CUMBRIA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Special Executive Meeting held on Sunday 22nd March at Wigton Rugby Club

**Present:** Jim Messenger (President), Andy Sharpe (Chairman), Matthew Hinde (Vice-Chairman), Martin Tickner (Secretary), Keith Chisholm (Treasurer), Helen Smith-Ward (County Volunteer Co-ordinator), Eleanor Walsh (Cockermouth), Catherine Baxter (Cockermouth), Mark Ralph (Barrow), Christine Fabi (Penrith), John Sinclair (Carlisle Aquatics), Muriel Moffet (Carlisle Aquatics), Julie Johnson (Kendal), Raymond Watson (Kendal), Shaun Winstanley (Workington), Adam Lace (Workington),Helen Robinson (Ulverston), Lesley Capstick (Ulverston).

**2016 Cumbria County Championships/Age Groups**

Keith prepared a document in advance which was distributed to members present at the meeting and formed the basis for a general discussion. Keith outlined the background and the implications of the British Swimming Competition Review. The document was discussed at length and the following matters were generally agreed –

* Suggested dates for the 2016 competition which must take place within weeks 2-9 were 30/31 January, 6/7 February and 27/28 February to avoid a clash with half term
* It is hoped to run the competition over 2 weekends instead of 3 with relay events taking place during each session
* The 800m and 1500m events may be slotted in at the start of a session
* 10/11 years swim all events other than 400m IM, 800m and 1500m (these are for 12/over)
* Ages will be at 31/12/16
* Qualifying times will be from licensed meet times only
* No age group finals, only County Championship finals in all of the 50m, 100m and 200m events and HDW for the 400m free, 400m IM, 800m free and 1500m free
* Junior places to be taken from the heats only
* Awards for 10/11 years age group with qualifying times to be a compromise
* All age group relays to be 4 x 50m HDW with age bands being 10-12 and 13-14
* All County Championship relays to be 4 x 50m HDW at Junior(16/u) and Open
* Junior and Open Team events – minimum age of swimmers is 10 years
* Qualifying period for age groups to be from 7th March 2015 to 31st December 2015

**Autumn Series**

* Same programme as this year
* 5/6 December 2015 at Copeland