

Yorkshire Swimming Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Leeds Metropolitan University on Saturday 10th January 2004 at 1.00 p.m.

Present:

President Mr. L S Beatty, Past Presidents, Miss S Beever, Mr. P Boyd, Mr. A M Clarkson, Mr. A Donlan, Mr. J Emerson, Mr. S Greetham, Mr. D Harrison, Mr. S Johnson, Mr. D Lee, Mrs. N Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R R Muir-Cochrane, Mr. L D Stubbs, Mr. M Telfer, Mr. H C Vanson and Mr. H Young.
Delegates from the following Affiliated members, Airedale & Wharfedale A.S.A., Barnsley S.C., Bingley S.C., Bradford Dolphins S.C., Chapletown S.C., City of Bradford S.C., City of Leeds S.C., City of Leeds Diving C., City of Sheffield S.S., Cleethorpes & District S.C., Dewsbury S.C., Doncaster Darts S.C., East Leeds S.C., E.S.S.A. (Division) 3, Halifax S.C., Harrogate District S.C., Huddersfield Borough S.C., Huddersfield Cambridge Ladies S.C., Kingston upon Hull S.C., Kingston upon Hull & District A.S.A., Kirklees & District A.S.A., Leeds & District A.S.A., National Speedo Swimming League North East, Pudsey Pearls S.C., Rotherham A.S.A., Scarborough S.C., Sheffield & District A.S.A., Spa Askern S.C., White Rose Junior Swimming League and York C.B.C.

Also in attendance: Mr. M G Hill (Treasurer), Mrs. A C McCabe (Masters Committee Secretary) and Mr. W A Cooper (Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary).

Before the start of the meeting The President invited the meeting to stand in memory of Mr. Norman Sarsfield, a Past President of the North Eastern Counties A.S.A. and a former Secretary of the A.S.A.

The President presented Mr. T J Wilkinson with the A.S.A. Silver Pin. Mr. Wilkinson having served for the required 7 years on the A.S.A. National Judicial Tribunal/IDDRP.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from; Mr. G F Alexander, Mr. G Barraclough, Miss D Rose, Mrs. G Rudd, Mr. H Rudd and Mr. M Squires.

2. Appointment of Tellers

Mrs. N Booker, Mrs. S Redman and Mr. M Redman were appointed to act as tellers.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 11th January 2003 were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. Special General Meeting

Before asking members to approve the minutes and therefore the new Rules, the Secretary asked for clarification on where the appointment of the Chairman should take place as there were conflicting rules. Rule 8.2 indicates that the appointment be made at the A.G.M. and Rule 8.6.1 reads that the appointment be made at the Statutory meeting. It was proposed that Rule 8.2 be amended from 'the Officers' to 'President, Secretary, Treasurer'. This was approved.

It was noted that Minute 3 should read 'on a majority vote'

The minutes were approved.

6. Henry Dixon Trophy

The Secretary advised the meeting that the Trophy will be presented to the winner, Rebecca Shaw at the Senior/Junior Championships in February.

7. Annual Report

Mr. Alexander presented his Annual Report as written
The Report was accepted.

- 8. Financial Report**

Mr. Hill apologized to the meeting for the late distribution of the accounts. He then outlined several items on the Income & Expenditure.
Mr. Ford, Bradford Dolphins, asked if it was possible to allocate some of the reserves rather than keep such a large amount in the bank.
Mr. Hill assured him that the Executive do support financial requests, if suitable.
The Report was accepted.
- 9. Affiliation Fees**

The Treasurer proposed that Affiliation Fees are unchanged as agreed by the Executive at their June meeting. This was agreed unanimously.
- 10. Championships Report**

Mr. Dickenson presented his report as written.
He added that it had been a good year for the Championships/Competitions.
The report was accepted.
- 11. Diving Report**

The Secretary apologized to delegates for the late distribution of the Diving Report.
Mr. Johnstone presented his report that had been given to delegates at the meeting.
Mr. H Young, Past President, and the President thanked Mr. Johnstone for an excellent report after a number of years without one.
The report was accepted.
- 12. Masters Swimming Report**

Mrs. McCabe presented her report as written.
She added that the winner of the 2003 Masters swimmer of the Year was David Emerson (City of Leeds) and the L S Beatty Trophy will be presented to David at the County Masters Championships at Scarborough.
The report was accepted.
- 13.1 Swimming Report**

Mr. Saunders presented his report as written.
The report was accepted.
- 13.2 Open Water Swimming Report**

Mr. Greetham presented his report as written.
He appealed to distance swimmers to consider taking part in Open Water competitions, pointing out the venues for some of the major championships/competitions in 2004.
The report was accepted.
- 14. Synchronised Swimming Report**

Mr. Cooper presented the report as written.
He advised the meeting that the date for the Senior/Junior Competition would take place on the 2nd May and not as shown.
Mr. Cooper reported that some of the trophies were in poor condition and needed some refurbishment.
The report was accepted.
- 15. Water Polo Report**

Mr. Bonds presented his report.
He added that the County Junior (under 19) side were successful in the A.S.A. Inter County Championship.
The report was accepted.
- 16. Water Polo Referees Association Report**

Mr. Beatty presented his report as written.
The report was accepted.
- 17. Vote of Thanks**

Dr. Muir-Cochrane, Past President, proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Association, noting the work and time, which they gave to the Association in 2003. Delegates showed their appreciation.

