CUMBRIA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 96th Annual Council Meeting held on Sunday 25th November 2018 at Wigton Rugby Club

**Present:** Martin Tickner (President & Secretary), Keith Chisholm (Treasurer), Matthew Hinde (Chairman), Mark Ralph (Vice-Chairman), Ray Browne (Barrow), Helen Smith-Ward (Volunteer Coordinator), Ian Richardson (Copeland), Shaun Winstanley (Workington), Mark Newby (Workington), Lora Nicholson (Cockermouth), Gary Jones (Ulverston), Ian Powley (Penrith), Sam Bell (Diddy League Secretary), Raymond Watson (Past President), Terry Lambert (Past President), Lesley Capstick (Ulverston).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Julie Johnson (Kendal), Andy Gallagher (Welfare Officer), Jenny Woodburn (Kendal), Craig Heggie (Workington), Julie Routledge (Workington).
2. **The Chairman:** Matt began by remembering two long standing supporters of Cumbria swimming. Brian Hawkrigg, former coach and President of Copeland and Graham Pearson Masters Secretary and Lead Coach of Cumbria ASA. Graham was honoured to be elected as Honorary President of Cumbria ASA during his short illness. Three new officers took up positions over the last 12 months, Sam Bell as Diddy league secretary, Andy Gallagher as Welfare Officer and Jeanette Ralph as Records Secretary. This was the first year of the England Talent County Pathway Programme initially led by Graham Pearson and coordinated by Lesley Capstick. A review took place of the 2017 Age Groups to try and improve the organisation of the competition and next year the Constitution will need to be reviewed. Carnforth joined the Cumbria diddy league and the South Cumbria Network achieved Swim Mark status. Objectives for 2019 will be to - Update the Constitution, Continue to deliver swimming competitions within the County, Develop swimmers through the England Talent County Pathway programme, Increase the number of Masters swimmers, Support development of Open Water swimming, Look at succession planning for Executive positions and Encourage more people to get involved in swimming across all ages. Matt thanked the Committee for their work and support and the swimmers who either swim for fitness, technique, competitions for fun and enjoyment. Thank you also to the many volunteers who help organise, mentor and support swimming in Cumbria.
3. **The minutes of the 95th Annual Council Meeting –** were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes –** None
5. **Annual Reports:**
6. **Secretary –** The Annual report has already been circulated and no further questions were raised.
7. **Treasurer –** The annual financial report and balance sheet have already been circulated. The association has unrestricted funds of £12,886.69 and restricted funds (for training purposes) of £4859.52. Keith gave a brief overview of the accounts and answered any questions.
8. **Championship Secretary –** The Annual Report of the age groups has already been distributed and no further questions were raised.
9. **Cumbria Meet Organiser –** Nothing to report
10. **Diddy League Secretary –** Sams report has been distributed including the dates for 2019, being Saturday 16th March, Saturday 18th May and Saturday 15th June dependent on any rule changes agreed later in the meeting.
11. **Masters Secretary –** Craig prepared a report which has been circulated outlining the achievements of the County’s Masters swimmers and dates for the 2019 events. Craig is also keen to set up a Masters network around the County.
12. **County Welfare Officer –** nothing to report
13. **National County Team Championships Report –** This report has been circulated and Lesley confirmed that she will coordinate the event in 2019, however a male coach will be required to replace Graham.
14. **County Volunteer Coordinator –** Helen distributed her report showing the current number of officials in the County and those in training.
15. **Proposals and Rule Changes**
16. Voting Rightsat Executive Meetings – The following proposal for voting rights at executive meetings was approved.

The Executive Committee shall comprise the following,

1. President
2. Past Presidents
3. President Elect
4. Life Vice Presidents
5. The elected officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer)
6. The aquatic officers elected at the annual council meeting (Championship Secretary, Cumbria Meet Organiser, Diddy League Secretary, County Welfare Officer, County Volunteer Coordinator, Masters Secretary and Open Water Secretary)
7. Two representatives of each affiliated club, each of whom shall be a member of that club.

