

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

President – Mrs Wendy Emmerson

Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Management Board held on Wednesday 9th December 2009 at the Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.10 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. Donlan (Chairman), Mr. D. Alexander (Secretary), Mr. M. Hill (Treasurer), Mr. J. Cole, Mr. D. Dickenson, Mr. R. Perrell, Mrs. S. Prasad, Mr. H. Rudd, Mr. B. Saunders and Mr. T. Wilkinson.

Also in attendance: Ms. V. Norman, A.S.A. County Swimming Co-ordinator (West Yorkshire) and Mr. I. Gardiner (Regional Director ASA North East Region).

Apologies: Received from Mrs. W. Emmerson and Ms. G. Ripley.

Before the start of the meeting the Chairman introduced Mr. Ian Gardiner who had recently been appointed as the Regional Director for the ASA North East Region.

59. Minutes

The Minutes of the Fifth Meeting held on the 8th September were presented and approved as a true record.

60. Matters Arising

The following matters arising from the minutes were discussed;

60.1 Min 48.4 (min 45.1 from the July meeting): The matter of the failure to present the Graded Series Awards at the last Meet has been resolved.

60.2 Min 48.5 (min 35.1 from the July meeting): Mr. Wilkinson agreed to attend to this matter.

61. Secretary's Report

61.1 Ms. M. Hope, Letter of complaint regarding inappropriate noise level by spectators at the Winter Competition. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the following be added to the conditions for the Swimming Championships and Competitions 'the use of Air Horns etc. Are not permitted on the poolside or spectator areas at the Championships or Competitions'. The exact wording to be agreed later.

61.2 Ann Booth, letter of complaint regarding Jonathan Booth (Borough of Kirklees S.C.) not being awarded medals at the Winter Competition. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to present the medals at the Disability Gala in Harrogate on the 10th January.

61.3 Rebecca Burrow (A.S.A. Talent Development Officer, Diving, North), letter requesting *funding* for diver Alicia Blagg (city of Leeds D.C.) to compete in an International Meet in Canada. This as part of her development for her synchro partnership with Rebecca Gallantree. The request was turned down as funding is not available to swimmers to attend competitions.

61.4 D. Fletcher (Chairman BUCS), letter regarding members of institutes affiliated to BUCS and registered with the A.S.A. who following a change to A.S.A. Law can compete in County events. It was agreed to wait until the change of Law was confirmed.

62. Treasurer's Report

62.1 Mr. Hill reported that the accounts were now complete and back from the Auditors. Due to a large fall in the amount of interest we would show a loss of around £600.

62.2 A.S.A. offset loan. Mr. Hill outlined the offset loan that the A.S.A. had made available to the regions and Counties. It was proposed that £50,000 be transferred to the A.S.A. Plan for a period of 12 months with the Treasurer pointing out that the grant we will receive would be more than the interest that was available at present.

63. Masters Committee Report

The minutes of the Masters Committee meeting held on the 6th October were presented. The following matter arising from the minutes were noted;

63.1 Min 2009.11: Mixed events are allowed under FINA Masters Rules.

63.2 Min 2009.11: Mr. Roger Perrell is replacing Mr. Whaling as one of the Referees.

Mr. Wilkinson asked if more information on Masters matters could be made available to the Board in order that they are aware of what is happening, or not, in Masters Swimming. Board members may be able to offer assistance in areas that need help. It was pointed out that long course training sessions had been provided in the past but were discontinued due to a lack of support. It was agreed that the Masters Committee Secretary provide a report on relevant matters, if any, for each Board meeting and that the Secretary contact Nuala Muir-Cochrane (A.S.A. Lifelong Participation Officer) for some assistance with Development issues.

64. Swimming Committee Report

The minutes of the Swimming Committee meeting held on the 16th September were presented.

The following matter arising from the minutes were noted;

- 64.1.1 The funding for the Annual Overseas Training Camp in February would be discontinued. This would allow the available monies to assist more swimmers as detailed below.
- 64.1.2 The top 10 ranked Open Age swimmers, not on World Class Funding, should be granted £500. This to be paid in two instalments, 31st December and 30th June. Ranking to be based on FINA points as at 31st August 2009 for Olympic events only. Swimmers to be expected to compete at the Association's Senior/Junior Championships unless they are attending the A.S.A. Talent Programme on that date.
- 64.1.3 All Yorkshire swimmers on the A.S.A. regional England Talent Programme at Levels 1 & 2 be granted £200 to offset their costs providing that they attend all three programmed week-ends. This to be paid after the third week-end (January 2010).
- 64.1.4 Swimmers who represent the Association at the A.S.A. National County Team Championships be granted £25 towards their expenses.

All three funding proposals were approved.

