

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

President – Mr Chris Bland

Minutes of the Fifty-First Meeting of the Management Board held on Wednesday 14th March 2018 in the Denison Suite at the Aquatics Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Mr Terry Wilkinson (Chairman), Mr David Alexander (Secretary), Mr Gary Hill (Treasurer), Mrs Mary McClung, Mr Roger Perrell, Mrs Sue Prasad, Mr Barry Saunders, Mr Stuart Walker & Ms Gemma Wright.

Also in attendance (non voting);

Mr David Parry (Regional Development Officer, Swim England North East Region) and Mr Dan Ramm (Swim England Club Development Officer).

The Chairman welcomed all members and opened the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were recorded in respect of Mr Chris Bland (President), Mr Bill Cooper & Mr Rod Wardle.

554. Minutes

The minutes of the Fiftieth Meeting held on the 20th January were presented and approved as a true record.

555. Matters Arising

The following matters arising from the minutes were discussed;

555.1 (min 543.1): Mr. Wilkinson has yet to complete this matter.

555.2 (min 543.2): Mr. Hill has yet to complete this matter.

555.3 (min 543.3): This matter has now been resolved.

555.4.1 (min 545.2): The progress report had been considered by member and the actions to date were noted with no discussions.

555.4.2 (min 545.1): The Secretary had acknowledged receipt of the letter from the City of Leeds Synchronised S. C. It was agreed that the outstanding amount of the agreed funding should be made.

555.5 (min 547.2.2) The Treasurer could see no benefit from adopting Winter Competition entries by PayPal. It was agreed to wait for some feedback from the PayPal system set up by the North East Region for their Championships in May. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

555.6 (min 549.1) The appointment of the following members of the Masters Committee was agreed: Mr. S. Allen, Mr. S. Hoyle, Mr. P. Ingham, Mr. B. Moore & Ms. P. Rickard.

555.7 (min 550.4) It was agreed that at the present time there was not a need for a Sports Aid Administer and that this needs to be deleted from the Constitution. The matter to be put to the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

556. Secretary's Report

Mr. Alexander reported on the following matters;

556.1 The Henry Dixon Trophy has been presented to Max Litchfield.

556.2 Following an incident at the Championships on the 4th February it had been necessary to write to one of the volunteers advising that he would not be required on the week-end of the 10th/11th February.

556.3 A written complaint has been received from a spectator alleging that he was threatened by one of our volunteers in the cafe area at Ponds Forge during the Teams Championships. After discussing with the Chairman it had been decided to ask the Welfare Officer to deal with the matter.

556.4 The same written complaint had raised two other issues from the Sprint Championships and it was agreed that they should be considered by the Swimming Committee.

556.5 Following on from the matters in minute 556.2 above the Secretary had written to the volunteer concerned advising him that we would not allow him to act as a volunteer at any of the Association events.

556.6 The appointment of Mr Kyran Parker as the Masters Committee Secretary was approved.

557. Treasurer's Report

557.1 The Treasurer presented his written report and an Income & Expenditure listing. He advised the meeting that the pool hire for Ponds Forge had, yet again, been increased. Other expenditure was in line with the previous year.

- 557.2 The provisional dates for the 2019 Swimming Championships & the Winter Competition were agreed, subject to pool availability, as
 2nd/3rd & 9th/10th February at John Charles.
 23rd February (Sprints) at Ponds Forge.
 24th February (Teams) at Ponds Forge.
 11th May Masters Championships at John Charles.
 28th/29th September Winter Competition at John Charles.
 19th/20th October Winter Competition at Ponds Forge.

558. Technical Sub-Committee Reports

558.1 Diving:

Dan Ramm and David Parry had met with representatives from the Diving clubs and they have agreed to set up a Diving Committee. The Secretary to be provided with the minutes/notes from the meeting. The matter of a Committee budget was discussed and this to be finalised later.

558.2 Masters:

The written report from Mr Parker was presented to the meeting. The Committee are due to meet in May. There were no matters discussed from the report.

558.3 Swimming:

558.3.1 Mr Saunders gave a verbal report on the Championships which in the main were a success although the number of entries for the Sprint Championships was too high.

558.3.2 With the inclusion of Mens 800 & Womens 1500 Freestyle the programme for the 2019 Championships would need to be looked at. The Committee are due to meet in April.

558.4 Synchronised Swimming:

558.4.1 The minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee meeting held on the 30th January were presented to the meeting and the following items were considered;

558.4.2 (min 5) It was agreed that Isobel Davis be awarded a grant of £500 to cover her cost in attending her training with the G.B. squad.

558.4.3 (min 6) It was confirmed by the Secretary that the Association do not have a 4th place ribbon.

558.4.4 Ms Wright gave a verbal report from the Synchronised Swimming Committee meeting held on the 13th March. The following items from the meeting were agreed;

558.4.4.1 Millie Costello and Daisy Rushton were awarded a grant of £500 to cover some of the cost for them to attend GB training.

558.4.4.2 Tracy Wyke to be copied into any emails sent to the synchro@yorkshireswimming.org address whilst Mr. Cooper is under hospital treatment.

559. Swim England North East Region Report

559.1 The minutes of the Management Board meeting held on the 6th February were presented to the meeting and the following points were discussed;

559.1.1 (min 750.1): The region have decided not to follow the Swim England lead on making a reduced memberships fee for those joining after the 1st October. It was agreed that the Association would also not be offering such a reduction. Mr. Hill to inform the Swim England Membership Department on the decision.

559.2 Mr. Parry presented his written report and expanded on some of the items. It was pleasing to note that 33 people had attended the Young Leader Development Day.

559.3 Mr. Ramm gave details of Professional Development for Swimming Coaches workshop. This is a free event and is offered by researchers at Leeds Beckett University.

560. Any other relevant Business

560.1 The Secretary had been informed by Swim England on the forthcoming introduction of GDPR which will come into effect on the 25th May. Committees and volunteers need to be aware of the changes that this new legislation will bring.

561. Date of next meeting

The date of the next, Fifty-Second, meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6th June at 7.15 p.m.

The meeting to take place in the Denison Suite at the Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:47 p.m.