

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

President – Mrs Joan Weatherington

Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting of the Management Board held on Wednesday 15th September 2010 at the Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds starting at 7.15 p.m.

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

Also in Attendance: Mr. I. Gardiner, Regional Director, ASA North East Region.

Apologies: Mr. M. Hill (Treasurer).

114. Minutes

The Minutes of the Tenth Meeting held on the 7th July were presented and approved as a true record.

115. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

116. Secretary's Report

Mr. Alexander had nothing to report that was not covered in the agenda.

117. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mr. Hill there was no report.

118. Technical Sub-committees

118.1 **DIVING:** It was noted that at the recent World Junior Diving Championships held in Tucson, U.S.A. Jack Laughler (Harrogate Diving) has won both the 1 and 3 metre Springboard events. The Board offered their congratulations to Jack.

118.2 **MASTERS:** The report from the Masters Committee Secretary was presented to the meeting. Congratulations were offered to the Masters swimmers who had performed well at the World Masters Championships held in Gothenburg, Sweden in July.

118.3 **SWIMMING:** There was no written report from the Swimming Committee Secretary.

118.3.1 Mr Saunders reported that the Association had accepted an invitation to compete in the A.S.A. Inter County Competition and that the Team had been selected and swimmers notified.

118.3.2 Congratulations were offered to Anne Bochmann (City of Leeds), Rebecca Turner (City of Sheffield) and Sian Morgan (City of Bradford) on their selection to compete at the Commonwealth Games.

118.3.3 The next Swimming Committee meeting is to take place on Wednesday 29th September.

118.3.4 It was noted that there would be a Yorkshire Swimming Association Open Water Championship in 2012.

118.4 **SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING:** The minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee meeting held on the 24th February were presented to the meeting with the following points noted:

118.4.1 Members asked if the planned Development Days had taken place. Secretary to contact Mr Cooper. Also confirmation needed if the Assessment of Examiners took place.

The minutes of the Synchronised Swimming Committee meeting held on the 7th July were presented to the meeting with the following points noted:

118.4.2 Members asked for clarification as to what the Yorkshire Grade System was and if it was within A.S.A. Law. It was agreed to invite Mr. Cooper to attend the next Board meeting.

119. ASA North East Region

119.1 Annual Council Meeting held on Saturday 10th September. The following points from the meeting were noted:

119.1.1 Mrs. Muir-Cochrane would not be seeking re-appointment to the Panel of Friends. There were now no members on this panel.

119.1.2 The restructuring of the management Board was agreed. This will mean that after the 2011 Annual Council Meeting in September the Association will see a reduction in the number of representatives it has on the Board from the present three to two.

119.1.3 John Hickey was installed as the Regional President.

- 119.2 The Management Board had met after the Council Meeting on the 10th September.
Mr. Alexander reported on the following points of interest:
119.2.1 A.S.A. Organisational Restructure. The Regional Director was awaiting confirmation of the restructure.

120. A.S.A. Board

- 120.1 The minutes of the Special Meeting of the A.S.A. Board were not available.
- 120.2 A.S.A. statement. Members gave consideration to the statement that had been issued by the Chief Executive Officer on the 12th July. The statement had been issued as a result of the Government decision to prematurely stop the Free Swimming Initiative on the 31st July. Mr. Gardiner outlined the A.S.A. proposal and answered questions from Board members. The A.S.A. Board had agreed to initiate consultation on the following proposals:
- 120.2.1 The A.S.A.'s Regions should take ownership of the delivery of the A.S.A. Strategy in their region, adapting as required to local conditions with full accountability to the A.S.A.
- 120.2.2 The concept of the one single point of contact to engage locally with our partners and customers from the A.S.A. was the right approach.
- 120.2.3 The management of the regional staff should be through the Regional Board's and Regional Management structures with accountability for achieving the agreed outcomes.
- 120.2.4 That the relationship between the A.S.A. and its regions should change to one where the Region is commissioned to achieve an outcome with resources either locally or through the A.S.A. The A.S.A. to monitor evaluate challenge and take such action as is required to support the region in achieving the strategic outcomes we all want.
- 120.2.5 There is to be transparency of reporting to the sport on regional achievements and clarity on roles of the Regions and the A.S.A.

Mr Gardiner was thanked for attending.

121. County Swimming Co-ordinator

There was no report from the Senior County Swimming Co-ordinator.

122. Any other relevant Business

- 122.1 Sports Aid Foundation. Mrs. Emmerson was concerned at the proposal that, in future, all grants would be decided at a National level. As we provide, through the organising of the Sports Aid Swim Meet, significant funds it was agreed that Mrs. Emmerson together with Mr. Saunders and Mr. Hill request an urgent meeting with Sports Aid Foundation (Yorkshire and Humberside) to clarify the situation and to express our disapproval.
- 122.2 Rule changes. It was agreed that the implementation of the proposed change to Rule 7.1.1 should come into force after the 2012 Annual General Meeting. This would allow a two year gap between the Secretary and the Treasurer starting a four year term of Office.
- 122.3 It was proposed that Roger Perrell be elected as President Elect. This was agreed.
- 122.4 Disability Gala. It was noted that the second Disability Gala held recently at Harrogate had been very successful.

123. Date of next Meeting

The date and venue of the next, Twelfth, Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 24th November in the Denison Room at the 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 8.23 p.m.