- 64.2 Coaches Conference. Mr. Saunders reported that the Leeds Metropolitan University was not available on the 3rd January. He hoped to hold the Conference in September as in the past.
- 64.3 Mr. Hill informed the meeting that in 2010 the City of Leeds and City of Sheffield clubs may be involved in the Arena League on the same date as the Winter Competition which could result in a reduction of entries.

65. Water Polo Committee

The minutes of the Water Polo Committee meeting held on the 1st April were presented.

There were no matters of interest noted.

As with the Masters Committee Report, Mr. Wilkinson asked if more information on Water Polo matters could be made available to the Board in order that they are aware of what is happening, or not, in Water Polo. Board members may be able to offer assistance in areas that need help. It was agreed that Water Polo Committee Secretary provide a report on relevant matters, if any, for each Board Meeting and that the Secretary contact Craig Nicholson and Norman Leighton to see if they could offer any suggestions for Water Polo development in the County.

66. ASA North East Region

- 66.1 Members gave consideration to the minutes for the Annual Council Meeting held on the 11th September. The following matters of interest were noted:
 - 66.1.1: Regional Volunteer Awards. Noted that Shirley Beever (Borough of Kirklees S.C.) was the winner of the Long Service Award and Jonathan Woodford (New Earswick S.C.) was the winner of the Young (under 18) Volunteer Award and that he was also the National winner of this category.
 - 66.1.2: David Dickenson (City of Sheffield S.S.) was installed as President.
 - 66.1.3: John Hickey (Aireborough S.C.) was elected as Vice President.
 - 66.1.4: Mr. Malcolm Hill was declared as one of the three Association representatives to the Management Board.
- 66.2 Members gave consideration to the minutes of the Board meeting held on the 12th September. The following matters of interest were noted:
 - 66.2.1: Welfare Officer. There was a vacancy for this position. The role description to be put on the web site and to invite applications.
 - 66.2.2: Panel of Friends. Two additional members are required. The role to be advertised.
 - 66.2.3: Noted that the 2010 Annual Council Meeting will take place on Saturday 11th September at a venue to be confirmed.
- 66.3 Members gave consideration to the minutes of the Board meeting held on the 20th October. 66.3.1: Swim21. The following clubs have been accredited. Harrogate District D.C. (Diving) Competitive Development, Rotherham Junior Water Polo Club (Water Polo) Teaching and Grimsby Alexandra & Dolphins S.C. (Diving) Teaching.
 - 66.3.2: Regional Director. It was confirmed that Lara Lill would be leaving her post on the 31st October to become Head of Health & Participation for the A.S.A.

67. A.S.A. Board

Members gave consideration to the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th October. There were no matters of interest noted.

68. County Swimming Co-ordinator
Ms. Norman presented the report from the Regional Team. There no matters of interest noted.
69. Awards
- 69.1 Henry Dixon Trophy: In the absence of any nominations the Board agreed that the Trophy would not be awarded this year.
- 69.2 Adrian Moorhouse Scholarship: The winner for this year is Eleanor Faulkner, (City of Sheffield S.S).
- 69.3 Vincent & Margaret Horner Trophy: The winner for this year is Robin Muir-Cochrane, (Leeds & District A.S.A.).
70. Any other relevant Business
- 70.1 Lara Lill: Card received thanking the Association for their help during her time as Regional Director, ASA North East Region and for the very kind gift.
- 70.2 Dates for the 2010 Management Board meetings were confirmed as:
Saturday 9th January (Statutory) to commence 30 minutes after the end of the A.G.M.
Wednesday 17th March at the John Charles Centre for Sport at 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday 26th May at the John Charles Centre for Sport at 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday 7th July at the John Charles Centre for Sport at 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday 15th September at the John Charles Centre for Sport at 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday 24th November at the John Charles Centre for Sport at 7:15 p.m.
- 70.3 A.S.A. Inter County Team Championship. The County Team were placed 2nd behind the winners Lancashire.
- 70.4 David Dickenson reported that in the A.S.A. Synchro Age Group Championships Jessica Ranson and Rosie Barrington (City of Leeds Synchro) were the winners of the gold medal in the 13/14 years Competitive Duet. Silver medals were won by Jessica Ranson in the 13/14 years Competitive Solo and by the City of Leeds team in the 13/14 years Competitive Team.
- 70.5 Mr. Wilkinson noted that there was no report from the Synchro Committee. It was agreed that all Disciplines provide a report on relevant matters, if any, for each Board Meeting.
71. Date of next Meeting
The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Saturday 9th January and will start 30 minutes after the end of the Annual General Meeting and will take place at The Leeds Metropolitan University, Beckett Park Campus, Leeds.
There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.54 p.m.