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**AGM**

**Held on 09/01/2011 @ 10am**  
**Preston International Hotel (Preston)**

**Committee in an attendance:** All committee members were in attendance

**Club Representative's in an attendance:** All clubs had at least one or more representatives in attendance a total of 28 including guests.

### **Meeting Opened at 10am**

The meeting was opened by the Chairman and welcomed guests from Liverpool Penguins and Wigan swimming clubs.

- **APOLOGIES:** There were no apologies received
- **MINUTES OF 2009:** Minutes Of 2009 were taken as a true record of account and therefore redeemed as read. Proposed by Bob Thompson (Ormskirk) Seconded by Charles Barber (Fleetwood).
- **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SAID MINUTES:** There were no matters arising from the said minutes.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Well done to Southport Swimming club for again getting to the Inter-Junior League Final, this is the third year on the run that they have accomplish the inter-junior league final, this year finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

At this point Roger Morgan (Southport) replied with thanks. Chairman continued

All swimmers have as always worked hard again this year and that they have a great league to be part of. Garston have told me that they have enjoyed their first year with our league.

We had a good final and swim offs once again. We had the final and the swim off finals on the same day this year at Blackpool and what a great day the team's had. A big thank you goes to Kevin for all his hard work to make this a great event for everyone involved.

I am stepping down this year. I have enjoyed my time working as Chairman and wish the new committee all the best for the 2011 season. I would like to thank the wonderful team I have worked with again this year thanks also go to Mick for the continuing work he does on the website.

A special thanks goes to Kevin who is also stepping down this year for the great job he has carried out as secretary. He will be missed by the league.

We again held an interim meeting this year which was helpful and hopefully will help the agm move along smoothly. Some of the points raised will be carried out in the agenda. We will set the interim meeting date also at this agm.

I will finish by wishing all the swimmers and teams good luck for the 2011 season.

**TREASURES REPORT:** The accounts had been prepared for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2010. These were not required to be read in full by a consensus of opinion and the Treasurer announced that for the year

there was a surplus of £350.73. This had been achieved by the reintroduction of the £20 affiliation fee for all clubs and also by having the finals and swim-offs on the same day with pre sold entry tickets. The surplus for the year would be carried forward and with the expected surplus for 2011 would be a good fighting fund for the League when they host the Northern area inter junior League Competition in 2012. The full accounts will appear on the Leagues Website.

**REGISTRATION REPORT:** This year has been much easier due to the wonderful website maintained by Mick Jones.

I believe it has made things much easier for team managers to select their team. It has taken away the possibility of illegal swimmers.

Saying all that we still have a couple of teams who seem to find it impossible to use the system. On the whole, teams have been getting results to me on time with again the odd exception. I have had a few trips to the post office due to insufficient postage, this not only cost the excess of postage but an extra £1 for post office charges. Also some teams are not quite clear of what to send.

What surprised me most was that teams who made it to the finals seem to think they should go back to the old team sheets (why)? The system was in place for all events.

Blackpool Aquatics have had minor problems in that having three teams in the league the 3<sup>rd</sup> team is not linked to the others making it harder to move swimmers. I am sure Mick is looking into how this problem can be resolved.

This year in my mind has had a few glitches all of which can be solved easily and I accept it is a learning curve for team managers. Saying that I recommend the league look at the rules to add that the old team sheets are no longer acceptable and some sort of fine is placed on the club that does not use the download sheets...

I said at the agm last year that, if team managers had any problems with team selection, registration or getting results to me, if they contacted me to let me know we would be able to sort the problem or at least have a record. I still think this should be in place. I log all questions or problems so I know where and who are having problems.

