CUMBRIA AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Sunday 31st January 2016

**Present:** Martin Tickner (Secretary), Catherine Baxter (Cockermouth), Mark Ralph (Barrow), Raymond Watson (Past President), Lesley Capstick (Ulverston), Shaun Winstanley (Workington), Keith Chisholm (Treasurer), Matthew Hinde (Acting Chairman), Helen Smith-Ward (Volunteer Coordinator), Ian Powley (Penrith), Craig Heggie (Copeland, Mike Bond (Kendal), Graham Pearson (Masters Secretary)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Helen Robinson (Ulverston), Paul Messenger (Copeland), Julie Routledge (Diddy League Secretary), Andy Sharpe (Chairman), Jim Messenger (President), Julie Johnson (Kendal), Marina Powell-Currie (Penrith), Muriel Moffet (Carlisle Aquatics), John Sinclair (Carlisle Aquatics)
2. **Minutes from the last meeting (4th October 2015)** were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Actions arising from the previous minutes:**
4. (6b) Cumbria ASA will not be contributing to the purchase of backstroke ledges
5. (6d) Julie Williamson is still on the Level 2 teachers course
6. **Swim the Eden:** In Andy’s absence, this matter was not discussed. **ACTION - Matt will e**-**mail Andy for an update.**
7. **Affiliation fees to Cumbria ASA:** The current fee is £25 per club. This may need changing to a per capita fee to raise funds for the association. **ACTION - This matter to** **be addressed at the June meeting**.
8. **National County Team Championships ‘Uniform’:** Graham raised this issue and felt easy recognition of swimmers was important in terms of team management. It was agreed that swimmers will wear Jade hoodies with the 1st purchase being subsidised by the County.
9. **Future of the diddy league competition:** A number of clubs made comments on this matter and it was generally agreed that there will be 3 rounds, with round 1 being a north/south divide, round 2 will be 1,3,5,7 and 2,4,6,8 taken from round 1 and round 3 will be the Grand Final. The ‘A’ and ‘B’ finals will be deleted. Rounds 1, 2 and 3 and will take place in April, May and June. Further issues still to be resolved relate to whether the competition should be age as at 31st December or leave as it is i.e. age as on last day of the competition. Should all 9 year old relays be mixed relays?, do we retain the league concept?, choice of venues, Kendal and Penrith? These matters will need to be discussed again in due course.
10. **County Medals:** We have enough County medals for 2016. The current price for 1000 of the same medals (which will last 4 years) is £3500 plus carriage and 1500 medals (which will last 6 years) is £4680 plus carriage. **ACTION - Mark Ralph has located a possible cheaper alternative and will provide an embossed sample for the next meeting.**
11. **Reports**
12. **Treasurer:** Keith reported that the association has funds of £22,191. Age group entry fees this year amount to £6709 as opposed to £7791 in 2015. County team expenses was £3408 up from £2762 in 2014. A new photocopier has been purchased at a cost of £2753. Following expenses from the age groups the association should be left with funds in the region of £14k/£15k in June.
13. **Championship Secretary:** The list of officials has been distributed for the age groups although names of those attending the Copeland weekend are still required from some clubs.
14. **Meet Organiser:** The 800m and 1500m events took place at Workington on 29th January. There was a slight problem with the Colorado timing system. The results are on the website but the splits are currently missing. It was agreed to hold the Cumbria Winter Meet this year probably on the 3rd/4th December 2016 at Workington.
15. **Diddy League Secretary:** No report
16. **Masters Secretary:** There were 91 swimmers at the Carlisle Masters Meet in mid- January with 4 British records in the 85-89 years age group.
17. **Team Managers:** The Inter-Association competition took place at Wigan in November, with a smaller squad than usual being selected due to the changes in the programme. This year’s event will take place on 26th June. Catherine announced that this will be her last involvement with the Inter-Association team and somebody should be appointed who can shadow her for this year with a view to taking over in 2017. A new pennant was given to each competing team to keep. Shaun will look into the possibility of a display cabinet at the new pool in Workington.
18. **Welfare Officer:** No report
19. **County Volunteer Coordinator:** Helen has updated each club with a current list of their technical officials. Helen will now turn her attention to providing an up to date list of coaches. **ACTION - all clubs to let Helen know which technical officials are still active.**
20. **Any Other Business:**
21. It was agreed not to order printed copies of the Cumbria ASA handbook. The whole document is now on the Cumbria website and clubs are free to download copies if they wish to do so.
22. Congratulations to Mike Bond who has passed his Referees theory examination. Mike will now take his practical assessment at the NWR Masters event at Blackpool on 20th February. Ray Browne (Barrow) has applied to take the referees course this year.
23. The next executive meeting will take place on Sunday 10th April at Wigton Rugby Club.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.