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Interim AGM
Held on 13/10/2012 @ 10am
Hartwood Hall Hotel (Chorley)

Committee in an attendance:

All Committee Members were in attendance.

Club Representatives in an attendance:

All clubs had at least One Delegate present.

Meeting Opened at 10.10am

The meeting was opened by Hilary Manning.

- **APOLOGIES:**
No Apologies
- **MINUTES OF 2012:**
Minutes of 2012 AGM and Interim Meeting were taken as a true record of account and therefore deemed as read. Gill Rankin made a note that the timing of the the said minutes were issued late
- **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SAID MINUTES:**
- There were no matters arising from the said minutes.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I'd like to once again thank all participants in the 2012 Micro League and congratulate our three Divisional champions: Southport Aqua who topped Division A, Liverpool Division B and Leyland B Division C.

As I mentioned at the Interim AGM, the season went very well and the Divisional Finals and swim offs were fantastic events with a number of new records being set.

In particular, well done to Preston who won the very closely fought Division A swim off and represented the NW league in the Northern Area Final. It was our turn to host this event and thanks to all who helped make this a really memorable day - especially Steve Heaps who led and made it all happen. Preston did us proud coming second and gaining a place in the National Final. They rose to the occasion and did brilliantly coming 3rd, setting 18 new club records at the competition.

We held our Interim AGM in October and thank you for all of your contributions during the review of the 2012 Season, which has helped prepare for this meeting so it will run smoothly.

I have reluctantly decided to retire as Chair of the Microleague after having served for 2 years. It was not an easy decision as I have met and worked with many fantastic people who have true passion for swimming, I have learned a lot about how the "behind the scenes" swimming organisation works, and I have been privileged to watch outstanding swimming events. However, I am taking a more active role in my home club (Fleetwood) becoming Treasurer and I'll pass on to the next club Blackburn.

I'd like to thank my fellow Executive Committee members for all of their hard work and support - especially during the preparation for and running of the Finals and Swim off galas. Thanks also to Mick Jones for all the work he has carried out on running and improving the website.

Finally, Good Luck to all swimmers and clubs in the forthcoming season.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

TREASURERS REPORT YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012

The past year has again been a very successful one for the league, a lot of hard work has gone into the organisation and running of the league and the success of the finals gala day and the National Final gala was a testament to this.

The accounts show a small loss, which is due to the purchase of League T-shirts and lanyards which are actually 'stock carried forward', so not really a loss at all. We have a surplus balance in both the current and the reserve accounts. £1287.27 in the current and £2419.65 in the Reserve. Bank interest continues to be low so neither of these reserves are growing.

Affiliation fees – I propose that the fee stays the same for 2013 at £20 per club.

I propose to keep ticket price for galas, including the swim offs and finals at £3.00 per person including a raffle ticket.

All clubs who haven't yet seen me, please give in their affiliation fees at the end of the meeting.

I would like to thank Hilary, Sue and Ian for their support on the executive committee and welcome Steve to the committee as he takes over as Treasurer.

Please see attached a Set of Accounts year ended 31-12-2012.

REGISTRATION REPORT:

This year's Micro League has gone very well. Saying that there have been a few problems.

1. Incorrect Team Sheets
2. Illegal Swimmers
3. Incorrect Postage
4. Late Results
5. Referee Decisions

Let's take each in turn.

1. Teams Sheets.

We should not have any problems now with team sheets, but still it happens! If at the club or on your computers you still have copies of the old team sheets PLEASE get rid of them.

The CORRECT team sheet is the one that is downloaded from the web site AFTER team selection has been made. This should include the team sheet and validation sheet this tells you if you have made any mistakes to your team selection. All of this needs signing and handing in at the gala.

HOME TEAM – need to check that the right sheets have been signed and that all the above have been handed in. This is what you send. Agreed a rule change would help.

2. Illegal Swimmers.

This has happened this year. It should not happen if the correct sheets are used. These will also help if changes have to be made on the day. The validation sheet shows how many swims each swimmer has been entered for that must help when making changes. Illegal swimmers are a huge points fine for the team and can make a huge difference to the placings. It is also VERY important that the home team record the changes made to the teams.

3. Incorrect Postage

This is simple if in doubt check at the post office!! But more on this later.

4. Late Results

Not too big a problem usually caused by incorrect postage. The problem is that the other teams are looking for the results to be ratified. Also swimmers are looking to see where they are in the Top Swimmers results. If a swimmer has been changed on the day this will make this result incorrect. Please remember not only are coaches and swimmers following this site but Parents as well!