I also believe that teams should be fined for not putting sufficient postage on the envelopes. As it is not only the extra cost we have to pay but I have to go to collect. Opening times often mean that results arrive after the deadline for receiving the results. And now the results themselves. Often it falls to parents to do the scoring who have very little experience in what is required so are learning the job. This year we have had double points for relays and general bad calculations. DQ's need to be recorded correctly so the league has a record. I have had requests from club coaches in my mind quite correctly wanting to know what a DQ was for so they could correct the problem in training. Most referees use slips and record DQ's. These are supposed to be sent to me with the results. (I do check these) PLEASE MAKE SURE SCORERS KNOW WHAT TO DO!!

I think the system of teams sending the results to the website is generally good. Except when it goes wrong and other teams get upset when results are changed. (Not sure what should be done about this)

To conclude: The system in place works very well when used correctly. I have saved a vast amount of time checking team sheets; I do check random teams to make sure the system is working.

Rule needs adding regarding the following:

1. Incorrect team sheet.
2. Incorrect postage.

On the whole a brilliant year by all. My thanks to Mick Jones for all his hard work. Kevin and Gillian for listening to me complaining and for all the hard work they have put into the league. (I will miss them and their professionalism).

Chairman thanked Sue for all her hard work.

**ARENA INTER-JUNIOR LEAGUE AGM REPORT:** Cherry gave a comprehensive account reporting back from the AGM. City of Newcastle was unable to attend this year's final due to taking advice from their local police in not asking them to travel in the severe weather conditions. All monies will be returned to Newcastle.

If this occurs again in the future. Then, if 75 per cent of teams cancel due to adverse weather conditions, the gala will be cancelled and a virtual gala will be held based on the North and South area final results. If less than 50 per cent, the gala would go ahead and those teams who failed to compete will be awarded the last vacant place as a joint position.

All rules will remain the same throughout 2011. Age of competition is still undecided but this will be voted on at the 2011 AGM and the outcome of that vote will be implemented in the year 2012.

Cherry also said that the possibility of the 12 year old 25m relays may be changed to 50m relays for the year 2012. Subject to our leagues proposal at the 2011 interim meeting

Our Chairman pointed out at this stage that we as a league are entitled to have two votes at the inter junior League and that this year the secretary accompanied Cherry at the meeting Gillian expressed that Paul the incoming Chairman may wish to attend next years agm with Cherry. Gillian or Kevin has offered to accompany Cherry if asked by the Executive committee. Southport's Mark Patrickson mentioned that having the finals at Corby Was a good central point for future finals to be held there and he also commented on how well organised the final was but sadly the Officials didn't meet the same level when it came to the competition itself. He duly pointed out the fact of the poor running of the electronic timing and the fact he had to question a number of decisions that were made against his club.

Chairman thanked Cherry and Kevin for attending.

**RULE CHANGES:** Chairman read out the updating of rule changes for the 2011 year these were all voted upon individually and was passed unanimously. League rules to be amended for 2011. (Rules attached)

**NEW ENTRANTS:** Liverpool Penguins and Wigan SC had applied to join the league both clubs had met the criteria of the league's acceptance. At this point the Chairman kindly asked both clubs guests to leave the meeting. Secretary read out both proposals. A discussion took place. Carnforth felt the geographical area was widening and extra costs would be involved which may hinder the smaller clubs due to the current economic climate. Preston pointed out that the League's title clearly states that both clubs have the right to apply to the league and you would have to change the title of the league in order to shorten the geographical area. Generally it was felt from a competitive view that it may add stronger competition. A vote was taken and both clubs were accepted into the league unanimously to compete in the 2011 season. Both clubs guests returned to the meeting.

Chairman Made a point that in future any club wishing to apply to the league the secretary needs to gather the applications prior to the interim meeting being held were upon they can be discussed upon.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Bob Thompson wished to express his thanks to the out going Chairman & Secretary for the work that they have put in during their time in office and how professionally run this league is becoming. Chairman acknowledged.

Chairman stated that the proposal of the improvement of the current 10yrs and upwards 25m relays to 50m relays as mentioned in Cherry's report Should be made an item for our league's 2011 interim meeting.

It was felt that due to the restriction in parking that an alternative venue for future meetings shall be looked into by the Executive committee.

