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

Committee in an attendance:

Hilary Manning and Ian Fowler in Attendance

Club Representatives in an attendance:

There was a total of 15 delegates in attendance with no representation from Burnley, Clitheroe, Garstang, Lancaster, Pioneer 79, Preston and Wigan. Apologies were sent by Steve Heaps for Preston.

Meeting Opened at 10.15am

The meeting was opened by the Hilary Manning.

- **APOLOGIES:**
- Sue Tinkler, Camilla Hadcock, Steve Heaps and Mick Jones.
- **MINUTES OF 2012:**
- Minutes of 2012 were taken as a true record of account and therefore deemed as read.
- **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 thank all participants in the 2012 Micro League and congratulate our three Divisional Champions: Southport who topped Division A, Liverpool A Division B and Leyland B Division C,

The Divisional Finals and swim offs for 2012 were fantastic events enjoyed by everyone. There were many exciting swims and yet again a number of Micro League records came tumbling down. Firstly, congratulations to Wigan who won promotion to Division B and to Garston for the right to remain in Division B. Next we had Clitheroe promotion to Division A and Pioneer 79 who won the right to remain in Division A. Well done to all.

Finally congratulations to Preston who won the very exciting Division A Grand Final and represented the NW League in the recent Northern Final. Here, they swam their socks off coming second in a very closely fought competition and will be at the National Finals on the 25/11/2012. Very best of Luck.

We would also like to congratulate the top boys and girls from each Division – this is the second year we have run these awards and they have again been well received.

The main aim of the Interim AGM is to review the 2012 Season – both good and bad – and we'd appreciate your feedback at the meeting, in order to inform the AGM in January and the 2012 Season.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report issued at the Interim AGM 13TH October 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.

Website:

Delegates thanked Mick Jones for his work on the website and a request was made for "secret" team sheets. Delegates discussed the benefits of introducing Time Recording and Twitter Feed, but on balance decided not to pursue.

Scheduling:

Liverpool Penguins have proposed a change of location/venue for the forthcoming 2012 Micro League Season. No Objections to this proposed venue change.

Liverpool and Garston to use Huyton Leisure Centre for the forthcoming 2013 Micro League Season.

All spreadsheets including Teams Sheets to be placed on the Website.

RULE CHANGES:

Chairperson read out the updating of rule changes for the 2013 year, these were all voted upon individually and was passed unanimously. (See Attached Proposed Changes)

NEW ENTRANTS:

Everton SA and Kirkham have expressed an interest in joining our League for this forthcoming 2013 Micro League Season. Both Teams to be invited to the AGM in January to be voted in by the all existing delegates.

Financial/Subscriptions:

Discussed various options to declare year end accounts. September/October as options. This year to be end of September.

AOB:

Discussions were around rule changes (Please see attached).

Hilary asked delegates to consider updating the Constitution. It was suggested that a change in wording to Point Nr 2 to our constitution should reflect the 'Limitations on Numbers due to the fixed dates and Geographical Restrictions'.

FUTURE DATES:

AGM 6th of January 2013 10am Hartwood Hall Hotel, Chorley

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 12.11pm.