18. Installation of the 2004 President

- 18.1 The installation of the 2004 President could not take place, as there were no nominations. Mr. Clarkson, Past President, said it was a sad day for the County. It was proposed that Mr. Beatty carry out the duties of the President and where appropriate invite other Past Presidents to carry out the Presidential duties. This was agreed.
- 18.2 Mr. Beatty was presented with Past President's Certificate and badge by Mr. Hill, the Honorary Treasurer.
- 18.3 Mr. Beatty presented Mrs. Newman with the lapel badge of the Association and thanked his various consorts who had assisted him during the year.
- 18.4 With no President installed the presentation of the Consorts Badge did not take place. The election for President-Elect did not take place, as there were no nominations. The Honorary Secretary informed the meeting that a member of an affiliated club was interested in the position but at the present time could not make a firm commitment. The Secretary would keep the Executive informed of any development.

19. Election of 2004 Executive

- 19.1 Mr. D Alexander was elected as Honorary Secretary.
- 19.2 Mr. M G Hill was elected as Honorary Treasurer.
- 19.3 Delegates confirmed the Executive Committee appointment of Mr. D A Dickenson as Championships Secretary.
- 19.4 Mr. T J Wilkinson was elected as Honorary Volunteer Liaison Secretary.
- 19.5 Mr. T J Wilkinson was elected as Honorary Club Liaison Secretary.
- 19.6 There were no nominations for the position of Honorary Diving Committee Secretary. The Honorary Secretary apologized for this informing the meeting that there had been a mistake in the issue of the nomination papers. It was proposed from the floor, that Mr. D Johnstone be nominated for the position. This was agreed.
- 19.7 Mrs. A C McCabe was elected as Honorary Secretary for the Masters Committee.
- 19.8 Mr. B J Saunders was elected as Honorary Secretary for the Swimming Committee.
- 19.9 Mr. W A Cooper was elected as Honorary Secretary for the Synchronised Swimming Committee.
- 19.10 Mr. J S Bonds was elected as Honorary Secretary for the Water Polo Committee.
- 19.11 The following were elected as members of the Executive Committee by ballot
Mr. P Boyd, Mr. W Crawford, Mr. A Day, Mr. A Donlan, Mrs. W Emmerson, Mr. N Greenfield, Mr. S Greetham, Mr. G Griffin, Mr. J Hickey, Mr. S Johnson, Mr. G W Kenyon, Mrs. N Muir-Cochrane, Mr. D Parsonson, Mrs. S Prasad, Mr. K Simpson, Mr. R Stead, Mr. D Teale, Mr. H C Vanson and Mr. A S Walker.
Mr. J Hallis, Mr. H Rudd and Mr. M Squires were unsuccessful.

20. Independent Examiners

PCLG were elected as the Independent Examiners for the accounts.

21. Roll of Honour

The following were proposed to be included on the Roll of Honour; Mr. K H Binns, Fr. A Cramer, Mr. P McCabe, Mrs. B Newman and Mr. E W Vickerman.
It was agreed that a citation of their achievements be included in the handbook and on the Web site.

22. North Eastern Counties A.S.A. Annual Council Meeting

The Honorary Secretary expressed his disappointment that the Diving Committee Report did not show all the winners from the Major Competitions. The North East District is the strongest in Diving and their successes should be shown in the report.

23. Amateur Swimming Association Annual Council Meeting

- 23.1 Mr. Donovan, Bingley S.C. was concerned that the draft copy of the Membership Forms sent to clubs required them to include information that was inappropriate and that the A.S.A. proposed to sell the information to outside organizations. Mr. Donlan, Past President, explained that the A.S.A. Committee had discussed this matter and the final copy of the forms will be altered.
- 23.2 Mr. Wilkinson, Harrogate District, was concerned that some clubs would have difficulty in completing the forms in the required time.
It was agreed that the Honorary Secretary writes to the A.S.A. making them aware of these concerns.

24. Alterations to the Rules

The following changes to Rules were all approved.

General Rules Applying to all Championships (page 14 in 2003 handbook)

Rule G1 (a) – after 'to' add 'A.S.A. Registered'

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Rule G1 (a i) – delete the entire Rule

Rule G1 (a ii) – delete the entire Rule

Rule G1 (b) – line1 after 'club' add 'or compete in any other Counties Championships'

New Rules 8.6.2 after 'Meeting' add 'Sub-Committees'

25. Any Other Business

Mr. Saunders, White Rose Junior League, noted that the various reports covered different time periods. He proposed that all the reports cover the period 1st October to 30th September. This was agreed.

The President closed the meeting at 2.32 p.m.