

Minutes to be approved at the next meeting of the Committee.

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
(President Mr B McLean)
SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at John Charles Centre for Sport on Wednesday 4th March 2015

2015.1 Persons Present:

John Cole (Chair), David Alexander, Russ Barber, David Dickenson, Roger Perell, Terry Wilkinson, Rod Wardle, Barry Saunders

2015.2 Apologies for Absence:

Gary Hill

2015.3 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held 12th November 2014 were accepted as a true record. There were no matters arising which were not Agenda items.

2015.4 Review of 2015 Championships

- a) The number of Individual entries had been similar to the previous year. There had been a considerable reduction in the number of team entries.
- b) There had been a number of issues with the pool at Leeds.
 - i. The efficiency of the Timing Equipment was poor with many missed touches particularly at the turn end. Some pads had been completely dead.
 - ii. The Sound System was not adequate for a Gala at this level.
 - iii. The pool appeared to have been booked until 5pm. The Saturday afternoon sessions had ended long after this time meaning that there were insufficient staff rostered and the swim down pool had been closed.
 - iv. More time to be allowed to raise the Diving Pit floor before the start of Competition.
- c) Although no figures were available for the meeting it was recognised that having large amounts of engraving on the trophies, for the winner of an event, was an expense that could not be justified going forward. Also the Pennants had the year on them. It was agreed that for 2016 the Trophies would have 'Yorkshire Champion 2016' engraved on them and the pennants would be generic with no year.
- d) A Trophy Controller was required.
- e) There would be no separate Pennant for the Team Gala.
- f) Pennants would be available for all age groups to collect if they wanted.
- g) The Championship Programme to include a list of the previous year's Yorkshire Champions for each event.
- h) The Treasurer to be requested to provide a detailed Income & Expenditure Spreadsheet for the Championships.

2015.5 Winter Competition 2015

Details of the meet to be uploaded to the website asap.

2015.6 Coaches Day

This had been fixed for September 5th at Leeds. A headline speaker would be required. Russ agreed to source a suitable person. A budget of £1000 would be required for the event.

2015.7 Championships 2016

- a) A number of Coaches had submitted comments regarding the format of the Championships in 2016. These had been acknowledged. It was pointed out that the Championships would have to follow the British Swimming Pathway Document and we must implement all the changes that are required.
- b) All Events for 10/11 & 12 years would be H.D.W. with Finals for the older age bandings except 400m & above events which would remain H.D.W.
- c) No heats would be cyclically seeded.
- d) There was some discussion regarding the Team Championships where flexibility was allowed. It was agreed that the lower age would remain at 9/10 years but we would move to age at year end same as the Championships. To comply with ASA

Regulations 9 year olds would only be allowed to swim if they were 10 by the year end.

- e) Dates & Venues:- 6th/7th & 13th/14th February Individual Championships at Leeds, 27th February 50m Sprint Championships and 28th February Team Championships both at Sheffield.
- f) There would be no increase in any fees.
- g) To reduce the number of swimmers on the poolside it was agreed to use the balcony seating on the Omega side for some of the swimmers/coaches. A steward may have to be provided to man the door onto the poolside.

2015.8 A.O.B.

- a) Athlete development funding was discussed. It appeared that no payments have been made since the list of swimmers was approved by the Management Board. The Committee Secretary had discussed the situation with the Coaches from our Performance Clubs and Russ had provided a suggested criteria. The following criteria was set for 2015/16.
 - i. Swimmers must achieve entry into the British Championships in an Olympic Event.
 - ii. Not part of the World Class Programme Squads or be in receipt of Sports Aid Funding in the year of application.
 - iii. Train full time and compete for a Yorkshire Club.
 - iv. Show a commitment to Yorkshire Swimming by competing (where possible) in the Championships.
 - v. Must have been an ASA Registered member of a Yorkshire Club for at least 6 months on the date of application.
 - vi. Must apply for funding and have the application signed off by the Head Coach and Chairman of the club.
 - vii. Up to a maximum of 20 swimmers to a maximum of £500 per head paid in two instalments.
 - viii. Applications to be received by the end of September with the first payment made after the November Swimming Committee Meeting and the second payment made providing they make entry into the British Championships in spring 2016.

In view of the fact that payment did not appear to have been made for 2015 it was agreed to move towards the new criteria and remove 5 swimmers from the previously circulated Grants list, who had not gained entry into the British Championships 2015. The two swimmers who were no longer World Class Funded would be added making a total of 17 and a saving of £1500 over the year.

This would allow the Coaches Day to be held and the Swimming Committee still be within the £10k budget.

- b) The conditions for the sanctioning of Yorkshire Records required that the application be approved by the Swimming Committee and the Board. It was felt that this requirement should be removed and power given to the General Secretary to validate records.
- c) Russ agreed to give feedback to the Coaches on the discussions at the meeting.

2015.9 Date of Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting was not fixed at this time.

Barry J Saunders, Swimming Committee Secretary