

## CUMBRIA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Present:** Martin Tickner (Secretary), Andy Sharpe (Chairman), Catherine Baxter (Cockermouth), John Sinclair (Carlisle Aquatics), Mark Ralph (Barrow), Raymond Watson (Past President), Lesley Capstick (Ulverston), Shaun Winstanley (Workington), Paul Messenger (Copeland), Keith Chisholm (Treasurer), Matthew Hinde (Vice-Chairman), Muriel Moffet (Carlisle Aquatics), Dave Salmon (Cockermouth), Jim Messenger (President), Julie Routledge (Diddy League Secretary), Helen Smith-Ward (Volunteer Coordinator), Marina Powell-Currie (Penrith)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Helen Robinson (Ulverston), Graham Pearson (Masters Secretary), Debbie Heard (Welfare Officer), Ian Powley (Penrith), Craig Heggie (Copeland), Julie Johnson (Kendal)
2. **Minutes from the last meeting (13<sup>th</sup> June 2015)** were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting (with the following alteration to 8f) Mandy Steele instead of Mandy Ellis)
3. **Actions arising from the previous minutes:**
  - a) Shaun has updated the grant application form and it was sent out to all clubs with the minutes of the June meeting.
4. **Swim the Eden:** The 3 Hudson brothers have swam the River Eden (known as the Eden Swim Project) and raised in excess of £2700. The Swimming Trust has agreed to add £1000 to the total and have indicated that the money would be used on improving swimming teaching in Cumbria and are looking for Cumbria ASA to add to the fund. It was generally agreed that administration of the funds should be through Cumbria as opposed to the region. **ACTION** - Andy Sharpe will pursue this matter with the swimming trust and North West Region.
5. **Reports**
  - a) **Treasurer:** Keith reported that the association has funds of £18,291.06. There will shortly be expenditure for the National County Team Championships and the Inter-Association competition. We will also need to order some County medals next year usually in the region of £3500.
  - b) **Championship Secretary:** The list of officials for the Cumbria Winter Meet will be distributed shortly, Lesley and Helen will organise the ribbons.
  - c) **Meet Organiser:** The entry file is now available for the Winter Meet in December and the 2016 age groups file will follow. Qualifying times for the age groups will be from between the period 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Keith explained the criteria for the 10 year old times, it was agreed to leave as it is and review again next year. Entry fees will be £4.50 for individual events and £8.00 for teams. Medals will be awarded to competitors placed first, second and third in the individual County Championship and Junior County Championship events. Warm up for the distance events at Workington will be at 6.30pm to start at 7.00pm
  - d) **Diddy League Secretary:** All results are now online, the grand final takes place later today with Barrow, Carlisle Aquatics, Ulverston, Copeland, Kendal, and Cockermouth taking part. Jim Messenger will present the trophies to all clubs at the end of the gala.

It was agreed to have a review of the diddy league competition in respect of the pools, dates, nos. of rounds, programme etc.

- e) **Masters Secretary:** Grahams report has been distributed to all clubs. The annual inter-counties Masters team event takes place at Leeds on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Any clubs with available swimmers should contact Graham Pearson [graham.pearson19@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.pearson19@btinternet.com) or Craig Heggie [craig.heggie@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:craig.heggie@sellafieldsites.com)
  - f) **Team Managers:** Grahams report including the team for Sheffield has been distributed to all clubs. Catherine has given all clubs a list of those swimmers selected for the Inter-Association competition at Wigan.
  - g) **Welfare Officer:** Debbie confirmed that all reported incidents/events have either been resolved to an agreeable solution or passed to another relevant authority.
  - h) **County Volunteer Coordinator:** Helen has updated each club with a current list of their technical officials. Anyone wishing to apply to go on the referee's course should do so by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.
- 6. Any Other Business:**
- a) Martin attended the North West Region Annual Council Meeting at Leigh. The new President for 2015-2016 is David Burgham from Cheshire.
  - b) North West Region are investigating the possibility of purchasing backstroke starting ledges for use at Regional events in Manchester and are looking for financial support from Cumbria ASA in the sum of £1000. It was felt this was a huge amount for Cumbria and further information is required before we make a proper decision.  
**ACTION** – Keith to speak to Di Stafford at NWR.
  - c) Martin has received an e-mail from Helen Whittle regarding the mentoring of officials which should wherever possible be on a 1-2-1 basis. This matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that we shall do our best to mentor people as best as we can with the resources available.
  - d) A Grant application has been submitted by Copeland on behalf of Julie Williamson who will be taking the level 2 coaching course. The application was accepted and the relevant funding will be made available.
  - e) John Sinclair reported that the current system for applying for county records appears to be working.
  - f) The next meeting will be the Annual Council Meeting on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 10.30am, reports to be sent in as soon as available as Martin will on holiday in the week preceding the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.50pm