

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

President – Mr Stuart Walker

Minutes of the Forty-Sixth Meeting of the Management Board held on Wednesday 22nd March 2017 in the Denison Suite at the Aquatics Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Mr Stuart Walker (President), Mr Terry Wilkinson (Chairman), Mr David Alexander (Secretary), Mr Gary Hill (Treasurer), Mr Bill Cooper, Mr Stuart Hoyle, Mrs Mary McClung, Mr Roger Perrell, Mrs Sue Prasad and Mr Barry Saunders.

Also in attendance (non voting);

Mr David Parry (Regional Development Officer, ASA North East Region)
and Mr Dan Ramm (ASA Club Development Officer).

The Chairman welcomed all members and opened the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were recorded in respect of Mrs Christine McCabe (Masters Committee Secretary) for whom Mr Hoyle deputised, Mr Rod Wardle and Ms Gemma Wright.

503. Minutes

The minutes of the Forty-Fifth Meeting held on the 21st January were presented and approved as a true record.

504. Matters Arising

The following matters arising from the minutes were discussed;

504.1 (min 492.5): it was confirmed that two swimmers, Rebecca Richardson and Millie Costello, had both received the £500 as agreed by the Synchronised Swimming Committee in consultation with the Treasurer.

504.2 (min 497.1): Mr Ramm gave an update on the position regarding setting up a Diving Committee. Matters were at an advanced stage and it is hoped that this will in place for the next Board meeting.

504.3 (min 497.8): The appointment of Mary McClung as Registrar was approved.

504.4 (min 498.4): following the decision of the York SynchroniCity club not to re-affiliate to the ASA they would not be represented on the Synchronised Swimming Committee. A. Porter and D Entwistle have been added to the committee.

504.5 (min 500.1.2): the date, 1st March, was incorrect and it should read 31st March.

505. Secretary's Report

Mr. Alexander reported on the following matters;

505.1.1: email from David Parry (21/2) requesting a copy of the revised Constitution to send to Sport England in connection with the grant application. This has now been dealt with and accepted by Sport England. The issue of the bank account name change was holding up the application. It was agreed that the Treasurer, without delay, arrange for the account name to be changed to 'Yorkshire Swimming Association' and to advise Mr. Parry when this has been completed.

505.1.2: It was agreed that Mrs Wendy Emmerson be removed as one of the three signatories and be replaced by Rod Wardle.

505.2: email from Jo Agar (6/2) seeking a refund for Championship entries for her two daughters, Millie and Chloe, who were unable to compete in the Championships due to injury. This was passed to the Treasurer for action. Mr. Hill advised the meeting that he was waiting for a reply from Mrs Agar with a confirmation of the injury to Millie before making a decision.

505.3: confirmation of the booking agreement from Leeds Beckett University for the hire of the facilities required for the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 20th January, 2018.

505.4: confirmation of the booking agreement from Leeds Beckett University for the Coaches Conference on Sunday 10th September 2017.

505.5: email from Rob Bailey (14/1) requesting financial help for Sam Merritt to assist his financial commitment as a member of the G.B. Deaf Swimming team for the 2017 Deaflympics in Turkey. This was not approved.

505.6: a request from Connor Hill for funding towards his training as part of this was with the G.B. Synchronised Swimming Team involving trips to Aldershot. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed, that as he was a role model for male athletes in Synchronised Swimming, he receive £500.

506. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hill presented the Income and Expenditure figures which he had emailed to members shortly before the meeting. There is still a large bill to come for the supply of medals. Mr. Hill answered a number of questions.

506.1: Mr. Wilkinson asked if the modified Chart of Accounts had been updated. No progress has been made by Mr. Hill who agreed to attend to this.

507. Technical Sub-Committee reports

507.1 Masters:

The written report from Mrs McCabe was presented to the meeting. Mr. Hoyle commented on some of the matters in the report. It was noted that there were several more Technical Officials required for the Masters Championships on the 13th May in Leeds.

The report was accepted.

507.2 Swimming:

Mr. Saunders gave a verbal report on swimming matters and the following matters were noted;

507.2.1: The Championships had run well without any major problems. Mr. Saunders offered thanks to Paul Wright and Sherrie Gortschacher for the work they had done to ensure things ran smoothly.

507.2.2: The Regional Talent Camps have been arranged for the 9th July (at Ponds Forge), 30th September (at Consett) and the 26th November (at Catterick). The Association Secretary to write a letter of thanks to Linda Tjaguns for her work on setting up these camps.

507.3 Synchronised Swimming:

507.3.1 The minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee held on the 24th January were presented to the meeting. Mr. Cooper outlined some matter in the minutes.

The minutes were approved.

507.3.2 The minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee held on the 7th March were presented to the meeting. Mr. Cooper gave details of the platform that was required for the Competition at the John Charles Pool. The quote received was excessive and they were looking for other quotes. He also pointed out, that as far as he was aware, the successful Choreograph Clinic held at the John Charles Pool was the first held in the County.

507.3.3 Mr. Cooper reported on the position of the City of Leeds club as it was about to lose the ASA Beacon funding. Dan Ramm and Barry Saunders were looking into this matter and details will be available for the next Board meeting. It was agreed to invite Sarah Sears to the next meeting.

508. ASA North East Region Report

508.1 The minutes of the Management Board meeting held on the 17th January were presented to the meeting and it was noted that minute 687.2 was incorrect and that the correct date for the Disability Gala was Saturday 23rd September and the Masters Championships was Sunday 24th September. Both these will take place at the Harrogate Hydro Pool.

508.2 The written report from David Parry, ASA North East Region Development Officer, was presented to the meeting. David gave more details on some of the matters in the report.

508.3 Dan Ramm, ASA Club Development Officer, apologised for not submitting a report. This was due to his excessive workload.

508.4 Web Site: The Region were looking for a new content management system and hosting provider for their web site and we have had a request asking if we wanted to be part of it. It was agreed that we needed to maintain our own presence. However Mr. Wilkinson, Webmaster, agreed to contact the new provider via Sarah Small to see if there were advantages to a united solution that were not clear from the proposals tabled.

509. ASA Sports Governing Board Report

In the absence of any minutes being produced Mr. Saunders gave a verbal update on matters contained in his copy of the minutes.

510. Any other relevant Business

Mr. Alexander reported that two club, Hull University Water Polo and York Synchronicity Synchronised Swimming were no longer affiliated and that one club, York Sport S.C., had joined the Association.

511. Date of next meeting

The date of the next, Forty-Seventh, meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 7th June at 7.15 p.m. The meeting to take place in the Denison Suite at the Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:08 p.m.