

Chairman
Secretary
Sue Tinkler

Secretary
Hilary Manning

Treasurer
Ian Fowler

Registration
Camilla Hadcock



Affiliated to
swimnorthwest

Committee in an attendance: All committee members were in attendance

Club Representative's in an attendance: Not all club's had representatives in attendance. (Please see attached signed attendance sheet.

Apologies:

- Phil Wain – Garstang
- Representative – Southport
- Representative – Clitheroe
- Representative – Fleetwood
- Representative – Garston
- Representative – Liverpool
- Representative –Ormskirk
- Representative – Garston
- Representative –Ormskirk
- Representative – Preston

Meeting Opened at 10am

The meeting was opened by the Chairman.

MINUTES OF 2011: Minutes Of 2011 were taken as a true record of account and therefore redeemed as read.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SAID MINUTES: There were no matters arising from the said minutes.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I'd like to thank all participants in the 2011 Micro League and congratulate our three Divisional champions: Southport Aqua who topped Division A, Chorley Division B and Liverpool Penguins Division C.

The Divisional Finals and swim offs for 2011 were fantastic events. There were many exciting swims and a number of Micro League records came tumbling down. Firstly, congratulations to Liverpool Penguins who won promotion to Division B and to Blackburn for the right to remain in Division B. Next we had Blackpool Aquatics who won the right to remain in Division A and Chorley who won promotion to Division A. Finally congratulations to Southport Aqua who won the Division A Grand Final and represented the NW league in the Northern Final. Well done to you all.

We would also like to congratulate the top boys and girls from each Division - this is the first year we have run these awards and hope that they will inspire others.

The main aim of the Interim AGM is to review the 2011 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.

REGISTRATION REPORT:

I think this year I would like to start with the Thank You`s.

1. Thank you to all the team Managers for getting the results in on time
2. Thank you to the swimmers for their commitment to the teams
3. Thank you to the parents for getting the swimmers to the galas and making that commitment.
4. Thank you to Mick Jones for his web site
5. Thank you to the Executive Committee for their hard work.

Now to take each one in turn.

1. The Team Managers have done a great job getting the results to me on time. We had a couple of hic-ups. Which is as they say `same old problem`. Incorrect team sheet being sent. We set the rules last year to try and prevent this from happening. Unfortunately this sheet is still on the web site. This is to be removed. I also put some of this down to information not being taken back to the clubs correctly and past to the relevant people. Saying that rules are rules and we have enforced them.
2. Thank you for the commitment of the swimmers. I can see the problems that Team Mangers have with this (I also remember it well from my days as a team manager). I can see the swimmers who are the main members of the various teams and also the swimmers that are asked to swim time and time again only to let the team down. I find that I change the names of the same swimmers on regular basis.

3. Then to the Parents love them or hate them we need them. It is sad that it is always the same ones who Transport swimmers, are there to do the various jobs at each gala. I am not sure if it is a case of being frightened of the commitment or that they always think `such a body will do it`. Please parents get involved you don't know how much you will get out of it unless you try.
4. And now to Mick Jones. I am sure especially those who have been involved as long as I have will appreciate the work Mick does. The web site has made not only my job easier but the Team Managers. Every year that I have been involved he has updated this site to make it easier to use. This year I have had more access which has made things easier for me. I know we have had a few gremlins in the system but Mick was straight on the case to sort them out. I can't thank him enough for the work he does. As you will also be aware we now have the top boy/girl etc. this again is thanks to Mick.
5. The Executive Committee. As you all will probably be aware we had 2 new members. A few changes were made until both Hilary and Ian had to hit the season running to catch up. I have to say I was very worried at one point not knowing who was taking on the role. It also highlighted to me the need that Gillian Rankin always emphasised is the need for the next in line to start to shadow the roles. We did try to do this but unfortunately those people did not take up the position. I think they have both done a fantastic job especially as Ian is so new to the sport.

