

President – Mrs Mary McClung

Minutes of the Forty-Fourth Meeting of the Management Board held on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at the Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Mr Harold Rudd (Chairman), Mr David Alexander (Secretary), Mr Gary Hill (Treasurer), Mrs Mary McClung (President), Mr Bill Cooper, Mr David Dickenson, Mr Roger Perrell, Mrs Sue Prasad, Mr Barry Saunders, Mr Rod Wardle and Mr Terry Wilkinson.

Also in attendance, by invite, Mr David Parry (ASA North East Region Development Officer) and Mr Dan Ramm (A.S.A. Club Development Officer).

The Chairman welcomed members and opened the meeting.

480. Minutes

The Minutes of the Forty-Third Meeting held on the 7th September were presented to the meeting. With a correction to the date of the meeting they were approved.

481. Matters Arising

The following matters arising from the minutes were discussed;

481.1 (Min 471.1 from previous Min 464): Although a Championships Secretary has not been appointed the administration for the 2017 Championships has been arranged.

481.2 (Min 471.1 from previous Min 464): Vacant positions. It was agreed that we staff a stand during one of the Championship week-ends to promote the vacant positions. This is to be discussed at the January meeting.

481.3 (Mins 473.1, 473.2, 473.3, 473.4 & 473.5): These matters have been attended to and will be part of the Treasurers report.

481.4 (Min 474.2.3): The payment to the Sheffield Beacon programme has been made.

481.5 (Min 474.2.4): Dates for the 2017 Winter Competition will be discussed at the Swimming Committee meeting on the 23rd November.

481.6 (Min 477.1): The required changes to the Rules have been proposed and seconded and will be put the members at the Annual General Meeting.

481.7 (Min 478.1): Adi Hinchliffe is looking at setting a suitable criteria for such an award.

481.8 (Min 478.2): This matter to be discussed under any other business.

482. Secretary's Report

Mr. Alexander reported on the following matters:

482.1 The following clubs were now Affiliated to the Association; Bedale Sharks and Yorkshire Otters Coaching Club. Some members thought The Yorkshire Otters name could cause people to think that it was managed by the County. The Secretary was asked to contact the Region to make them aware as that is where the affiliations are done.

482.2 The following nominations have been received;

2017 President: Mr A Stuart Walker. 2017 President Elect: Mr Chris Bland.

2017 Management Board: Mr Bill Cooper. 2017 Secretary: Mr David Alexander.

Chairman: Mr Terry Wilkinson.

482.3 The position of Chairman is a Management Board appointment and was accepted by all members present. Mr Wilkinson will take office immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

482.4 Mr Wardle agreed to speak to a volunteer who may be interested in taking on the role of the Association Welfare Officer.

482.5 Email from Sarah Spears via Ray Gordon asking for some funding for Rebecca Richardson. It was agreed that this should be discussed by the Synchronised Swimming Committee Mr Alexander to forward the email to Bill Cooper.

482.6 Mr Wilkinson requested that an email sent to the Secretary but not included on the agenda be discussed. This was agreed. Mr Wilkinson was concerned at the growing number of vacant positions and that the present system of seeking nominations from the clubs was not working. He proposed that we set up a stand at the 2017 Championships with all the relevant details of the vacant positions and seek volunteers from those attending. This was agreed.

483. Treasurer

483.1 Mr Hill gave an explanation for the matters that were raised at the September meeting.

483.2 The Sub-Committee Budgets were agreed as presented by the Treasurer.

Mr Ramm questioned why there was no budget for Diving. It was explained that this was due to the fact that there is no Diving Committee to submit one. He agreed to speak to his contacts in Diving and make them aware of the situation.

483.3 Mr Wilkinson reminded members that it had been agreed at a previous meeting for a more comprehensive list of Income and Expenditure by given by the Treasurer at each Board meeting and that to date this had not happened. The Treasurer agreed to review the Chart of Accounts in the Sage programme in order to achieve this and to provide income and expenditure reports from Sage for review at all future Board meetings.

484. Technical Sub-Committee Reports

MASTERS:

- 484.1.1 The minutes of the Masters Committee meeting held on the 1st November were presented to the meeting. Mr Alexander pointed out that the suggested dates for the 2017 Inter County, if held in Yorkshire, were not available at John Charles. The minutes were accepted.
- 484.1.2 The written Masters Committee report was presented to the meeting. There were no matters discussed from the report and the report was accepted.

SWIMMING:

- 484.2.1 Mr. Saunders gave a verbal report from the Swimming Committee.
- 484.2.2 It was noted that, after a 14 year absence, the County were the winners of the ASA County Team Championship in Sheffield.

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING:

- 484.5 The minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee held on the 11th October were presented to the meeting. Mr Cooper gave details of some matters in the minutes. The minutes were approved.

485. ASA North East Region Report

- 485.1 The minutes of the Management Board Meeting held on 11th October were presented to the meeting. It was noted, in minute 682.1, that the Region would not be requesting any funding from the Association.
- 485.2 The report from the North East Region Regional Development Officers was presented to the meeting. Mr. Parry updated several items.

486. A.S.A. Sport Governing Board

- 486.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd/24th September were presented to the meeting and it was noted that Mr. Saunders had been re-appointed to the Board as a Sports Specialist for the period 2016-2020.

487. Annual Awards

The following 2016 award winners were approved:

- 487.1 **HENRY DIXON TROPHY:** Jack Laugher (City of Leeds Diving).
- 487.2 **ADRIAN MOORHOUSE SCHOLARSHIP:** to be confirmed later.
- 487.3 **VINCENT & MARGARET HORNER TROPHY:** to be confirmed later.

488. Any other relevant Business

- 488.1 Dates for the 2017 Management Board meetings were agreed as Wednesday 22nd March, Wednesday 7th June, Wednesday 6th September and Wednesday 8th November. The January meeting to take place 30 minutes after the end of the Annual General Meeting and the others at the John Charles Centre for Sport.
- 488.2 Web Site: Mr. Wilkinson gave an update on replacing the present web site host. This would cost in the region of £5,500. It was noted that several note worthy events had happened when the Webmasters was not easily available to publish them on the web site. He recommended the following;
 - 488.3.1 the Board to consider having a web site professionally developed using different technology so that several named individuals could access for the purpose of updates.
 - 488.3.2 the Board to consider if such a web site should have a "Merchant Account" associated with it so we can take payments for entries et al through the web site.
 - 488.3.3 the Board to consider if we need a Social Media specialist to ensure that adverse postings get dealt with and good news is splashed in a timely manner.

Consideration for these matters to be discussed at the January meeting.

Mr. Wilkinson reported the following items as a result of his visit to the A.S.A. Council meeting;

- 488.4 He gave details of a reference to the need for the affairs of Counties to be "whiter than white" and that the Association affairs should stand scrutiny from adversaries.
- 488.5 An indication had been given that there was an intent to bring to the 2017 Council a proposal requiring Clubs to adopt a new legal format. This would be to a transition to a "Limited Liability" status or maybe a Charitable status. Clubs should be aware that the change is driven, not least, by Insurance which can no longer be relied upon to fully cover anyone acting on behalf of a Club or Association.
- 488.6 It was noted that a proposal was given to A.S.A. Council upon Leadership and that the best organisations could be sure that everyone shared a common purpose and that the Association should do likewise.

489. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next, Forty-Fifth, meeting was confirmed as Saturday 21st January 2017 to commence 30 minutes after the end of the Annual General Meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.