

CUMBRIA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 92nd Annual Council Meeting held on 30th November 2014

Present: Martin Tickner (Secretary), Keith Chisholm (Treasurer), Raymond Watson (President), Debbie Heard (Welfare Officer), Ian Powley (Penrith), Lesley Capstick (Ulverston), Shaun Winstanley (Workington), Craig Heggie (Copeland), Paul Messenger (Copeland), Helen Smith-Ward (Volunteer Coordinator), Andy Sharpe (Barrow), Jim Messenger (Carlisle Aquatics), Muriel Moffet (Carlisle Aquatics), John Sinclair (Carlisle Aquatics), Matthew Hinde (Copeland), Catherine Baxter (Cockermouth), Graham Pearson (Masters Secretary), Julie Routledge (Diddy League Secretary)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Dave Salmon (Chairman), Julie Johnson (Kendal), Ivan Dootson (Workington), Helen Robinson (Ulverston), Christine Fabi (Penrith), Suzanne Turner (Penrith)
2. **The Chairman:** In Dave's absence, Raymond opened the 92nd Annual Council Meeting. Raymond thanked everyone for the support given to him during his role as acting chairman with a special mention to Dave Salmon for his commitment to Cumbria ASA during the past 25 years. Raymond also thanked Keith for his work as treasurer, meet organiser and regional delegate and to all those other people who give their services to the association.
3. **Minutes of the 91st Annual Council Meeting** – the minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising from the previous meeting:** The Constitution has been updated and is with regional office awaiting approval.
5. **Annual Reports**
 - a) Secretary – The Secretary has already circulated his report and this was accepted.
 - b) Treasurer – Copies of the annual financial report and balance sheets have already been circulated. The association suffered a deficit of £2338.74 during the year. The total cost of the Inter-Association competition and National County Team Championships amounted to approx £4k. Current funds stand at £18,829.55. It was proposed that we standardise travelling expenses to County Meetings at 25p per mile.
 - c) Championship Secretary – The Championship Secretary's report has already been circulated and this was accepted.
 - d) Cumbria Meet Organiser – Keith informed the meeting that there will be a major impact of the competition structure in 2016 but little will change in 2015.
 - e) Diddy League Secretary – The Diddy League Secretary's report has already been circulated and this was accepted.
 - f) Masters Secretary – The Master Secretary's report has already been circulated. Graham commented on the fact that Cumbria was not able to raise a Masters team for the Inter-County championships.
 - g) County Welfare Officer – Debbie reported that no issues have arisen and no major changes were expected from the ASA.

h) National County Team Championships/Inter-Association Competition – The NCTC report has already been circulated and Catherine gave a verbal report on the inter-association competition at Huyton where Cumbria finished in 3rd place equalling their best ever performance from 2010.

i) County Volunteer Coordinator – Helens report has already been distributed and this was accepted.

6. Proposals and Rule Changes – None

7. Election of Officers

a) President (2015-2016) – Jim Messenger (Carlisle Aquatics) was proposed and seconded as President of the Association for the next 2 years. Raymond thanked the association for his past 2 years in office and said it had been a great honour. Jim also said it was great honour to become President.

b) Chairman – Andy Sharpe

c) Vice-Chairman – Matthew Hinde

d) Secretary – Martin Tickner

e) Treasurer – Keith Chisholm

f) Championship Secretary – Martin Tickner (with support from Julie Routledge, John Sinclair, Helen Robinson and Lesley Capstick)

g) Cumbria Meet Organiser – Keith Chisholm

h) Diddy League Secretary – Julie Routledge

i) County Welfare Officer – Debbie Heard

j) County Volunteer-Coordinator – Helen Smith-Ward

k) Masters Secretary – Graham Pearson

8. Examiner of Accounts – John Freestone has been re-elected as Examiner of Accounts.

9. Diddy League Draw 2015 – The diddy league dates for 2015 are 25th April, 16th May, 20th June and 4th October. Workington will host all 3 north rounds, Penrith will host south rounds 1 and 3 and Kendal will host south round 2.

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

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

10. Agreed Dates of Events for 2015

11. Any Other Business

a) Constitution Matters to be ratified within the Constitution – Agreed

b) Karen Bowes and Dave Salmon nominated as Life Vice-Presidents of the Association – Agreed

12. Close Meeting and Reconvene at Executive

13. Agree Meeting Dates as – 18th January, 12th April, 14th June, 4th October and 22nd November.

14. County Records – John's proposals have been distributed for discussion. Each point was discussed in detail.

- 1) Agreed
- 2) Agreed
- 3) Splits agreed from an official start
- 4) Agreed
- 5) Licensed Open Meets only at Levels 1, 2 and 3.
- 6) Swimmer must be a member of a club or affiliated to a Cumbria Club. The time is recorded as the club being represented at the time of the swim
- 7) Agreed (except for Masters)
- 8) Events to be recorded for all 18 events. Claims within 28 days in force from 1st January 2015. Catherine, Graham and John to investigate who is eligible to claim a record

15. Any Other Business

- a) One club has still not paid their entry fees for last years Winter Meet. No competition entries will be accepted from this club until the fees are paid

Meeting closed at 1.30pm