Now to the future:

1. As I have said we have the top boy/girl this means it is important I have the correct names on the team sheets and that the changes are made correctly.
2. Team Sheets please use the correct ones. I hate penalising swimmers for a mistake made by adults.
3. Please fill in the web site with your results. Everyone wants to see this and although I can do it, it takes longer as I get 3 lots of results at the same time usually up to a week later. The swimmers are now checking this site as well as the coaches.

My major problem this year was at the finals. Although the team sheets were sent to me as requested not all in time I have to add. (I do understand the problems but we had made allowances for this). The problem occurred with the changes. (this was no fault of the team managers but an admin problem) The changes were not always given in writing but verbally to Garry. This meant that when I wanted to ratify the results and make sure the correct swimmers names were on the sheets I did not have all the information. Garry did a fantastic job of making sure the swimmers names and teams showed on the score board. But he only recorded the Individual names which is what he needed. I needed the names for the relays. As I said an admin problem which will be addressed for next year.

Hopefully we did get it right BUT I think we may have a couple of errors.

This I will say only came to light when I went to ratify the results.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE FOR THE NEW SEASON AND JUST REMEMBER WE ARE HOSTING THE NORTHERN AREA FINAL THIS TIME.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:

National AGM:

- Agreed that Cherry and Myself will represent The Micro League of the Northwest at the National AGM.
- All agreed that the venue Corby was agreed that Corby was an all round suitable location and venue.
- All agreed to increase the 12 year old relays to 50meters for the national finals and would take this opinion to the National AGM again for discussion.
- The Micro League of the Northwest to review and vote at the next AGM to also increase the 12 year olds relays to 50m.
- All discussed and voted for the age issue and dates of cut off. Voting as follows:
 1. 5 Votes fixed for the 31st December
 2. 4 Votes fixed 30th November
 3. 6 Votes floating date last Sunday of November

Other Topics

- Carnforth Otters fixture schedule has been an issue over recent year's Micro league Committee will look into this so the same issue doesn't arise again.
- Venue of our AGM meeting to be reviewed, Leyland Leisure and Hartwood Public House or St Annes Leisure Centre as options.
- Wigan to confirm their new venue by January 2012.

WEBSITE ISSUE'S

- Action for all clubs's to forward all update contact details, so our website can be fully updated.
- Old Team Sheets to be removed from Website to ensure the correct Team Sheets and paperwork is completed for each Gala.
- Discussed the possibility that the website can offer a blank option (Blank Space) in the case the situation arises that there is a non swimmer for a particular event etc....
- Discussed the possibility of an Excel Spreadsheet registration form for clubs to make the process easier and quicker.
- Issued raised re: Double Barreled Names
- Raised issue with the save and print. Change to just Save upon website.

OTHER TOPICS

- No Change to the financial charges for Registration Fees.
- Wristband Charges for finals day was discussed and this will continue to be used in the same manor.
- Result submissions was discussed and was agreed that all result to be submitted in timely manner after each Gala.
- Next year's fixtures to be circulated before the full AGM in January 2012.

Rule Changes:

- Amendment to Rule Nr 10: All clubs to provide a competent Official or Judge, new rule 14c failure to do so will result in a £10.00 penalty to added.
- New Rule: Hosting Team can have a lane which is dedicated to a B team, however these are to be non competitive with them causing no disruptions to the competitive lanes.

- New Rule: There will be a Top Performance Award given to each Boy and Girl within each Division.
- New Rule: Each club hosting a gala will Charge £3.00 entry fee including raffle ticket. Any concessions will be specific to the hosting club.
- Rule Amendment Nr 14: Hosting Team to update the website with all relevant results, failure to do so will result in a penalty of £10.00
- New Rule: All team managers to sign the team sheets, failure to do so will result in a penalty of £10.00
- New Rule: In the event of a club leaving the League altogether then numbers of teams and potential movement of all teams within the divisions will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- Amendment to Rule 3A. Will reference to include C Team.
- Omitted Rule: Remove 4 and 4a becomes 4.

All rules to be proposed to Gary for his approval before these are to be Submitted for next season.

NEXT AGM MEETING

- Sunday 8th January 2012 Venue to be Confirmed

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 11.30