5. Referee Decision. As we are all aware the Referees decision is final. BUT what happens if the referee has not read the micro league rules?? We have had this happen this year. All I will say is when you ask someone to referee the gala please make sure they have read our rules. Agreed should be included in the rules.

As you will all agree all of the above should not be happening anymore. If you have changes in team managers please make sure they know what should be done. Maybe we need to write an instruction sheet for new team managers?

Let's address the postage problem. I am very aware of the cost of postage and feel that we should address this. I am happy to receive the results by email that means scanning all the team sheets and results sheets. It would also mean listing the DQs so this can all be checked. I will still need the hard copies as these are signed by the referee and address sheets.

My proposal is:

1. All documents are scanned and emailed.
2. The home team keeps the hard copies of all documents.
3. These to be brought to the Interim AGM unless for some reason they are required before.
4. I will provide a means of highlighting the team changes and DQ's.

Finals day went well and all clubs sent team sheets in advance, some a bit late but at least they arrived. This year we had a means of teams recording team changes in writing. All went well and swim offs were very exciting.

Then came the Final if we thought the swim offs were exciting well the Live results kept everyone informed and everyone could see how close the top 3 teams were. The outcome was Preston won and will go to the Northern Area Final in October Congratulation to them, but well done to the other teams for making it so exciting especially for Hilary, Ian and myself who were closely watching the results.

Apologies for the late start of the final. This was all my fault I did not tell Craig that the lanes had been set for the final and he had to change them on the system at the last minute. This upset the computer so had to stop after the first race and reset the system. You have no idea how much trouble I was in!!!!

Northern Area Final As you are all aware it was our turn to Hosts this year. This was a fantastic day with teams from:

Nuneaton and District Swim League	Northampton SC
Lincolnshire Junior Swim League	Lincoln Vulcans SC
White Rose Junior Swim League	City of Leeds
Northumberland and Durham	Tynemouth ASC
Liverpool Junior Swim League	Stockport Metro
And our Own MLNW	Preston SC

The final result was Preston in second place and on the way to the final. Well Done to Preston. A big thank you to Steve Heaps who co-ordinated this event.

National Micro League Meeting 25th November 2012

Discussions of 'Age as of

' continued to be a hot topic, but British Technical Swimming Committees have not yet reported back. Nick Selwood was pursuing this matter but has now moved to work in Dubai. Age to remain the same as of the last round/last Sunday in November.

STA are advertising for MEN to go swimming coaching in Dubai.

Discussions around trophies were mentioned for the Semi Finals. The idea is not to present Trophies to 5th and 6th placed teams but to present them with individual medals. The top four will still receive Trophies and will go on to represent their region in the national final. For our semi /Northern Final do we want to run with this Idea?

It was agreed to increase the ticket price of the Semi/Northern Final to £5.00 per person so this then falls in line with the National Final.

Rule Change: All finances for the semi finals to go through Sue Carden (Treasurer) she will be issuing a list of everything she will require. This will need reviewing by all once we are in receipt of this information.

12 year old relays in the Semi and National Finals to be 50m, however this will only effect our semi final.

White Rose discussed suitable venues for our Northern Semi Final 2013. Possible venues included:

- Harrogate – will hold 220 spectators
- Leeds – will hold 300 spectators
- Sheffield – will hold 2,500 spectators

Rule Changes

All rules have been thoroughly reviewed, discussed, proposed and agreed at the AGM. Please see attached a new set of rules for the forthcoming season.

Fixtures

There was a complete review of the proposed fixed dates and attached is the agreed dates and warm up times for this forthcoming season.

New Entrants

Procedure was followed so that all existing delegates could vote for the proposed new entrants. Both Everton and Kirkham were voted in and will start in Division C for the forthcoming season. Good luck to both teams.

AOB:

Please note as above Hilary Manning to step down as Chairperson. Blackburn to propose a new Chairperson. Please see attached Duty Roster.

FUTURE DATES:

As a committee we have decided to give all the clubs a choice of dates for those fortunate or unfortunate to make it to the swim off finals day.

Micro League Swim Off Finals Day: preliminary dates are either 7th or 14th September 2013 – Palatine Leisure Centre, please by return indicate which suits your club. The outcome will be based upon the majority.

Northern Final 6th October 2013 – Venue TBC.

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 12.11pm.