CUMBRIA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Sunday 12th June 2016

**Present:** Martin Tickner (Secretary), Matthew Hinde (Vice-Chairman), Paul Messenger (Copeland), Shaun Winstanley (Workington), Catherine Baxter (Cockermouth), Mike Bond (Kendal), Helen Smith-Ward (Volunteer Coordinator), Lesley Capstick (Ulverston), Julie Johnson (Kendal), Graham Pearson (Masters Secretary), Mark Ralph (Barrow), Andy Sharpe (Chairman), Keith Chisholm (Treasurer)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Julie Routledge (Diddy League Secretary), Ian Powley (Penrith), Muriel Moffet (Carlisle Aquatics), Raymond Watson (Past President), John Sinclair (Carlisle Aquatics), Helen Robinson (Ulverston), Debbie Heard (County Welfare Officer), Adam Lace (Workington), Jim Messenger (President).
2. **Minutes from the previous minutes (12th April 2016)** were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Actions arising from the previous minutes:**
4. 3(b) – Affiliation fees per club to the County, currently £25 per club. Following discussion it was agreed that the fee per club to Cumbria ASA would be 50p per member or a flat rate fee of £25 whichever is the greater.
5. 3(c) – County Medals, Mark to take a sample to the diddy league gala at Penrith on 18th June for discussion with those executive members present. The medals he has in mind are £2.30 each. **ACTION**
6. 7 (c) – It was reported that the proposed age group dates of 14th/15th January clash with a Level 3 meet in Sunderland. It was agreed to keep the dates as 14th/15th January. At this point it was agreed to discuss the contents of a letter from Julie Johnson (Kendal). Kendal are opposed to the 2017 age group galas being swum at Workington on both weekends. It will be unfair to those swimmers representing clubs in the south of the County due to increased travel in generally poor weather conditions and additional accommodation costs. This matter was discussed at length and a proposal to uphold the decision taken at the executive in April i.e. that both weekends take place at Workington was carried with 8 in favour, 3 against and 2 abstentions. Keith confirmed that Ian Proud was available for the winter meet on 3rd/4th December at Kendal. Julie will book the pool on behalf of the County.
7. **Swim the Eden –** Andy has spoken to Brian Deval and he is very conscious of getting the money into the County, Andy will contact Brian again to say that Cumbria ASA will administer the funding. **ACTION**
8. **Diddy League Rules Update –** Graham along with Julie and Muriel have looked at amending the rules which are a combination of the existing Cumbria rules and the rules used in the Arena junior league. The updated rules have been distributed to all clubs and each rule was looked at individually and altered where necessary. The new rules will need to be agreed at the Annual Council Meeting in November and are attached with these minutes.
9. **Cumbria Age Group Qualifying Times –** Graham has produced a document which was circulated to members with suggestions for looking at the AGQT’s. It was agreed to set up a small swimming committee group to look at the qualifying times and all things related to the age groups. The group will consist of Graham Pearson, Martin Tickner, Paul Messenger, Mark Ralph and Keith Chisholm. It was agreed that the executive give delegated responsibility to the group for any changes that may take place. **ACTION**
10. **County Conference, Kegworth, Derby 19th October.** The minutes of this meeting are on the ASA website. Catherine said she may be able to attend if she has moved house by then.
11. **Reports:**
12. Treasurer – Keith reported that the association has funds of £17,274.76. The final instalment of £400 has been paid to the NWR Investment Fund. This fund can be used for any good cause that will benefit your club. Workington received £5k for new blocks.
13. Championship Secretary – Nothing to report
14. Meet Organiser – Nothing to report
15. Diddy League Secretary – The A and B finals will take place at Penrith and Carlisle on 18th June.
16. Masters Secretary – The ASA Inter Counties competition will take place on 20th November 2016. The ASA Nationals in 2016 will be based on a first come first served basis, in 2017 entry will be based on qualifying times.
17. Team Managers – Inter-Association training will take place on 19th June and it will be Catherine’s last time as team manager. County tops will be Jade with Grey for team management.
18. County Welfare Officer – nothing to report but all clubs are reminded that there is a new edition of Wave Power. All clubs should have received a copy, but if not, it is available on the ASA website.
19. County Volunteer Coordinator – An updated list of officials has been given to each club. Helen informed members that officials should be encouraged to mentor and to be mentored and clubs should encourage more J1 trainees. Contemporary Issues can be completed online as part of relicensing. Cumbria has 5 disability officials in Martin Tickner, Keith Chisholm, Dave Salmon, John Freestone and Helen Smith-Ward.
20. **Any Other Business**
21. This was Catherine’s last executive meeting and thanks were recorded for Catherine’s attendance at committee meetings and for her invaluable assistance at the age groups, inter-association competition and the National County Team Championships.

Meeting closed at 1.35pm