

Yorkshire Swimming Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

held at Leeds Beckett University, Headingley Campus, Leeds 16
on Saturday 16th January 2016 at 1.00 p.m.

Present:

Past Presidents: Mr. D. Alexander, Mr. L.S. Beatty, Mr. A. Day, Mr. D. Dickenson, Mr. S. Greetham, Mr. J. Hickey, Mr. P. Morrison, Mr. R. Perrell, Mrs. G. Rudd and Mrs. J. Weatherington.

Delegates:

Aireborough S.C., Airedale & Wharfedale District A.S.A., City of Bradford S.C., City of Leeds S.C., City of Sheffield S.S., City of Wakefield S.C., East Leeds S.C., English Roses Masters W.P.C., Halifax S.C., Harrogate District S.C., Northern Water Polo League, Pudsey Pearls S.S.C., Scarborough S.C., and White Rose Junior Swimming League.

Mr. H. Rudd, Chairman, Mr. G. Hill, Treasurer, Mrs. S. Prasad, Management Board member, Mr. B. J. Saunders, Management Board member/Swimming Committee Secretary, Mr. R. Wardle, Management Board member, Mr. T. J. Wilkinson, Management Board member, Mrs. J. Clayton, Water Polo Committee Secretary, Mr. W. Cooper, Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary, Mrs. A. C. McCabe, Masters Committee Secretary.

Also in attendance (non voting); Mr. David Parry (Regional Development Officer, North East Region).

The Chairman welcomed delegates and declared the meeting open.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received: Mr. G. F. Alexander, Mr. A. Donlan, Mrs. W. Emmerson, Mr. B. McLean, Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R. Muir-Cochrane, Miss D. Rose, Mr. J. B. Tiffin and Mr. H. Young.

2. Tellers

Mr. S. Hoyle, Ms L. Stansbie and Mrs. J. Hoyle were appointed to act as tellers.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 10th January 2015 were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

Min 9.2: It was noted that the cost of the URL www.yorkshireswimming.org had been paid until the 1st September 2018.

5. Reports

5.1. Annual Report

Mr. Alexander, Secretary, presented the Annual Report.

There were no matters discussed from the Report

The report was accepted.

5.2. Diving Report

Mr. Alexander presented the Diving Report that he had compiled from information he had found from various web sites.

The report was accepted.

5.3. Masters Report

Mrs. McCabe, Committee Secretary, presented her report.

5.3.1 Mr. Beatty requested that the presentation of the L.S. Beatty Masters Swimmer of the Year Trophy be given more publicity and that, if possible, the President make the Presentation either at the Annual General Meeting or the Masters Championships.

The report was accepted.

5.4. Swimming Report

Mr. Saunders, Committee Secretary, presented his report as printed.

There were no matters discussed from the Report.

The report was accepted.

5.5. Championships Report

Mr. Dickenson, Championships Secretary, presented his report.

He had nothing to add to the report.

There were no matters discussed from the Report.

The report was accepted.

5.6. Open Water Report

Mr. Alexander presented the brief Open Water report.

5.6.1 Mr. Greetham gave an update on the use of Wet Suits for Open Water events. He also added that there was a good pathway to the top for Open Water Officials.

The report was accepted.

5.7. Synchronised Swimming Report

Mr. Cooper, Committee Secretary, presented his report.

He had nothing to add to the report.

5.7.1 Mr. Greetham asked if the withdrawal of funding for the International Team has had any effect on Synchronised swimming in the County. Mr. Cooper assured delegates that this had not had a negative impact on the County Competitions.

5.7.2 Mr. Saunders informed the meeting that in a change there is a new Synchronised Swimming Manager in place and it was likely that there would be a duet at the Olympics in Rio.

The report was accepted.

5.8. Water Polo Report

Mrs. Clayton, Water Polo Committee Secretary, presented her report.

5.8.1 Mr. Beatty asked if the Northern Water Polo League clubs had been paid their grant as agreed. The Treasurer replied that he was still making enquiries as to which of the clubs could apply as not all the clubs were Affiliated to the Association.

5.8.2 Mr. Greetham asked if the withdrawal of funding for the International Team has had any effect on the County. Mrs. Clayton replied that there was no change at County level but there had not been a G.B. team for 18 months and there would not be a team at the Olympics.

The report was accepted.

6. Financial Report

6.1. Accounts

Mr. G. Hill, Treasurer, presented the Annual Accounts.

He had nothing to add.

6.1.1 Mr. Cooper queried the difference in the Synchro income from £2334 in 2014 to £991 in 2015. The Treasurer gave a suitable explanation.

6.1.2 The Treasurer was asked about the item shown in Current Liabilities as Bank overdraft £1,618. He was requested to take this up with the bank. He assured the meeting that we have never had an overdraft.

The report on the accounts was accepted.

6.2. Affiliation Fees

The decision of the Management Board, on the advice of the Treasurer, that there should not be increase in the per capita charge of 60p per member was accepted. The Club Affiliation Fee to remain at £6.00 per club and this was also accepted.

7. Account Examiners

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

8. Elections

8.1 President

On a proposal by Halifax S.C. Mrs. Mary McClung is the Association President for 2016. This was accepted by delegates.

The retiring President Mr. McLean, who was unable to attend, had sent a message and this was read out by Mr. Wilkinson. In it Brian offered his thanks on the Honour of being elected as the Association President and how pleased he was to have held the position. He wished to thank the Management Board members and Clubs for their support during the year. He passed on his best wishes to Mary and hope she will have a successful year.

Mrs. McClung was installed as President with Mr. Philip Morrison presenting her with the Chain of Office and to Mr McClung the Consorts medal.

She was delighted to take on the role of President and was looking forward to a busy year.

Her first duty was to present the Presidential Certificate to Mr. Philip Morrison who was accepting it on behalf of Mr. McLean.

8.2. President Elect

A nomination from Sheffield & District A.S.A. that Mr. A Stuart Walker be the President Elect was accepted. Mr. Walker will take on the role of the 2017 President.

8.3 Management Board

There were no nominations received for the vacant Management Board positions. A proposal by the Chairman that the matter be referred to the Management Board was accepted.

8.4 Masters Committee Secretary:

Mrs. Christine McCabe was elected as Masters Committee Secretary.

8.5 Swimming Committee Secretary:

There were no nominations received for this position. A proposal by the Chairman that the matter be referred to the Management Board was accepted.

8.6 Championships Secretary:

The delegates approved the Management Board decision to appoint Mr. David Dickenson as Championships Secretary.

8.7 Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary:

Mr. Bill Cooper was elected as Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary.

8.8 Water Polo Committee Secretary:

Mrs. Judi Clayton was elected as Water Polo Committee Secretary.

9. Changes to Rules

Rule 7.3.12.2: delete the words Trophy Controller and replace with Awards Co-ordinator. Mr. Alexander explained that this more reflected the position as we no longer have any individual Trophies for the Swimming events.

The change was accepted.

10. Any other relevant Business

10.1 Mr. Greetham thanked those running the meeting and also to those who had made a contribution to what was a successful meeting. He was a little concerned that the reports reflected on the elite performances and reminded delegates of the good work undertaken by the smaller grass root clubs.

The Chairman thanked the Registrar for his help before the meeting and thanked the tellers for attending who on this occasion were not required to carry out any counting. He also thanked all the delegates for attending and wished them a safe journey home.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2.11 p.m.