

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

President – Mr A Stuart Walker

Minutes of the Forty-Seventh Meeting of the Management Board held on Wednesday 7th June 2017 at the Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Mr Terry Wilkinson (Chairman), Mr David Alexander (Secretary), Mrs Mary McClung, Mr Roger Perrell, Mrs Sue Prasad, Mr Rod Wardle and Ms Gemma Wright.

Also in Attendance by invitation (non voting): Mr Dan Ramm (Swim England Club Development Officer) and Mr David Parry (ASA North East Region Regional Development Officer).

The Chairman welcomed members and opened the meeting.

Apologies for absence were recorded in respect of Mr Gary Hill (Treasurer), Mr A Stuart Walker (President), Mrs Christine McCabe (Masters Committee Secretary), Mr Bill Cooper and Mr Barry Saunders.

512. Minutes

The minutes of the Forty-Sixth Meeting held on the 22nd March were presented and approved as a true record.

513. Matters Arising

The following matters arising from the minutes were noted:

- 513.1 (min 505.1.1): In the absence of the Treasurer it was not known if the Bank Account name had been changed as agreed.
- 513.2 (min 505.1.2): Mr. Wardle has not as yet replaced Mrs. Emmerson as a signatory for the Bank Account.
- 513.3 (min 505.2): In the absence of the Treasurer it was not known if Mrs. Agar had received the agreed refund. Mr. Wardle advised the meeting that the City of Leeds club had made the required payment to Mrs Agar.
- 513.4 (min 505.6): Connor Hill has received the agreed payment and had written to Mr. Cooper thanking the Association for the payment.
- 513.5 (min 506.1): In the absence of the Treasurer it was not known if this action had taken place.
- 513.6 (min 507.3.3) A report from Dan Ramm regarding this matter has been received and was an agenda item later in the meeting. In view of this not being available until the day before the meeting it was not possible to invite Sarah Speers to the meeting.
- 513.7 (min 508.4): Mr. Wilkinson has not yet spoken with Sarah Small.

514. Secretary's Report

Mr. Alexander reported on the following matters:

- 514.1 Swim England Branding. Mr. Wardle proposed that Swim England details are circulated to members for them to consider incorporating the Swim England Affiliated County Branding. This was agreed.
- 514.2 It was noted that the Get Well Swim School Huddersfield and the Yorkshire Otters Coaching Club were still listed as being under Swim England suspension and as a result no longer affiliated to the Association.
- 514.3 Changes to Rule: Mr. Alexander pointed out that he had recently had to, in accordance with Rule 7.3.13.1, send out nomination forms for a Championships Secretary that was no longer required. It was agreed that this rule needed to be deleted.

It was also agreed that Rule 18.1 needed to be amended to read 'Secretary, Treasurer and one other Management Board member.

Members want to see a Rule added that would cover the on-line banking situation as more and more clubs are using this method. Mr. Alexander to look at this matter for inclusion with the changes to Rule for the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

It was noted that only club members can propose such changes to the Rules.
- 514.4 Handbook: A discussion took place regarding the content of the present handbook as most, if not all, information in the book is available on the web site. Several members would like a hard copy book to continue to be published. It was agreed that members consider what should be included and report back to the Secretary in time for the next meeting.

515. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mr. Hill the following matters were discussed.

- 515.1 The Treasurer proposed that the 2018 Affiliation Fee and the Per Capita Charge remain as per 2017 £6.00 per club and 0.60 per member.
It was proposed by Mr. Wardle that the Per Capita Charge for Category 3 members be nil. This was seconded Mr. Alexander and was agreed with all members voting in favour.
- 515.2 Mr. Ramm had circulated (06/06/2017) a paper regarding the City of Leeds Synchronised Swimming Club and the difficulties they were having since the end of the Beacon Programme funding. It was agreed, as members had little time to consider the paper, that an interim payment of £3,000 is made to the club. The matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

516. Championship Secretary

There were no nominations received. (see minute 514.3)

517. Technical Sub-Committees

Masters:

- 517.1.1 The written report from the Masters Committee Secretary was presented to the meeting. There were no matters discussed. The Secretary was thanked for the report.
- 517.1.2 The minutes of the Masters Committee Meeting held on the 21st March were presented to the meeting. There were no matters discussed.

Swimming:

- 517.2.1 The minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on the 5th April were presented to the meeting. Mr. Saunders had sent his apologies but had nothing to add from the minutes. The following matters were discussed:
- 517.2.2 (min 2017.5 from (min 2016.23): Coaches Grant Scheme. Mr. Wardle gave details of what was being proposed. This was still under consideration.
- 517.2.3 (min 2017.8): Mr. Saunders had asked, by e.mail to the Secretary, if the first payment to swimmers had been made. In the absence of the Treasurer this information was not known.

Synchronised Swimming

- 517.3.1 The minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee held on the 16th May were presented to the meeting. The following matters were discussed:
- 517.3.2 (min 6): Ms Wright gave details of the national issues that were holding up the organisation of the Autumn Competition.
- 517.3.3 (min 9): It was noted that a meeting had been arranged for the 23rd May to discuss the proposed merger of the three clubs. Sarah Speers be invited to attend.
- 517.3.4 The minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee held on the 6th June were presented to the meeting. Mr. Alexander apologised to the meeting for not distributing the minutes from the meeting held on the 23rd May and agreed to distribute to members as a matter of urgency.

518. Swim England North East Region Reports

- 518.1 The minutes of the Management Board meeting held on the 11th April were presented to the meeting. It was noted that the amount shown in min 704.1 may be incorrect and this would be challenged at the next meeting.
- 518.2 David Alexander and Rod Wardle were appointed as our representatives to the Management Board.
- 518.3 Mrs Pippa Baird, (City of Leeds S.C.) and Mr David Alexander were appointed as our representatives to the Regional Annual Council Meeting.
- 518.4 The written report from the Regional Development Officer was presented to the meeting. Mr. Parry explained several points of interest.

519. Swim England Sports Governing Board

There were no minutes available to discuss.

520. Any Other Relevant Business

- 520.1 It was noted that Rod Wardle had been appointed as Team Manger to the Swim England Swimming Team for the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast. Members offered their congratulations to him on the appointment.

521. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next, Forty-Eighth, Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6th 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 8.21 p.m.