Rosegrove have officially changed their name to Burnley Aquatics.

**FIXTURES FOR 2011:** The fixed dates came into force for 2011 all amendments were made at the meeting and will be updated accordingly to appear on the website prior to the first dated gala.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Paul Sharples of Fleetwood and Mary Parkinson Chorley Marlins were elected as Chairman & Secretary were upon the out going Chairman & Secretary stood down Paul Sharples asked the delegates to approve the necessary changes that have to be made to the league's bank mandate which was passed.

Mary announces that Ian fowler will take the role of Secretary on behalf of Chorley Marlins.

Details to follow.

**FUTURE DATES:**

Finals to be held at Blackpool Palatine leisure centre on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2011.

Northern Area Arena junior inter-league final (Northumberland & Durham) 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2011.

Interim Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 time 10am venue to be arranged.

Arena inter junior-league competition final will be at Corby international leisure centre 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2011.

AGM 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2012 10am venue to be arranged.

**MEETING CLOSED:** The meeting closed at 12.15pm.



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**Competition Rules**

1. All Member Clubs may, subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee, enter any number of teams into the Competition.
2. Each team wishing to take part in the League must register their intent with the Hon Secretary at or before the Annual General Meeting and must have paid their entry fee to the Hon Treasurer before 31st January in the year of competition. The current entry fee is **£20.00 per team** entered.
3. Swimmers may only represent one Club in this League or the Arena inter-Junior league Competition during the year of competition and each Club shall register their teams using the online facility for the method of registration which is provided for that purpose. The completed lists shall be sent to the Hon Registration Secretary no later than the last day in February in the year of competition. The Hon Registration Secretary, providing that confirmation of registration has been received by post or e-mail two days before the next match takes place, will accept additional registrations.
- 3a. a swimmer registered for a Club's B team at the commencement of the season can be re registered during the season if required to swim for the Club's A team. Swimmers are not allowed to register for the B team during that years competition after being registered as an A team swimmer.
4. Swimmers may only represent the Club for which they are first registered with the ASA in the year of competition, if applicable.
- 4a. A swimmer changing Clubs during the year may swim for their new Club providing that they have not represented their previous Club, or any other Club, in the Arena inter-junior league competition in that year, subject to the agreement of the executive committee of the League.

5. The programme of events will be the same as that for the Arena inter-Junior league Competition, which is currently:
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| 9yrs  | 4 x 25m Freestyle and Medley Team. Individual 25m races for Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly.  |
| 10yrs | 4 x 25m Freestyle and Medley Team. Individual 50m races for Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and individual 25m Butterfly. Individual 50m Butterfly for (A. Division & A. Division Final Only) |
| 11yrs | 4 x 25m Freestyle and Medley Team. Individual 50m races for Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly.  |
| 12yrs | 4 x 25m Freestyle and Medley Team. Individual 50m races for Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly.  |
- Mixed 8 x 25m Freestyle Cannon (1Girl and 1 Boy from each age group, swum in order - Girl/Boy from youngest to oldest)
- 5a. Age of competition will be determined by the series of events forming part of one competition or whichever is the later of the Arena inter-junior league competition or its equivalent.
6. Points shall be awarded on a reverse winning order basis according to the number of teams allocated to compete in the gala. The winning team will be the one with the most points. No points will be awarded for the non-submission of a swimmer, a disqualification or ineligible swimmer already registered with the Referee.
7. Each competitor is limited to 2 swims in their own age group plus one in an age group above in individual events, except 9 year olds who are limited to 2 individual swims in their own age group. Swimmers aged 10/over may swim in any number of team races except 9 year olds who shall be restricted to team races for 9 and 10 year olds only. For the purpose of the cannon swimmers must swim in their own age group.
8. Any team swimming an ineligible swimmer according to the above rules whose eligibility has not been registered with the Referee shall have 12 points deducted from the final points for that gala, in addition to any points achieved in the races swum. It will be necessary to re-allocate points to other competing teams.
- 8a. Diving will be from one end only (start end) and swimmers two and four in a relay team **must** start in the water from a push-off. **Only** in the Main Final and Swim off finals, where pool conditions permit, will diving be allowed at both ends of the pool.
9. All galas will be held under A.S.A. Laws.
10. The Home Team will be responsible for the organisation of the gala and should provide the following officials:
- Referee (from the district list of officials)  
 Starter (not required if the Referee is prepared to do this)  
 Announcer  
 Recorder(s)
- The Home Team will be responsible for the organisation of a Raffle including all Prizes.
- Each team attending the Gala will supply the following:
- Team Manager  
 Competition Stewards  
 Timekeepers to be delegated lanes by the referee/starter  
 Registered Official (for judging duties as required by the Referee)
11. The format of the Competition will be as follows:
- 11a The League will be divided into divisions of approximately equal numbers of teams. The number of teams entering the League will determine the actual number of teams in each division. If the division team numbers are not equal then the lower division will contain the lesser number of teams.
- 11b Division 1 will consist of the previous year's Division 1 teams with the exception of the bottom 2 teams, who will be those 2 teams who finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Division 1 and 2 swim off, from the previous year. The swim off will be between the bottom 2 teams from Division 1 and the top 2 teams from Division 2.

