

**Yorkshire Swimming Association**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**held at Leeds Beckett University, Headingley Campus, Leeds 6**  
**on Saturday 19th January 2019 at 1.00 p.m.**

**Present:**

**Past Presidents:** Mr. D. Alexander, Mr. D. Dickenson, Mr. S. Greetham, Mr. J. Hickey, Mrs. M. McClung, Mr. P. Morrison, Mr. A.S. Walker and Mrs. J. Weatherington.

**Delegates:** Aireborough S.C., Airedale & Wharfedale A.S.A, Askern Spa S.C., Bradford Dolphins S.C., Chapeltown S.C., City of Bradford S.C., City of Leeds S.C., City of Leeds Synchro, City of Sheffield S.S., East Leeds S.C., Halifax S.C., Harrogate District S.C., Kirklees & District A.S.A., Rotherham Metro S.C. Scarborough & District A.S.A., Mr. T. Wilkinson, Chairman.  
Mr. G. Hill, Treasurer.  
Mr. C. Bland, President.  
Mrs. S. Prasad, President Elect.  
Mr. B. Saunders, Management Board member.  
Mr. R. Wardle, Management Board member.  
Ms. G Wright, Management Board member.

**Also, in attendance (non-voting);** Mr. Dan Ramm (Swim England Club Development Officer).

Before the start of the meeting delegates stood in silent memory of Bill Cooper, Fred Furniss & Joyce Renton who had passed away during the year.

The Chairman welcomed delegates and declared the meeting open.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence had been received: Mr. G. F. Alexander, Miss. S. Beever, Mr. A. Day, Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R. Muir-Cochrane, Mr. K. Parker, Mr. R. Perrell, Mrs. G. Rudd, Mr. J. B. Tiffin, Mr. H. Young and South Holderness S.C.

**2. Appointment of Tellers**

Mrs. J. Crisp and Mrs. J. Hobbah were appointed as tellers.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 20th January 2018 were accepted as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**5. Reports**

**5.1 Annual Report**

Mr. Alexander, Secretary, presented the Annual Report as written.  
He had nothing to add to the report and there were no matters raised.  
The report was accepted.

**5.2 Diving Committee Report**

Despite extensive efforts there has not been a Diving Committee in 2018.

**5.3 Masters Committee Report**

Mr. Parker, Committee Secretary, was unable to attend. In his absence Mr. Alexander presented the report.  
It was noted that, once again, the County were the Swim England National Inter County Champions.  
The report was accepted.

**5.4. Swimming Committee Report**

Mr. Saunders, Committee Secretary, presented the Report as printed.  
He added that the County were, once again, the Swim England National County Team Champions.  
The report was accepted.

**5.5. Synchronised Swimming Committee Report**

Ms. Wright presented the report as written. She explained that due to the long-standing illness of the Committee Secretary, Bill Cooper, it was only a brief report. She added that for the first time the County had 4 swimmers selected for G.B. teams.  
The report was accepted.

## **6. Financial Report**

### **6.1. Accounts**

Mr. G. Hill, Treasurer, apologies to delegates for there not being any audited accounts available. The financial position is strong with another good surplus of Income over Expenditure. This allowed us to have a small Per Capita Charge and Affiliation Fee. It also allowed us to have a small Entry Fee for our Championships and Competitions.

As there were no audited accounts to be approved the Chairman, in order to comply with the Rules, offered alternative ways to have them approved. It was agreed that the Management Board be allowed to approve the accounts when they are received from the Auditors and that they would be distributed to delegates.

The Secretary proposed that due to the account incurring bank charges that the Management Board consider moving the account to another bank that offered free banking. He found it poor customer service that the Yorkshire Bank, when we changed the name of the account, introduced bank charges. This to a customer for over 40 years. This was agreed.

Mr. Sissons was concerned that the Association was holding a large amount in just one Bank Account. It was agreed that the Board consider the implications of this.

### **6.2. Affiliation Fees**

The decision of the Management Board at their meeting in June, and on the advice of the Treasurer, to hold the Affiliation Fee and the Per Capita Charge the same as for 2018.

The Club Affiliation Fee to remain at £6.00 per club and this was also accepted.

### **6.3 Account Examiners**

It was proposed that PCLG of York act as the Independent Examiners for the accounts.

This was agreed.

## **7. Elections**

### **7.1 President**

The retiring President, Mr. Bland had attended numerous events in 2018 and had been made most welcome resulting in this being an enjoyable year in office.

Mrs. Sue Prasad was installed as the Association President for 2019.

Mr. Bland presented Mrs. Prasad with the Presidential Chain of Office.

Mrs. Prasad was proud to take up the position of President and thanked her club for nominating her. She hoped to attend as many events as possible during a busy year ahead.

### **7.2. President Elect**

There were no nominations for the position of President Elect. Several delegates had informed the Secretary that they had not received the nomination form that had been sent to each club. It was agreed that the Board consider how best we can communicate with the clubs.

### **7.3 Treasurer**

Mr. Jason Beaumont was elected as Treasurer.

Mr. Alexander offered the thanks of the Association to the outgoing Treasurer Gary Hill for his work during his four years in office.

### **7.4 Management Board**

Mr. Roger Perrell was elected to the Management Board for a 4-year Term of Office.

The Secretary pointed out that as Mr. Beaumont was now a Board member his nomination was withdrawn leaving a vacancy for another member. The Chairman allowed that a nomination could be taken from the floor. Mr. Kevin Sissons was proposed and accepted as a Board member.

This for a 4-year term of office.

## **8. Rule Changes**

It was agreed that the following Rules be deleted:

Rule 7.3.12.5

Rule 7.3.13.1

Rule 7.3.13.2

These covered positions that were no longer required.

## **9. Any other relevant Business**

**9.1** Mr. Saunders reported that the Swim England North East Region were going ahead with a move to an Incorporated body. This will require the agreement of the members at an S.G.M. This being planned for May.

- 9.2** Mr. Greetham asked that our representatives to the Swim England North East Region Management Board look at using some of their vast reserves to help the smaller clubs who continue to struggle with ever increasing cost.
- 9.3** Mr. Ansell, requested that the Association consider using some funding to assist clubs. It was noted that during 2018 two clubs had received some funding.
- 9.4** Mr. Hickey thanked Mr. Hill for his work as Treasurer during his 4-year term of office.

The Chairman thanked the Registrar and the Tellers for their help. He also thanked the delegates for attending and wished them a safe journey home.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2.02 p.m.