

# YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

President – Mrs Joan Weatherington

## Minutes of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Management Board held on Wednesday 16th March 2011 at the Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.

**Present:** Mr. Alan Donlan (Chairman), Mr. David Alexander (Secretary), Mr. Malcolm Hill (Treasurer), Mr. John Cole, Mr. David Dickenson, Mrs. Wendy Emmerson, Mr. Roger Perrell (also President), Mrs. Sue Prasad, Mr. Harold Rudd, Mr. Barry Saunders and Mr. Terry Wilkinson (from Min 153).

Also in attendance: Ms. Vicky Norman, A.S.A. North East Region Aquatic Officer.

### 144 Minutes

The minutes of the Thirteenth meeting held on the 8th January were presented and approved as a true record.

### 145 Matters Arising

The following matters arising from the minutes were noted:

- 145.1 (Min 138.1) The Secretary had recently written to all the Water Polo Clubs and was awaiting replies.
- 145.2 (Min 140.2) Mrs. Emmerson had indicated that she was no longer willing to carry out the duties of the Welfare Officer.
- 145.3 (Min 140.6) Mrs. Emmerson wished to carry on as Sports Aid Administrator but was concerned that the position was no longer functional.
- 145.4 (Min 140.7) The Secretary had recently written to all the Diving Clubs and was awaiting replies.
- 145.5 (Min 142.1) Mr. Donlan had raised the matter of the role of the Swimming Action Groups with Mr. Gardiner, Regional Director, ASA North East Region who had replied that their function is the overall co-ordination of all things to do with aquatics as a sort of self-help group. There should be representatives from the local authorities, the clubs and where possible the County Swimming Association.

### 146 Secretary's Report

- 146.1 Mr. Alexander had raised the issue of communications with Mr. Wilkinson, Webmaster, who wished to raise the matter. In the absence of Mr. Wilkinson it was agreed to discuss this item later in the meeting.

### 147 Treasurer's Report

- 147.1 Mr. Hill reported that the income from the Championships was down on that for 2010. The costs will be lower as we only held three galas rather than the four in 2010.
- 147.2 Trophies: In view of the fact that trophies are no longer presented at the Senior/Junior Championships it was proposed that any valuable trophies be sold off. This was agreed.
- 147.3 It was proposed that the presentation of trophies for the Age Group Championships be discontinued with the winners receiving a suitable award and the 2010 winners being allowed to retain the present trophy. Mrs. Emmerson requested that the trophies be offered back to the donors. The proposal was amended as follows; any clubs that had donated Age Group trophies be offered the opportunity to have them returned. This was agreed.

### 148 Technical Sub-Committees

- 148.1 The minutes of the Masters Committee meeting held on the 15th February were presented. Mr. Saunders questioned the minute regarding the A.S.A. Inter County Competition where the minute read that there was nothing to report although he had been present at the event at Leeds in November. The Secretary to contact Mrs. McCabe and seek clarification on this.
- 148.2 The minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee meeting held on the 16th February were presented. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 148.3 It was agreed to take the report from the Regional Swimming Disability Coach under this heading. The Report from Mr. Armstrong was presented. There were no matters arising from the report.

### 149 ASA North East Region Report

The minutes of the Board meeting held on the 1st February were presented. The following matters of interest were discussed;

- 149.1 The Masters Championships will be held at Durham on Saturday 24th September.
- 149.2 The Central Club & Coach funding for the Regional Development Coach, North East, Disability Swimming had ceased and the Region is now meeting the cost.

- 149.3 The Annual Council Meeting will be held on Saturday 10th September and will now be a stand alone event without any workshops. The venue to be decided.
- 149.4 School Games. The event in North Yorkshire will begin with the swimming at the Harrogate Hydro Pool on the 18th June and will include disability events.

**150 A.S.A. Board**

The following points from the meeting held on the 5th February were noted;

- 150.1 On-line membership system; It had been agreed that the provision of a web based on-line membership system to benefit clubs is to start in 2012. Members were keen to ensure that security be rigorously tested ahead of any legislation that may be introduced in the future. Mr. Wilkinson had expressed concerns to the Secretary about the safety of the system. It was agreed to discuss the matter later in the meeting.

**151 Aquatic Officers Report**

The written report from the Aquatic Officers team was presented by Vicky Norman. She asked that publicity be given to the following team Manger courses that are taking place later in the year.

- 151.1 Wednesday 6th July at the Holiday Inn, Rotherham. 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- 151.2 Tuesday 27th September, Energise Pool, York. 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- 151.3 Thursday 1st December, Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Hull. 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

**152 Any Other Relevant Business**

- 152.1 Correspondence had been received from the Doncaster Sports Awards. The Board agreed that any nominations are better coming from the local clubs in that area.
- 152.2 Jane Tomlinson swim for all event. A request that we advertise/mention this worthwhile event on our website was reluctantly refused.

**153 resumption of minute 146**

With the arrival of Mr. Wilkinson discussion on communications was re-commenced. Mr. Wilkinson requested that consideration be given for the handbook details to be available on the web site. This was agreed. The Secretary to discuss the matter with the handbook Editor.

**154 resumption of minute 150**

Mr. Wilkinson outlined his concerns about the security of the proposed on-line membership system. It was agreed that Mr. Wilkinson should take this matter up with the A.S.A. Chief Operating Officer.

**155 Date of next Meeting**

The date of the next, Fifteenth, meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 18th May in the Denison Suite at the John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

Handbook amendments (page 52/53)

CLUBS details:

Don Valley Dolphins; DELETE all details.

Leeds City College Aquatics Academy; new club;

Riddings Waterwise Jubilee; DELETE all details

Scunthorpe H<sub>2</sub>O; DELETE all details