CUMBRIA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 93rd Annual Council Meeting held on Sunday 15th November 2015

**Present:** Martin Tickner (Secretary), Keith Chisholm (Treasurer), Andy Sharpe (Chairman), Matthew Hinde (Vice-Chairman), Jim Messenger (President), Julie Routledge (Diddy League Secretary), Mark Ralph (Barrow), Shaun Winstanley (Workington), Ian Powley (Penrith), Graham Pearson (Masters Secretary), Helen Smith-Ward (Volunteer Coordinator)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Lesley Capstick (Ulverston), Raymond Watson (Past President), Helen Robinson (Ulverston), Julie Johnson (Kendal), Marina Powell-Currie (Penrith), Muriel Moffet (Carlisle Aquatics), Catherine Baxter (Cockermouth), John Sinclair (Carlisle Aquatics)
2. **The Chairman:** Andy opened the 93rd Annual Council Meeting and told members that it had been a privilege to be Chairman and hoped that he has served the County and the clubs to the best of his ability during the past year.
3. **Minutes of the 92nd Annual Council Meeting –** were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** (4)The Cumbria ASA Constitution has not yet been agreed by NWR.
5. **Annual Reports**
6. Secretary – The Secretary has already circulated his report and this was accepted. The ordering of County polo tops and hoodies was raised as the County had spent £1314 on tops but only £724 had been collected. It was agreed that Graham/Catherine will be responsible for ordering tops for the Inter-Association and County Team Championships. All clubs to order and pay for their own tops for pool deck officials from Stitch N Print in Wigton. The tops may include the individuals name and County badge but no other form of advertising. The swimming trust has agreed a bursary and Di Stafford at NWR is happy to manage the process. Andy to arrange a meeting with Brian Le Val at the Swimming Trust to discuss this matter further. Keith has spoken to Di Stafford regarding the backstroke ledges and suggested that NWR purchase the ledges.
7. Treasurer – Copies of the annual financial report and balance sheet have already been circulated. The association suffered a deficit of £434.82 during the year. It was questioned as to whether we require hard copies of the current county handbook or could it just go the website. It was agreed to leave as it is for 2016 but the addresses of officials are to be removed. Keith has purchased a new printer at a cost of £2750. The association has only 80 county medals in stock, recent estimates show the cost of buying 1000 new medals to be £3720 or 1500 will be £5184. Mark Ralph will liaise with Rosie Huggon over a new supplier. Rosie to order 150/160 for 2016. At present all clubs pay £25 affiliation fee to NWR, do all clubs want to pay a per capita fee? This matter to be discussed at the January meeting.
8. Championship Secretary – the annual report has already been circulated to clubs
9. Cumbria Meet Organiser – a draft set of promoter’s conditions has been circulated regarding the age groups. NWR Youth championships and relays will take place on 30th April/1st May, NWR age groups will take place on 21st/22nd/28th and 29th May.
10. Diddy League Secretary – the annual report has been circulated to all clubs.
11. Masters Secretary – The annual report has been circulated. Graham informed members that Cumbria were unable to enter a team in the inter-counties championships yesterday. The Carlisle Masters Open meet will take place on 22nd/23rd January 2016.
12. County Welfare Officer – no report
13. National County Team Championships – the Team Managers report has been circulated. Cumbria finished 8th in Division2 with 3 victories by Rebecca Fell (100m butterfly), Edward Baxter (100m breaststroke) and the boys 16/17 medley team (Elliot Routledge, Edward Baxter, Tom Millburn and Charlie McSkeane). One change for next year is that the Carlisle pick up will be at J42. A decision on whether the team will be required to travel in ‘uniform’ will be discussed at the January meeting.
14. County Volunteer Coordinator – The Annual report has been circulated to all clubs and the list of officials will be updated at each executive meeting.
15. **Proposals and Rule Changes** – none
16. **Election of Officers**
17. President (2016-2017) – Jim Messenger (Carlisle Aquatics)
18. Chairman – Andy Sharpe
19. Vice-Chairman – Matthew Hinde
20. Secretary – Martin Tickner
21. Treasurer – Keith Chisholm
22. Championship Secretary – Martin Tickner
23. Cumbria Meet Organiser – Keith Chisholm
24. Diddy League Secretary – Julie Routledge
25. County Welfare Secretary – Debbie Heard
26. County Volunteer Co-ordinator – Helen Smith-Ward
27. Masters Secretary – Graham Pearson
28. **Examiner of Accounts –** John Freestone
29. **Diddy League Draw 2016 –** The diddy league dates for 2016 are 23rd April, 14th May, 18th June and 2nd October. Carlisle will host all 3 north rounds, Penrith will host rounds 1 and 3 (south) and Kendal will host round 2 (south). Workington will host the grand final (6 teams).

Round 1 North at Carlisle - Lane 2– Cockermouth, Lane 3 – Copeland, Lane 4 – Workington, Lane 5 – Carlisle Aquatics

Round 1 South at Penrith – Lane 2 – Penrith, Lane 3 – Kendal, Lane 4 – Barrow, Lane 5 - Ulverston

The future of the diddy league competition will be discussed at the January meeting.

1. **Agreed Dates of Events for 2016**
2. **Close Meeting and reconvene as Executive**
3. **Agree Executive Meeting Dates as- 17th January, 10th April, 12th June, 2nd October and 27th November (ACM)**
4. **Correspondence requiring discussion before the January meeting** – none