

Yorkshire Swimming Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
held via Zoom Video Conferencing
on Saturday 16th January 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Present:

Past Presidents: Mr. D. Alexander, Mr. D. Dickenson, Mr. S. Greetham, Mr. J. Hickey, Mrs. M. McClung, Mr. P. Morrison, Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane, Mr. R. Perrell, Mrs. S. Prasad, Mr. A.S. Walker and Mrs. J. Weatherington.

Management Board Mr. T. Wilkinson (Chairman), Mr. J. Beaumont (Treasurer), Mr. B. Crawford (President), Mrs. S. Gortschacher, Mr. B. Saunders (Swimming Committee Secretary), Mr. R. Wardle & Ms. G. Wright.

President-Elect Mrs. A. Barker.

Delegates Mr. K. Parker (Masters Committee Secretary)

Club Representatives: Aireborough S.C., Borough of Kirklees S.C., Bradford S.C., City of Bradford S.C., City of Leeds Diving, City of Leeds S.C., City of Leeds Synchrono, City of Sheffield S.S., City of Wakefield S.C., East Leeds S.C., Halifax S.C., Harrogate District S.C., Kirklees & District A.S.A., Scarborough S.C., Sheffield & District A.S.A., Stocksbridge Pentaqua S.C., Tadcaster York Sport S.S. & White Rose Junior Swimming League.

Also, in attendance (non-voting); Mr. David Parry (Swim England North East Aquatic Development Officer).

Before the start of the meeting delegates remained silent in memory of Don Lee (Past President), Gordon Alexander (Past President & former Secretary), Ron Stead (former Water Polo Committee Secretary and two former Club Secretaries Jack Martin and Robert Donovan 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. C. Bland, Mr. B. McLean, Mr. J. B. Tiffin & Borough of Barnsley S.C.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th January 2020 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Reports

4.1 Annual Report

Mr. Alexander, Secretary, presented the Annual Report that had been circulated to all clubs and delegates. With the Covid-19 pandemic taking much of the events due to be held the report was very much reduced. He had nothing to add to the report and there were no matters raised. The report was accepted.

4.2 Artistic Swimming Committee Report

Ms. Wright, on behalf of the Committee Secretary, reported that the planned Competitions and other events had to be cancelled so nothing of note to report.

4.3 Diving Committee Report

The Diving Committee Report was presented to the meeting. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Dutton for her extensive report.

Mr. Alexander apologized to delegates for not including the Report in the Annual Report booklet that had been sent out.

4.4 Masters Committee Report

Mr. Parker, Committee Secretary, had nothing to report due to the Masters Championships and other events being cancelled.

4.5. Swimming Committee Report

Mr. Saunders, Committee Secretary, presented his Report. He had nothing to add but did point out that unlike the other aquatic disciplines the Swimming Championships did take place in February as planned. The report was accepted.

5. Financial Report

5.1. Accounts

Mr. Beaumont, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report. The Income was very much reduced due to the cancellation of many of the planned events. Similarly, the Expenditure was also much reduced although medals and pennants for the 2021 Championships have been purchased giving a higher-than-expected expenditure item.

Mr. Beaumont added that after reviewing how the accounts are calculated and fitted together, he suggested, that the Financial Year End move from the present 30th September to the 31st October. This would assist in ensuring that the full income & expenditure from the Swimming Championships/Competition, traditionally held in February and September/October would fall into the same financial year and do not, like the present, straddle two years. There was also a suggestion that 31st March be considered as this would fall into line with Swim England. This would work as it would give the Championships held in February in the financial year.

This matter to be considered by the Management Board at their next meeting.

The report was accepted.

5.2. Affiliation Fees

Delegates approved the decision of the Management Board at their meeting in June, and on the advice of the Treasurer, as a good will gesture, there would be no Per Capita Charge for 2021. The Club Affiliation Fee would also not be charged. Although not a massive amount it will help clubs during these testing times.

5.3 Account Examiners

It was proposed that act Fortus (formerly PCLG) as the Independent Examiners for the accounts. This was agreed.

6. Elections

6.1 President

Due to the restrict number of events during the year Mr. Bill Crawford had agreed to continue in office for 2021.

6.2. President Elect

As a result of Mr. Crawford remaining in office Mrs. Barker very kindly agreed to delay her taking over as the 2021 President.

Mr. Alexander offered his sincere thanks to both Bill and Anne for their help with this difficult matter.

6.3 Management Board

Mrs. Mary McClung and Ms. Gemma Wright were elected to the Management Board for a 4-year Term of Office.

7. Any other relevant Business

7.1 Mr. Saunders confirmed that the Swimming Championships had been booked to take place in May and June at Ponds Forge and John Charles.

7.2 Mr. Morrison asked what the dates were. This information was not available at that time but would be announced later.

POST MEETING:

The dates were confirmed as

22nd May (Sprints) & 23rd May (Teams) at Ponds Forge.

30th/31st May & 5th/6th June at John Charles.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2.21 p.m.