

Minutes to be approved at the next meeting of the Committee.

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
(President Mr M Burgin)
SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at John Charles Centre for Sport on Wednesday 11th December 2013

2013.1 Persons Present:

John Cole (Chair), David Alexander, Russ Barber, Mike Burgin, Roger Perrell, Terry Wilkinson, Barry Saunders

2013.2 Apologies for Absence:

Harold Rudd, Gary Hill

2013.3 Minutes of previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held 26th September 2012 were accepted as a true record. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

2013.4 Championships 2014

- a) An email had been received, from the ASA, informing the County that the British Gas Sponsorship for the 2014 Championships would amount to £500. A discussion took place as to how to make best use the money and it was agreed that we would continue with the turquoise polo shirts that were issued in 2013, the money being used to supply new officials with a polo shirt. Those already in possession of one to be asked to wear it for 2014.
- b) For a number of years the Team Championships had been sponsored by Leo Beatty. However his sponsorship had ceased a couple of years ago. The Association is grateful for the support given by Leo to the Team Championships over a long period. It was agreed that the Team Championships would in future be 'the Malcolm Hill Age Group Team Championships' in recognition of the many hours given to the Association, by Malcolm, for the benefit of swimmers in Yorkshire.
- c) The entries would be processed by David Dickenson. John Cole agreed to do the recording at the events.
- d) Mike Burgin informed the meeting that recruitment of officials was progressing well.
- e) David Alexander, in conjunction with Gary Hill, had prepared a check sheet listing the requirements to deliver the County Championships together with the Responsible Person for each area. As expected most areas are the responsibility of the Championship secretary, however this responsibility could be delegated to other members. David Alexander was thanked for his work in this area.
- f) The Yorkshire Bank Trophy and the George Lester Memorial Trophy were not being awarded in accordance with the conditions laid down in the handbook. The conditions to be amended to reflect the following: The George Lester Memorial trophy to be awarded to the club achieving the highest number of points based on the results of the BAGCAT Championships only i.e 13 & under Girls; 14 & under Boys. The remaining age groups would score points for the Yorkshire bank Trophy.
- g) It was agreed to recommend to the Management Board that the B&I Trophy be withdrawn forthwith as it served little or no purpose.

2013.5 Winter Competition 2014.

This had been booked at Ponds Forge for the 11th/12th October 2014. Format to remain as in 2013.

2013.6 Funding of Training Camps/Swimmers

- a) A request had been received to fund a shortfall in the cost of an Overseas Club Training Camp. Historically the Region had provided a grant towards the cost of Club Training Camps but this had ceased from April 2013. After a discussion it was agreed that the County would not offer grants towards the cost of Club Training Camps.
- b) The County had, for a number of years, made grants to swimmers, not in receipt of World Class or Sports Aid funding, to assist them with the costs involved in being a successful swimmer. This had been put on hold whilst the North East Business Plan was being developed but the Committee felt that the grants should be continued in

2014. A budget of £10,000 had been agreed in the past and it was proposed to give grants of £500 to 20 swimmers, half payments to be made in January and September. If a swimmer retired or left the area the second payment would not be made. Coaches would be required to certify that the swimmer was in full time training before the grant was made. Gary Hill had provided a list of the top swimmers, based on FINA points scored for an individual swim over the past 12 months (Olympic events only) It was felt, supported by British Swimming, that FINA points favoured freestylers. The secretary agreed to circulate a new list, based on IPS points, for consideration.

2013.7 2015 Championships/Competitions.

It was agreed to book the Aquatic Centre, John Charles Centre for Sport, Leeds for the Championships on 14th/15th & 21st/22nd February 2015 and Ponds Forge Sheffield for 14th/15th March and 10th/11th October 2015. The Secretary to book Leeds & David Alexander Sheffield.

Date of Next Meeting: 2nd April 2014.

Barry J Saunders, Swimming Committee Secretary