

# Yorkshire Amateur Swimming Association

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

held at Leeds Metropolitan University on Saturday 12th January 2003 at 1.00 p.m.

### Present:

Mr. D. Lee, President, 16 Past Presidents, 2 Honorary Vice President and delegates from 33 affiliated bodies.

### Apologies

Mr. S. Bonds, Mr. D. Harrison, Mrs. B. Newman, Mrs. G. Rudd, Mr. H. Rudd, Ms. S. Skipper, Mr. J. Young and Bradford Schools.

### 1 Appointment of Chair

The Secretary opened the meeting and explained that, in the absence of a President-elect, the meeting must appoint someone to chair the whole meeting. The President was unanimously elected.

### 2 Tribute

The President invited the meeting to stand in memory of Mr. J.W. Blake (Past President), Mr. A.H. Turner (Vice President) and Mr. G. North (Former Executive Member).

### 3 Appointment of Tellers

Mrs. A. Binns and Mrs. M. Emerson were appointed to act as tellers.

### 4 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 12 January 2002 were accepted as a true record.

### 5 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### 6 Henry Dixon Trophy

The Secretary advised the meeting that Zoe Baker was the winner of the Trophy. Unfortunately, Miss Baker was unable to attend the meeting and it was agreed that the Secretary should arrange for the presentation when she is next in England.

### 7 Annual Report

7.1 Mr. Alexander presented his Annual Report with an apology to anyone whom he had omitted from the report, particularly Diving. In response to a question from Mrs. Muir-Cochrane, he advised the Association that the Diving Championships had not taken place in 2002.

7.2 The Report was accepted.

### 8 Financial Report

8.1 Mr. Hill spoke to his written report and advised the Association that it is in a healthy financial position with a surplus in 2001/2 of approximately £3,500. He noted that the numbers of entries to the Swimming Championships were reduced to manageable numbers, which had in turn reduced the income from both competitors and spectators. He also noted that the cost of pool hire had increased in 2002.

8.2 Mr. Hill forewarned the Association that the Leeds International Pool was likely to become unsuitable for the Association's Championships, which will result in higher pool hire costs.

8.3 The Report was accepted.

### 9 Affiliation Fees

9.1 The Treasurer proposed that Affiliation Fees remain at 2001/2 levels. This was agreed unanimously.

### 10 Championships Report

10.1 Mr. Dickenson presented his written report and added that, as the cheapest championships in England, they represent good value for money. He advised the Association that the information about the 2003 Championships was available at the meeting and requested that each competing club provide him with an email address to facilitate the circulation of gala information.

10.2 Mr. G. Griffin suggested that, in anticipation of the forthcoming increase in pool hire charges, the Association consider increasing the entry fees. The Championships Secretary and the Treasurer advised that this was not necessary for 2003 but that the Association should consider increases in future years.

10.3 Mr. J. Hallis requested that the Association reconsider the decision to withdraw the Yorkshire Certificates and it was agreed to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Championships Committee.

10.4 The report was accepted.

11 **Diving Report**

11.1 There was no report available.

11.2 It was noted that, although the Championships had not taken place in 2002, other activities had. However, it was noted that the Association's Constitution include the requirement that annual championships are held. It was agreed that the Secretary should seek a meeting with the North Eastern Counties A.S.A. Diving Manager and diving coaches from the County.

12 **Education Report**

12.1 Mr. Stubbs apologized for not providing a written report.

12.2 In his verbal report, he noted that 2001/2 was the first year in which the A.S.A. had operated a modular system for its courses and that this system enabled to spread the workload and cost involved in taking a course.

12.3 He reported that the A.S.A. only provides national statistics and that he could not provide information about the County. He advised, however, that there was a notable decrease in the number of courses and candidates but that there was also an increase in the number of people failing the course.

12.4 The report was accepted.

13 **Masters Swimming Report**

13.1 Mrs. McCabe presented her report as written.

13.2 Mr. Clarkson asked whether the World Masters Games were run within the auspices of FINA. It was agreed that Masters Swimming Secretary would write to the A.S.A. and clarify the position.

13.3 The President advised the meeting that 3 trophies won by the Association were on display at the meeting and that this success was due to the development activities undertaken by the Masters Swimming Committee.

13.4 The report was accepted.

14 **Swimming Report**

14.1 Mr. Saunders presented his report with an apology to anyone whom he had omitted.

14.2 The report was accepted.

15 **Open Water Swimming Report**

15.1 Mr. Greetham presented his report and noted that the County is producing good open water swimmers.

15.2 He advised that the first European Junior Championships will take place in Seville in 2003, with the trials for the British team taking place in Sheffield.

15.3 The report was accepted.

16 **Synchronised Swimming Report**

Mr. Cooper presented the report as written, which was accepted.

17 **Water Polo Report**

17.1 Mr. Beatty presented the report on behalf of Mr. Bonds.

17.2 He added that the Over 35 years Competition had not taken place.

17.3 The report was accepted with the amendment that Larissa Davies and Lorenzo Clark had achieved international honours for England and Wales respectively.

18 **Water Polo Referees Association Report**

18.1 Mr. Beatty presented his written report with the note that the sport is experiencing difficulties in attracting new referees.

18.2 He advised that referees examinations are on 25-26 January 2003.

18.3 The report was accepted.

19 **Regional Development Officer**

19.1 The Secretary presented the report on behalf of Ms. Skipper.

19.2 The meeting noted that Active Sport is a local authority led initiative and that the West Yorkshire Active Sport is the last to roll out.

