

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

President – Mrs. Mary McClung

Minutes of the Forty-First Meeting of the Management Board held on Wednesday 23rd March 2016 in the Denison Suite at the Aquatics Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mary McClung (President), Mr. Harold Rudd (Chairman), Mr. David Alexander (Secretary), Mr. Gary Hill (Treasurer), 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 Mr. Bill Cooper, Mr. David Dickenson, Mr. Rod Wardle and Mr. Terry Wilkinson.

451. Minutes

The minutes of the Fortieth Meeting held on the 16th January were presented and approved as a true record.

452. Matters Arising

The following matters arising from the minutes were discussed;

- 452.1 (min 438.3): Judith Buck has agreed to take the entries for the Winter Competition but may not be available to process things on the day. She has drawn up some new Competition Conditions.
- 452.2 (min 440.3): Mrs. Emmerson has failed to reply to the mail from the Secretary asking if she wished to continue as a member of the Management Board. In view of this it was agreed that position remain vacant.
- 452.3 (min 441.3): The 2016 Northern round of the ASA Inter County Masters will take place on Sunday 12th November at Stockport.
- 452.4 (min 446): A firm booking has been made for the Annual General Meeting. This will take place at the Leeds Beckett University, Beckett Park Campus.

453. Secretary's Report

Mr. Alexander reported on the following matters;

- 453.1 Roll of Honour: Members felt that the present situation in respect of the Roll of honour was inappropriate. It was agreed that the criteria as shown needed amending and the sentence in the handbook outlining the citations be withdrawn.
- 453.2 The Expenditure item shown in the accounts as being paid to the ASA North East Region had not in fact taken place. The Treasurer had offered his apologies to the North East Finance Manager for this mis-understanding and the matter was now closed.
- 453.3 The Bank Overdraft item in the accounts shown under Current Liabilities was not an amount that had been taken out of the account. Mr. Hill explained the circumstances to the meeting.
- 453.4 As Mrs. Emmerson is not taking up the position of Board Member there was a vacancy for a representative to the ASA North East Region Management Board. The Secretary to contact Mr. Rod Wardle to see if he was willing to fill the vacancy.
- 453.5 Vacant Positions:
Welfare Officer, Mr. Alexander had approached a suitable candidate for the post.
Awards Co-Ordinator, Mr Alexander agreed to draw up a job specification and would contact both West Yorkshire and North Yorkshire Sport for their help in promoting the vacant position.
Championships Secretary, The nomination paper for the position had been sent to all the clubs.
- 453.6 ASA North East Region Synchronised Swimming Plan. A request for Financial Support for the plan had been received from Mr. Gordon. It was agreed that we support this to the sum of up to £3,000.
- 453.7 Coach Development. A request from the Hull & District Network for funding towards Coaches taking Level 1 Courses. Mr. Parry gave details of what this involved. It was agreed to award the sum of £750 to fund 3 places on the course. Any future request to go through Mr. Parry for consideration.

453.8 Lord Mayor of Leeds. Mr. Alexander had donated four surplus Mini Trophies to an event being held in aid of the Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal. The actions of the Secretary were endorsed.

454. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hill had circulated a written report pointing out that expenses for the Officials at the Championships had substantially increased. Mr. Perrell pointed out that there was a shortage of Officials and we had to use Officials from outside the local area of the pools.

455. Technical Sub-Committee reports

Masters:

455.1. Mr. Alexander gave a verbal report from the Masters Committee meeting held on the 15th March and the following points were noted;

455.1.1 There had been an error on the entry form for the Masters Championships and the Team Entries will be at £12 instead of the proposed £15.

455.1.2 There is a shortage of Poolside Officials that is causing concern.

455.1.3 The written report from the Masters Committee Secretary was presented to the meeting. There were no points discussed from the report

Swimming:

Mr. Saunders presented his written report and the following matters were noted.

455.2.1 There had been a major problem with the 2016 entry times resulting in an excessive number of entries. Mr. Saunders had reviewed the situation but it still left no alternative but to restrict the entries to ensure the length of the sessions was acceptable.

455.2.2 Mr. Saunders has spent several hours working on the 2017 schedule and qualifying standards to ensure that the excessive number of entries was not replicated for 2017.

455.2.3 Mr. Saunders was concerned that the Board approval for a payment for Athlete Funding, due in November, had not yet been paid until recently. This had caused both himself and Mr. Alexander severe embarrassment when approached by coaches and parents of swimmers.

455.2.4 The Board agreed that the payment now due should be paid, subject to agreement by the Swimming Committee, as soon as possible.

455.2.5 Mr. Saunders offered his congratulations to the swimmers who had achieved the required qualifying time(s) for the British Championships and wish them well when they compete.

455.2.6 The date and venue for the Coaches Development Day was confirmed as Sunday 4th September at the Leeds Beckett University Beckett Park Campus.

Championships Report

455.3 Mr. Dickenson had supplied a written report and the following points were noted;

455.3.1 There had been a problem at John Charles with overcrowding on the balcony walkway.

455.3.2 There had been some confusion at the Teams Championships over the date used for determining the swimmers age.

455.3.3 There had been difficulties in finding the required number of poolside Officials.

Synchronised Swimming:

455.4 The minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee held on the 26th January were presented to the meeting. There were no matters discussed.

Water Polo:

455.5 The, revised, Competition budget was presented to the meeting and it was noted that the figures were excessive and could not be accepted.

456. ASA North East Region Report

The minutes of the Management Board meeting held on the 19th January were presented to the meeting and the following matters were noted;

456.1 The Open Water Championships will take place, in conjunction with the ASA North West Region, at the Salford Quays on Saturday 25th June and will include a Masters Championship.

Mr. Parry presented his written report and explained some items of which the following were noted;

456.2 The initial meeting of the Yorkshire Coaches Forum will take place on the 3rd May at the John Charles Centre for Sport.

456.3 A Regional Talent Camp will take place at the John Charles Centre for Sport on Saturday 3rd September.

Mr. Ramm gave a verbal report on matters that he had dealt with.

457. ASA Sports Governing Board Report

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th/30th January were presented to the meeting. There were no matters discussed from the minutes.

458. Any other relevant Business

Awards:

458.1 The Henry Dixon Trophy has been presented to Mrs. Laugher by the President. This was agreed by the winner who was finding his availability limited this year.

458.2 Horner Trophy: It is proposed that this will be presented at the Masters Championships.

458.3 Leo Beatty Trophy: The winner is not able to attend the Masters Championships and is making arrangements for a suitable person to accept it on her behalf.

459. Date of next meeting

The date of the next, Forty-Second, meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 1st 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 9:15 p.m.