CUMBRIA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 94th Annual Council Meeting held on Sunday 27th November 2016

**Present:** Martin Tickner (Secretary), Sam Abba (Carlisle Aq), Muriel Moffet (Carlisle Aq), Jim Messenger (President), Heidi Jackson (Cockermouth), Ian Powley (Penrith), Julie Routledge (Diddy League Secretary), Shaun Winstanley (Workington), Helen Smith-Ward (Volunteer Coordinator), Mike Bond (Kendal), Lesley Capstick (Ulverston), Raymond Watson (Past President), Darren Gibson (Kendal), Matt Hinde (Vice-Chairman), Graham Pearson (Masters Secretary), Lara Nicholson (Cockermouth), Mark Ralph (Barrow)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Julie Johnson (Kendal), Keith Chisholm (Treasurer), Helen Robinson (Ulverston), John Sinclair (Carlisle Aq), Marina Powell-Currie (Penrith)
2. **The Chairman:** In Andy’s absence, his report has been circulated.
3. **Minutes of the 93rd 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 was approved by NWR at the end of November 2016 and will run for another 4 years. **(5b)** The handbook is now on the website.
5. **Annual Reports**
6. **Secretary –** Annual report has already been circulated and no further questions were raised.
7. **Treasurer –** The Association has funds of £15,085.18 with an overall surplus of £760. The overall income is slewed by receipt of a £4000 grant from the Swimming Trust. County swimming team expenditure up to £3400 but mitigated by a grant of £1000 from the ASA towards accommodations costs. Equipment expenditure is high due to the purchase of a new photocopier (£2750).
8. **Championship Secretary –** Annual report has already been circulated and no further questions were raised.
9. **Cumbria Meet Organiser –** In his absence Keith’s report was circulated prior to the meeting. Keith referred to the 2017 age groups being held at Workington and in the interests of fairness he suggested that the 2017 Winter Meet should it continue ought to be swam at Kendal. For the first time in many years there was a fundamental reassessment of the County Championships driven by the use of the new 8 lane pool. Keith also suggests that a similar reassessment of the Winter Meet should be carried out. Due to the increased number of open meets and club championships it would be worthwhile if Cumbria had an Annual Calendar. Everyone at the meeting was in agreement with this and it was suggested that clubs come to the next executive meeting with dates of their own competitions for 2017.
10. **Diddy League Secretary –** Julies report has already been circulated with Carlisle Aquatics winning the grand final and Barrow winning the league.
11. **Masters Secretary –** Grahams report has already been circulated and he confirmed that the Carlisle Masters Meet will be taking place on 21st January.
12. **County Welfare Officer –** no report
13. **National County Team Championship Report -** Grahams report had been circulated prior to the meeting. He commented that clubs need to accept the role of reserves. He also suggested that in the event of the M62 being closed, alternative arrangements may need to be made for picking up and dropping off swimmers. Graham’s proposals were agreed with a proviso that the team manager will contact clubs 2 days before team selection is made if for some reason any swimmer has not responded to the invitation to swim.
14. **County Volunteer Coordinator –** Helens report was circulated and accepted.
15. **Proposals and Rule Changes –** The new diddy league rules were discussed and amended slightly. The new rules were proposed by GP and seconded by MR with everybody voting in favour apart from 2.
16. **Election of Officers**
17. President (2017-2018) – Raymond Watson (Kendal)
18. Chairman – Matt Hinde
19. Vice-Chairman – vacant
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 Officer – Debbie Heard
26. County Volunteer Coordinator – Helen Smith-Ward
27. Masters Secretary – Graham Pearson
28. **Examiner of Accounts –** John Freestone
29. **Diddy League Draw 2017 –** The diddy league dates are 1st April, 13th May and 18th June. Copeland and Carlisle to host rounds 1 and 2 in the north with Kendal and Penrith in the south. Workington will host the grand final.

Round 1 North at Copeland L2 Workington, L3 Copeland, L4 Cockermouth, L5 Carlisle Aquatics

Round 1 South at Kendal L2 Barrow, L3 Penrith, L4 Kendal, L5 Ulverston

1. **Agreed Dates of Events for 2017**
2. **Close Meeting and reconvene as Executive**
3. **Agree Executive Meeting Dates as 5th February, 9th April, 17th June, 1st October and 26th November**
4. **Relevant Matters**
5. Adam Lace to aske to act a Team Manager for the Inter Association Competition
6. Letter to Catherine Baxter re – County hats and red badges
7. Kendal Open Meet to held on July 1st
8. Eleanor Walsh and Raymond Watson received awards at the Cumbria Sports Awards