

**Yorkshire Swimming Association**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**held at Leeds Beckett University, Headingley Campus, Leeds 16**  
**on Saturday 21st January 2017 at 1.00 p.m.**

**Present:**

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

**Delegates:** Aireborough S.C., Airedale & Wharfedale District A.S.A., Bradford & District A.S.A.  
Bridlington S.C., City of Bradford S.C., City of Leeds S.C., City of Sheffield S.S.,  
City of Wakefield S.C., East Leeds S.C., Grimsby A.S.T., Halifax S.C., Harrogate District S.C.,  
Northern Water Polo League, Pudsey Pearls S.S.C., and White Rose Junior Swimming League.  
Mr. H. Rudd, Chairman.  
Mr. G. Hill, Treasurer.  
Mrs. M. McClung, President.  
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.  
Mr. W. Cooper, Synchronised Swimming Committee Secretary.  
Mr. S. Walker, President Elect.

**Also in attendance (non voting);** Mr. Dan Ramm (ASA Club Development Officer).

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. S. Greetham, Mrs. C. McCabe, Mrs. N. Muir-Cochrane, Dr. R. Muir-Cochrane, Mr. J. B. Tiffin  
and Mr. H. Young.

**2. Tellers**

Ms J. Taylor-Walsh, Ms N. Taylor-Walsh and Mrs. A. Shaw were appointed to act as tellers.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 6th January 2016 were accepted as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**5. Annual Report**

Mr. Alexander, Secretary, presented the Annual Report.

He added the following information that had been omitted;

The English Roses Water Polo team had gained a Bronze medal at the European Masters Championships in Rijeka, Croatia. The team consisted of, Judi Clayton, Helen Reader, Pippa Jones, Liz Palmer, Lianne Castle, Natalie Lee, Sarah Eccles, Brenda Grace, Joanne Ibbotson, Heather Drew and Mac Smith.

The success of Max Litchfield (City of Sheffield) in winning a Silver medal at the World Short Course Championships was noted. Also noted was the success of Katherine Torrance (City of Leeds) who took the Gold medal at the World Junior Diving Championships. She then teamed up with two City of Sheffield divers, Jordan Houlden and Owen Harrison to take the Gold medal in the Mixed Team event.

The report was accepted.

**6. Diving Report**

In the absence of a Diving Committee Mr. Alexander presented the Diving Report that he had compiled from information he had found from various web sites.

There were no questions on the report.

The report was accepted.

**7. Masters Report**

In the absence of Mrs. McCabe, Committee Secretary, the report was presented as written.

There were no questions on the report.

The report was accepted.

**8. Swimming Report**

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

He added that the County had been successful in the ASA County Team Championship. This our first success for 14 years.

There were no questions on the report.

The report was accepted.

## **9. Championships Report**

Mr. Dickenson, Championships Secretary, presented his report.

He added that this, his 25th Report, would be his last as he was retiring from running the Championships. There were no matters discussed from the Report.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Association, offered his sincere thanks to David for his excellent work in running the best Championships in the country.

The report was accepted.

## **10. Open Water Report**

Mr. Alexander presented the brief Open Water report.

He reported that the Association had held their Open Water Championships at Wykeham Lakes in conjunction with the Scarborough & District Open Water Championships.

There were no questions on the report.

The report was accepted.

## **11. Synchronised Swimming Report**

Mr. Cooper, Committee Secretary, presented his report.

He had nothing to add to the report.

There were no questions on the report.

The report was accepted.

## **12. Water Polo Report**

In the absence of Mrs. Clayton, Water Polo Committee Secretary, the report was presented as written.

Mrs. Clayton has indicated that she will not be seeking re-election as the Water Polo Committee Secretary.

The Chairman offered his thanks to her for the work she had done during her time as Committee Secretary.

There were no questions on the report.

The report was accepted.

## **13. Financial Report**

### **13.1. Accounts**

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

He had nothing to add.

Several delegates asked question on the Report and the following matters were noted;

13.1.1 In answer to a question as to why the Association held a large amount in the Bank Account Mr. Hill advised that funding was now being given to support plans within the Disciplines. Synchronised Swimming holding a couple of Development Sessions and Swimming continuing to support swimmers with grants.