19.3 A copy of the R.D.O. newsletter was available at the meeting.

19.4 It was noted that Tadcaster was the third in England to receive an Aquamark and not third in the county as stated in the report.

19.5 There was a long discussion about the Club Directory in which it was noted that there is more information about clubs in the Directory than in the Association's Handbook and that the Directory covers the whole of the Yorkshire and the Humber region. Mr. Emerson expressed concerns that not all of the clubs listed in the Directory are affiliated to the A.S.A. and it was agreed that Ms. Skipper and Mrs. McCabe would check the information for future editions. It was suggested that the Directory is available on the Association's web site.

20 **Vote of Thanks**

Mr. Greetham proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Association, noting the work and time, which they gave to the Association in 2001/2. This was approved with approbation.

21 **Installation of the 2003 President**

- 21.1 It was noted that there were no nominations for the office of 2003 President but that the Executive had agreed that it would accept nominations from the floor of the meeting. Mr. Leo Beatty accepted his nomination, which was proposed by Mr. Boyd and Mrs. Renton.
- 21.2 He was elected unanimously and installed by Mr. Lee.
- 21.3 Mr. Lee was presented with Past President's Certificate and badge by the longest serving Past President, Mr. G. Barraclough.
- 21.4 Mr. Lee thanked the Association for the honour of being its President and his wife, the Secretary and the Treasurer for their support during his term of office.
- 21.5 The Secretary presented Mrs. Lee with the lapel badge of the Association.
- 21.6 It was noted that the President will advise the Association of the identity the 2003 President's Lady in the near future.

22 **Election of 2003 Officers**

- 22.1 It was noted with sadness that there were no nominations for President-elect. However, Mr. Beatty offered to approach a potential candidate.
- 22.2 The following were elected as Vice Presidents of the Association
  - The Lord Mayor of Leeds
  - Mr. K. H. Binns
  - Fr A. Cramer
  - Mr. P. McCabe
  - Mrs. B. Newman
  - Mr. E. W. Vickerman
- 22.3 Mr. D. Alexander was elected as Secretary.
- 22.4 Mr. M. G. Hill was elected as Treasurer.
- 22.5 Mr. D. Fodden was elected as Medical Adviser.
- 22.6 Mr. B. Harrington was elected as Legal Adviser.
- 22.7 The following Committee Secretaries were elected
  - Championships                      Mr. D. A. Dickenson
  - Assistant Championships        Mr. D. Parsonson
  - Masters Swimming                 Mrs. C. McCabe
  - Swimming                             Mr. B. J. Saunders
  - Synchronized Swimming         Mr. W. A. Cooper
  - Water Polo                            Mr. J. S. Bonds
- 22.8 PCLG of York were appointed as auditors.
- 22.9 The meeting declined to accept nominations from the floor for the Executive. Mr. Emerson objected to the inclusion of Past Presidents in the list of nominations for the Executive but it was agreed that all members of the Association are able to stand for one of these positions.
- 22.10 The following were elected as members of the Executive Committee
  - Mr. R. Barber
  - Mr. B. Crawford
  - Mr. A. Day
  - Mr. A. Donlan
  - Mrs. W. Emmerson
  - Mr. N. Greenfield
  - Mr. I. Greyson
  - Mr. G. Griffin
  - Mr. J. Hallis
  - Mr. J. Hickey
  - Mr. S. Johnson
  - Mr. G. Kenyon
  - Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane
  - Mrs. S. Prasad
  - Mr. G. Richardson
  - Mr. K. Simpson
  - Mr. R. Stead
  - Mr. D. Teale
  - Mr. S. Walker
  - Mr. T. Wilkinson

22 **North Eastern Counties A.S.A. Annual General Meeting**

It was suggested that, in view of the surplus made in 2001/2, the North East should re-instate the award of pennants to finalists at the Championships. However, it was noted that the Synchronized Swimming Championships, Water Polo activities and the Swimming Tour had not taken place and that this had caused the surplus. It was also noted that it is 5 years since pennants were awarded.

23 **Amateur Swimming Association Annual Council Meeting**

The Secretary noted the proposals from the A.S.A. Boundary Commission and the potential effects on the Yorkshire A.S.A. It was noted that North Yorkshire was omitted from the list of counties in the proposed North East Region.

24 **Alterations to the Rules**

There were no proposed changes.

25 **Any Other Business**

25.1 Mr. Wilkinson was congratulated on the excellence of the Association's web site.

25.2 It was noted that 3 members of the Association have passed the A.S.A. Referees Examinations.

25.3 Mr. Hill reported his retirement for national and international events management and he took the opportunity to thank the Association and its members for the support during his 14 years involvement with these events. He particularly noted the support of Mr. D. Stubbs, Mr. D. Alexander and Mr. D. Plowman.

25.4 Mr. Hill was thanked for all his work in this area and congratulated on the excellence of his work.

25.5 Mr. Beatty was thanked for agreeing to a second term of office as President of the Association.

25.6 Mr. Stubbs was thanked for his work as Education Secretary and in many other roles within the Association. It was noted that the Executive has agreed not to fill the role in 2003 and, at the 2004 A.G.M.

25.7 The Tellers and the Registrar were thanked for their support at the 2003 A.G.M.

The Chair closed the meeting at 2.30 p.m.