**Each member present,** with the exception of the Chairman, or the acting Chairman for that meeting **shall have one vote.** In the event of equality of votes the Chairman or the acting Chairman for that meeting shall have a casting vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

1. Diddy League Rules – Sam has put forward some suggestions following concerns that one team was excluded from the 2018 final after Carnforth had joined the league. Following discussion it was agreed to return to having A and B finals and omitting the grand final. Existing rule 3g) will be amended to say ‘Finals will be arranged as follows based upon league rankings after the first two rounds: Up to 8 teams – One final for all teams, 9-10 teams – top 5 compete in the A final and remaining teams compete in the B final, 11-12 teams – top 6 compete in the A final and remaining teams compete in the B Final. The allocation of trophies at rule 5g) has also been amended. Rule 3a) is also amended to read ‘The competition will comprise a maximum of twelve teams competing in 2 league rounds and a final round.’ These amendments will allow clubs to enter a second team if they have sufficient numbers. An amended set of rules will be distributed in due course. It was also suggested that both the A and B finals will be contested at the same venue on the same day.
2. **Election of Officers**
3. President (2018-2019) – Martin Tickner
4. Chairman – Matthew Hinde
5. Vice-Chairman – Mark Ralph
6. Secretary – Martin Tickner
7. Treasurer – Keith Chisholm
8. Champion Secretary – Martin Tickner (Trophies – Lesley Capstick and Records - Janette Ralph)
9. Cumbria Meet Organiser – Keith Chisholm
10. Diddy League Secretary – Sam Bell
11. County Welfare Officer – Andy Gallagher
12. County Volunteer Coordinator – Helen Smith-Ward
13. Masters Secretary – Craig Heggie
14. Open Water Secretary – Mark Newby
15. **Examiner of Accounts –** John Freestone
16. **Diddy League Draw and Dates** – the draw will not be made until the January meeting to see if any clubs wish to enter a second team. Dates are 16th March, 18th May and 15th June.
17. **Agree Dates of events for 2018-2019**
18. Cumbria Age Groups 2019 - 12th/13th January at Workington and 19th/20th January at Kendal.
19. Diddy League 2019 – 16th March, 18th May and 15th June. Barrow and Copeland to host round 1.
20. Cumbria Winter Meet 2018 – 1st/2nd December
21. NWR Masters 2019 – 23rd February at Blackpool
22. Ulverston Open Meet – 23rd March at Kendal
23. NWR Para Championships – 23rd March at Darwen
24. NWR Open Water – 29th June at Salford Quays
25. Barrow Halloween Gala – 26th October
26. Copeland Griffin Gala (25th running) – 9th March
27. Copeland Graded Gala – 8th June
28. Inter-Association Competition – 22nd June at Workington 10.00am
29. NWR Summer Championships (50m) 2019 – 27th/28th April at Manchester, 11th/12th May at Liverpool and 25th/26th May at Manchester
30. British Summer Championships (50m) 2019 – 23rd-28th July at Glasgow
31. Swim England Summer Championships (50m) 2019 – 31st July-4th August at Sheffield
32. British Championships (50m) 2019 – 16th-21st April at Glasgow
33. Swim England Winter Meet (25m) 2018 – 14th-16th December at Sheffield
34. Carlisle Aquatics Swim Fest 2019 – 4th-6th October
35. Carlisle Masters 2019 – 1st/2nd February
36. National County Team Championships 2019 – 6th October at Sheffield
37. National Open Water Open Water Age Groups Championships – 5th August at Rother Valley

It was suggested that all club championships should be aligned through the club networks.

1. **ACM closed at 12.15 and reconvened as Executive Meeting**
2. **Executive Meeting Dates 2019** agreed as 27th January, 7th April, 9th June, 8th September and 24th November (ACM)
3. **Matters requiring discussion before the January Meeting**
4. **SE NWR President Elect** – Keith outlined that one of the options would be to swop with Lancashire. It was also suggested that we ask Judy Pearson if she would be prepared to stand as President Elect – **ACTION**
5. **Records Policy –** It was agreed that clubs have until 31st December 2018 to claim any outstanding Junior records, both long course and short course. Following that, clubs will have 30 days to claim any new records. The record must be claimed by the swimmer or club (not a third party) and the swimmer must be a member of the club at the time of the record.
6. **Save Grange Lido –** Terry Lambert outlined the Save Grange Lido campaign. The Grange Lido is a 50m outdoor pool unused for 25 years. There is an item on the next planning committee of South Lakeland District Council (18th December) and the campaigners are looking to save the pool and reinstate it as a heated pool for use by the general public, schools and swimming clubs. A petition of 30,000 signatures has already submitted and Terry would like all clubs and individuals to write to SLDC to support the Save Grange Lido appeal. Terry will send details on who to write to and a sample of what has been submitted already. **ACTION**
7. **Any Other Business**
8. Keith reported that the now defunct Troutbeck Bridge Swimming Club has donated £605 to Cumbria ASA. Keith proposed that £200 be donated to the Save Grange Lido campaign.

**Meeting ended at 13.00pm**