- 11c Division 2 will consist of the previous year's Division 2 teams with the exception of
- i) The top 2 teams who will be those teams who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Division 1 and 2 swim off
  - ii) the bottom 2 teams who will be those who finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Division 2 and 3 swim off, between the bottom 2 teams in Division 2 and the top 2 teams from Division 3
- 11d Division 3 will consist of the 2 teams who came 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Division 2 & 3 swim off together with all the other remaining teams in the previous year's Division 3 ( subject to rule 11i)
- 11e within a given year:  
Each team within a division must swim at least once against every other team in that division  
Division fixtures must be based upon all the teams having an equal chance of securing points over all their matches
- 11f All positions within the league tables will be based upon race points achieved during the gala.
- 11g The teams from Division 1 coming in 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> places in the league will then compete in a final to determine the Leagues representative to the Regional Final.
- 11h The finalists and swim off teams will be placed into lanes according to ASA law using the number of points awarded in the league tables to determine the final positions. Lane Allocation will be as follows. Lane 2. Is the team with the highest number of points obtained in the A. Division League table. Lane 3, second highest team. Lane1, third highest team. Lane 4, fourth highest team. Swim off finals. The team that finishes second to bottom of the higher division will be allocated. Lane 2. Bottom team of the higher division will be allocated. Lane 3. Top team of the lower division will be allocated. Lane 1. The runner up of the lower division will be allocated. Lane 4. The Executive committee of the Micro League will arrange the venue and organise this gala.
- 11i All new entrants to the League will commence in Division 3, with the proviso that multiple new entries may require the seeding into divisions to be reviewed by the Executive Committee.
- 11j There will be trophies for the winners of each Division to be returned plus a trophy to retain along with trophies for the winners of the final.
12. All competing teams shall give notice at the Fixtures Meeting of the date, time and venue for the fixtures being organised by them. All galas shall start within 15 minutes of the notified time. Any team causing the gala to start late shall be reported to the League Executive by the Referee. The offending team may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be subject to a fine not exceeding £10.00
13. A team failing to compete at an appointed gala shall forfeit all points for that gala and may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be subject to a fine not exceeding £10.00
14. The Hon Secretary or Micro League Representative of the home team should send the results sheets, team sheets and any other relevant paperwork to the Hon Registration Secretary within 5 working days. 10 points can be deducted from the home team's points total if paperwork is overdue, at the discretion of the executive committee.
- 14a. Failure to attach the correct postage will be subject to a fine of £10
- 14b. Failure to download and complete the correct documentation from the League's website for that gala may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee will be subject to a fine of £10 and also to incur a 10 point deduction.
- 15: All trophies must be returned to the Hon Secretary prior to the date of the swim off galas.