13.1.2 A question was raised about funding for the Development of Technical Officials. It was noted that the Region funded Courses.

13.1.3 It was noted that the large surplus this year was unexpected and may not be repeated and certainly for the coming year it will be much smaller if in fact there is one.

13.1.4 Mr. Dickenson raised the question about the amount of cover that is offered should the Bank cease trading as the Government limit was well short of the amount held in our Bank Account. This matter was passed to the Board.

The report on the accounts was accepted.

### **13.2. 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.

## **14. Account Examiners**

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

## **15. Elections**

### **15.1 President**

The retiring President, Mrs. McClung, had enjoyed her year in office and it was pleased to be present at Ponds Forge to see the County Team win the ASA County Team Championship.

Mr. Stuart Walker was installed as the Association President for 2017.

Mrs. McClung presented Mr. Walker with the Presidential Chain of Office.

Mr. Walker was proud to take up the position of President.

His first duty was to present the Presidential Certificate to Mrs. McClung.

### **15.2. President Elect**

A nomination from Bradford & District A.S.A. in support of Mr. Chris Bland as President Elect was accepted.

### **15.3 Secretary**

Mr. David Alexander was elected to serve a 4 year Term of Office as Secretary. He indicated that this would be his final 4 year term and would not be seeking re-election in 4 years time.

## **15.4 Management Board**

Mr. Bill Cooper was elected to the Management Board for a 4 year Term of Office.

As there was two vacancies on the Management Board the Chairman asked for nominations from the floor.

Ms. Gemma Wright was nominated and elected to serve a 4 year Term of Office.

Mrs. Mary McClung was nominated and elected to serve for a 1 year Term of Office.

## **15.5 Championships Secretary:**

It was noted that the Management had not, in accordance with the Rules, appointed a Championship Secretary.

## **16. Changes to Rules**

**16.1** Rule 6.5 line 1 DELETE 'receive' and replace with 'be sent'

**16.2** Rule 6.5.1: ADD 'or a minimum of three such delegates whichever is higher.'

**16.3** NEW Rule 7.1.3: 'The Technical Sub-Committee Secretaries or their nominated deputy.'  
(if approved present Rule 7.1.3 will be renumbered.7.1.4)

**16.4** Rule 7.3.5 ADD 'or a minimum of three Board members (to include not less than one Officer) whichever is the higher.'

**16.5** Rule 14.4 ADD 'or a minimum of three such delegates whichever is higher.'

**16.6** NEW RULE 18.5 'The income and property of the Association shall be applied only in the furtherance of the objects of the Association and no part thereof shall be paid by way of a bonus, dividend or profit to any member of a Club Affiliated to the Association save as set out in Rule 12.3.'

**16.7** Rule 21.3 ADD 'In the event of the Associations dissolution and there being no Affiliated member Clubs to divide any property remaining these shall be devoted to a non-profit making organisation with objects similar to those of the Association.'

The changes to the Rules above were approved.

**16.8** Rule 18.1 ADD 'It is acknowledged that a number of transactions will be via online banking. If this is the case it is recommended that at least two signatories are set up to approve online transactions. If this facility is not offered by the bank then the Club should ensure that at least one other signatory approves in advance payments made by the main signatory operating the account. This approval should be recorded in writing and retained by the Club. It is also good practice for online transactions and bank statements to be reviewed regularly by the Committee.'

It was agreed to adopt the spirit and intent of the Guidance notes for Club Constitutions as shown above and it was agreed to defer this for the Management Board to progress for final wording.

## **17. Any other relevant Business**

Although the Secretary had not received any notification of an item under this heading the Chairman agreed that relevant matters from the floor be heard.

**17.1** Mr. Walker had been advised that it is the Airedale & Wharfedale District A.S.A. Golden Anniversary this year. The Secretary to deal with this matter.

**17.2** Mr. Wilkinson reminded the meeting that the URL [www.yorkshireswimming.org](http://www.yorkshireswimming.org) had been paid until the 1st September 2018.

**17.3** Mr. Dickenson informed the meeting that Dorothy Rose, Past President, was not all that well and was at the present time in a home.

**17.4** On behalf of the Association, Mr. Saunders, offered his thanks to Mr. Rudd on his work during his time as Chairman.

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 2.20 p.m.