

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

President – Sue Prasad

Minutes of the Fifty-Seventh Meeting of the Management Board held on Wednesday 5th June 2019 at the Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Terry Wilkinson (Chairman), David Alexander (Secretary), Jason Beaumont (Treasurer)
Sue Prasad (President), Mary McClung, Roger Perrell, Barry Saunders, Kevin Sissons, Rod Wardle & Gemma Wright.

Also, in attendance by invitation (non voting): Mr David Parry (ASA North East Region Regional Development Officer).

The Chairman welcomed members and opened the meeting.

608 Apologies

Apologies were recorded for Stuart Walker.

609 Minutes

The minutes of the Fifty Sixth Meeting held on the 20th February were presented and approved as a true record.

610 Matters Arising

The following matters arising from the minutes were noted:

610.1 (min 602.3): The second request for e-mail contacts brought a better response from the clubs.

610.2 (min 603.2): This matter is ongoing.

610.3 (min 604.1.3): the 1+ system should have read -1 system.

610.4 (min 605.1): The Swim England North East region Special General Meeting took place on the 26th May and delegates approved the motion for the Region to become an Incorporated Company.

611 Secretary's Report

Mr. Alexander reported on the following matters:

611.1: Mrs P. Hill. Letter informing the Association that after 40 years she will be retiring from running the Swim Shop at our Championships and will not be offering any sponsorship for 2020. It was agreed to make a suitable presentation to Pauline.

611.2 Gerrards Swimwear, Pauline Hill, have indicated that they will no longer be offering a sponsorship for our Championships. It was agreed that we seek an alternative, or similar, sponsorship. This to be put on the web site to assess if any company is interested.

611.3 The Secretary reminded members of his intention not to seek re-election at the 2021 Annual General Meeting. The Chairman asked members to see if any of them or any member of their club was interested to let him know.

611.4 Having failed to elect a President-Elect at the 2019 Annual General Meeting the Secretary had contacted a suitable person to take on this role. A nomination has been received from Sheffield & District A.S.A. for Mr Bill Crawford. This was agreed with all members voting in favour.

612 Treasurer's Report

Mr. Beaumont circulated his written report outlining the present Bank balances and updating the process of setting up a PayPal account. This had proved to be very demanding but he was making good progress.

612.1 It was agreed that the Club Affiliation Fee for 2020 remain at £6.00 per club.

612.2 It was agreed that the Per Capita Fee for 2020 remain at 60p per member for Swim England Category 1 and 2 with no charge for Category 3 members (volunteers).

612.3 Mr Beaumont circulated the 2017-2018 account that he had recently received from the Auditors. He was unable to answer any questions as he was not in post for the period of the accounts. In accordance with the instructions, by members, of the Annual General Meeting members unanimously approved these accounts. It was agreed that the accounts be circulated to those delegates that had attended the Annual General Meeting and to Past Presidents. It was also agreed that a copy be posted on the web site.

612.4 The Treasurer read out a letter from the City of Bradford S.C. requesting financial assistance for a training camp they have organised to Torremolinos later in the year. Members, except for Mr Beaumont and Mr Alexander who had declared an interest, were unable to agree to this request.

613 Technical Sub-Committees

Masters:

613.1 The minutes of the Masters Committee Meeting held on the 20th March were presented to the meeting. The following points were noted:

613.1.1 The Open Masters Championships had taken place at Ponds Forge and had run smoothly and had been very successful with several swimmers offering thanks for a well run Meet.

613.1.2 A clash of dates between the Swim England Inter County and the South Yorkshire Open Masters Meet had been noted. A request to change the date of the Inter County had been made to the organiser but to date no decision has been made.

The minutes were accepted.

Swimming:

613.2 The minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on the 13th March were presented to the meeting. The following matters were discussed:

613.2.1 (min 2019.2 c): It was noted that the Open age group Team events revert to a 13 & over age group.

613.2.2 (min 2019.5 d): The purchase of radios is being undertaken by Sherrie Gortschacher.

613.2.3 (min 2019.7 c): It was noted that the Association would make a contribution to the funding given by the North East Region in respect of their Swimmer Coach Education Funding Scheme.

The minutes were accepted.

613.2.4 Mr Alexander asked for the approval that we award Gold medals to our Championship winners rather than the Plaques that we have awarded in recent times. This was agreed.

613.2.5 Mr Alexander asked if a small number of stop watches be purchased at the same time and this was agreed.

Synchronised (Artistic) Swimming

613.3 The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd April were presented to the meeting and the following points were discussed;

613.3.1 Grants to G.B. swimmers. It was agreed that should any requests for funding be forthcoming that the amount of the grant be raised to £800 to match the amount awarded to swimmers.

The minutes were accepted.

613.4 The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th May were presented to the meeting. Ms Wright gave a verbal update on several matters and the following were noted;

613.4.1 Committee voting rights. On the advice of Mr Alexander these have now been corrected from what was used in the past.

613.4.2 The Bill Cooper Memorial Trophy was presented at the Competition.

613.4.3 Note that all officials be offered travel expenses as this had not been the case in the past.

The minutes were accepted.

614 Swim England North East Region Reports

614.1 The minutes of the Management Board meeting held on the 9th April were presented to the meeting. There were no matters discussed.

614.2 The following points from the Management Board meeting held on the 4th June were noted;

614.2.1 Details of plans to be introduced by Swim England on Club Affiliations. Certain mandatory conditions will be needed in order for clubs to remain affiliated.

614.3 A verbal report was given on the Special General Meeting held on the 26th May. The motion that the Region become an Incorporated Company was put to the meeting and it was agreed.

614.4 With the above motion being carried it was noted that there would no longer be a Regional Management Board. As a result, the Association Rule 7.3.13.3 would no longer apply. However we would be required to appoint two members as Trustees of the Incorporated Company. After a discussion it was proposed that our two members should be Barry Saunders and David Watson. Except for Mr Saunders, who had declared an interest, all members voted in favour.

614.5 It was left with the Secretary to find the two delegates to represent the Association at the Annual Council Meeting of the Region. They must not otherwise have a vote.

614.6 Mr Parry presented his written report and outlined several items. It was noted that a good number of Coach Education Courses were scheduled.

615 Any Other Relevant Business

615.1 Mr Saunders gave details of the Regional involvement in the Swim England Para Start Swimming. This included the setting up of a site in Harrogate.

615.2 Mr Wilkinson, Webmaster, gave details of the issues regarding the web site going down. This was rather unique and he was not aware of this happening before.

616 Date of next Meeting

The date of the next, Fifty-Eighth, Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 4th September in the Denison Suite, Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.