CUMBRIA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Sunday 10th April 2016

**Present:** Martin Tickner (Secretary), Keith Chisholm (Treasurer), Craig Heggie (Copeland), Matthew Hinde (Acting Chairman), Julie Routledge (Diddy League Secretary), Mike Bond (Kendal), Raymond Watson (Past Chairman), Adam Lace (Workington), Muriel Moffet (Carlisle Aquatics), Ian Powley (Penrith), Shaun Winstanley (Workington), Graham Pearson (Masters Secretary), John Sinclair (Carlisle Aquatics), Helen Smith-Ward (Volunteer Coordinator)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Jim Messenger (President), Helen Robinson (Ulverston), Lesley Capstick (Ulverston), Paul Messenger (Copeland), Marina Powell-Currie (Penrith), Catherine Baxter (Cockermouth), Mark Ralph (Barrow), Andy Sharpe (Chairman)
2. **Minutes from the last meeting (31st January 2016)** were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting
3. **Actions arising from the previous minutes:**
4. (4) No further progress has been made regarding Swim the Eden
5. (5) Affiliation fees to be discussed at the June meeting - **Action**
6. (8) County medals to be discussed at the next meeting - **Action**
7. **Swim the Eden:** In Andy’s absence, this matter was deferred to the June meeting - **Action**
8. **Future of the diddy league competition:** The principal aim of the diddy league is to be a fun gala, unlicensed and run in a similar format to the Junior Arena League.
9. Age groups to be 9, 10 and 11 years only with age as at the 1st day of competition (no 8 or 12 year olds)
10. Affiliation fee of £25 per club
11. 2 rounds plus Grand Final
12. 9 years boys and girls will swim 25m fly, 50m other strokes plus 2 freestyle A and B relays and 2 medley A and B relays (any mixture of sexes) i.e. 12 events
13. 10 years boys and girls will swim 50m all strokes plus 2 freestyle and 2 medley relays i.e. 12 events
14. 11 years boys and girls will swim 50m all strokes plus 2 freestyle and 2 medley relays i.e. 12 events
15. One cannon swam in ascending order of age will make 37 events
16. Possibility of inserting a 100m IM event for 10’s and 11’s
17. Trophies for all 8 clubs at the grand final only (at Workington)
18. Julie and Graham will put together a new list of rules based on the current rules and the previous arena league rules
19. **Request for funding:** A request for funding has been received from Keith Minnican on behalf of Fraser Minnican. Fraser won the 400m IM at the British short course championships in December and has been selected to represent Team England in Italy. Fraser is non-funded and in addition to the Italy International Meet, he wants to attend a pre-season overseas training camp in Australia. It was agreed to make a contribution of £100 to Fraser.
20. **Reports:**
21. **Treasurer:** Keith reported that the association has funds of £19,444.99. Age groups at Kendal cost £2850 including Ian Proud’s expenses, compared to £1830 at Copeland. Keith thanked Kendal and Copeland for providing rooms at each venue for officials. It is up to each club if they want to continue this practice.
22. **Championship Secretary:** A list of championship winners was distributed and Martin confirmed that we had plenty of officials at every age group session.
23. **Meet Organiser:** 2017 age group dates will be on 14/15th January and 28/29th January with both weekends being held at Workington with the distance events possibly being held at Carlisle on Sunday 22nd January following the Carlisle Masters Meet (20th/21st). With no age groups in the south of the County it was suggested that the Cumbria Winter Meet in December may be held at Kendal subject to availability.
24. **Diddy League Secretary:** All relevant paperwork has been sent out for round 1
25. **Masters Secretary:** Judy Hattle and Graham both medalled at the National Masters with Judy breaking the European 50m fly record which has stood for 16 years
26. **Team Managers:** Jade hoodies to be ordered for county swimmers, colour of badge to remain as present, team managers to wear grey
27. **County Welfare Officer:**  no report
28. **County Volunteer Coordinator:** Each club was given an up to date list of officials from Helen
29. **Any Other Business:**
30. Copeland ASC have made a request for extra officials at the Griffin Gala
31. Cumbria Winter Meet 4th/5th December 2016
32. Congratulations to Mike Bond who has passed his Referees practical and is now a qualified Referee
33. John Sinclair informed the meeting that a Safeguarding course is taking place at Carlisle
34. Jocelyn Lace, Adam Lace and Luke Reeson are to be part of the team management for the Inter–Association competition.
35. Matthew Hinde informed the meeting of the sad loss of Liz Bailey, a member of Copeland ASC following a recent traffic accident near Wigton. Matthew reinforced the message that everyone should take great care and attention whilst driving.

Meeting closed at 12.55pm