

Chairman
Gillian Rankin

Secretary
Kevin Whiteside

Treasurer
Camilla Hadcock

Registration Secretary
Sue Tinkler



Affiliated to


AGM

Held on 10/01/2010 @ 10am
Hartwood Hall Hotel (Chorley)

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 27 including guests.

Meeting Opened at 10am

The meeting opened with the Chairman explaining the need to the change of venue due to poor weather conditions

- **APOLOGIES:** Their was one apology received from Susan Goodfellow of(Carnforth Otters)
- **MINUTES OF 2009:** Minutes Of 2009 were taken as a true record of account and therefore redeemed as read. Proposed by Dave Copeman (Rosegrove) Seconded by Roger Morgan (Southport).
- **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SAID MINUTES:** Their were no matters arising from the said minutes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Please can I start by saying well done to Southport Swimming Club for winning the National Junior Final for the second year in succession.

All swimmers have worked hard again this year and we had the AEO for this year final. We are hoping to have the final and the swim offs at the same venue this coming season.

I would like to thank Bob for the great job he has carried out as treasurer; he will be missed by us all. Can I thank delegates and guests for attending and supporting the league and ask that any questions go through the delegates and only delegates can vote.

We again held an interim meeting this last year which was helpful and hopefully will help the AGM moves 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. At the interim meeting the executive committee took questions on ASA Cat 1 registration, after it was found that some clubs held only cat 1 registered swimmers. Please can I remind all delegates that swimmers must be Cat 2 registered?

Kirkham & Wesham have informed the league that they are not competing in the league this year, but hope to be back next season. I hope the teams enjoy their year in micro and that we have a great 2010 season, for all our swimmers. I will finish by wishing all the swimmers and teams good luck for the 2010 season.

TREASURES REPORT: With the fall in bank interest rates and the reduction in funds on deposit, as a result of the one off distribution to member clubs in 2009 the bank interest only amounted to £2 compared to £138 last year. The principal source of revenue for the year was therefore the admission fees from the A Division Final & two swim offs totalling £1,408. Once the associated costs are deducted this resulted in a

surplus on the events of £153. However other expenditure for the year came to £451 resulting in an overall shortfall for the year of £298.

Expenditure was in line with the budget set at the 2009 meeting and had the entrance fee been left at £3.50 as proposed in the original budget (but reduced to £3.00 upon a vote at the meeting) then the League would have broken even in 2009. However the reintroduction of the affiliation fees for 2010 should redress the balance going forward.

Before leaving the subject of the finals and swim offs, I should be grateful if the member clubs taking part in future would be good enough to point out to their parent/ helpers, particularly those tasked with manning the desk at the events, that the entrance fee is determined by all the member clubs at the AGM, not just the executive and that the fee level set barely covers the costs of pool hire, trophies etc

The rebate to clubs at the 2009 AGM totalling £4,080 has been shown at the foot of the accounts, as this was effectively a rebate of reserves accrued in earlier years and not part of the normal income and expenditure of the league in the year. I am happy to retire from the Treasurers role knowing I have achieved what many clubs would regard as "Mission Impossible" that is to get a swimming association to part with some of its cash to its member clubs. I hope the members have put it to good use, I know at Ormskirk we used ours to help put some of our people through Level 1 & 2 coaching courses.

The clear funds at the bank at the end of the year stood at £3,069.

The accounts include a budget for 2010 which incorporates the reinstated affiliation fee at £20/team and leaves the entrance fees for the final and swim offs at £3.00. The budget shows an expected surplus of £45 on the year. I would propose that for 2011 we increase the affiliation to £25/team which would give an additional £115 of headroom and allow for the possible additional cost of hiring Blackpool Palatine for the Swim offs as well as the A division final.

As I'm retiring from the office this year it will also be necessary to change over the bank mandate to reflect the change in composition of the Executive.

I feel privileged to have served with such a great and professional bunch of folks on the Executive over the last two years and I shall miss them, although there is only so much of Kevin's crowing about Southport's success that a man can stomach! Seriously well done to Southport on retaining the National Title.

REGISTRATION REPORT: Sue explained the number of difficulties she had in completing the gala results and team declaration sheets of which the way the clubs had filled them in.

In order to put things right for the season 2010 Sue asked Mick Jones are website controller to give a brief outline in how to register all swimmers for the future, also Sue passed around a sample of a team sheet in which was clearly shown as how it will be filled in and how she will expect to receive all documentation from the home clubs completed gala.

Chairman thanked Mick & Sue for all the hard work that they have put in. Chairman also thanked Andrew Daykin (Lancaster) for producing a professional looking Website in which the league is proud to have.

NATIONAL AGM REPORT: Cherry explained once again at this year's agm that the age of competition is still a bone of contention Jane Davis of the ASA has been written to and emailed – an answer was promised in April but since then has not answered to any correspondence. A committee member is going to try to see her. At present advised us to carry on with our leagues date which is the last Sunday of November. Arena are now the new sponsors of the National Junior League. They will be giving £500 + hats for each participant. A sub committee was put forward to discuss and investigate ASA and dates.

The North of England final will be held on Sunday the 3rd of October 2010. Venue to be decided.

Chairman thanked Cherry and asked if she would continue being our leagues National representative. Cherry kindly accepted.

FIXED DATES: Cherry Wilkinson (Colne Sharks) asked how the fixed dates will be implemented.

Chairman explained to all present and asked for a vote on the fixed dates to be brought into existence for the season 2010. A show of hands was raised and carried unanimous.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Camilla Hadcock will be the new Treasurer for 2010. It was agreed that Camilla be added as a signatory to the League's bank account and Bob Thompson to be removed to ensure the signatories reflect the current executive committee.

RULE CHANGES: Rule 3 which was proposed by Mick Jones (Clitheroe) and Seconded by Susan Goodfellow (Carnforth Otters) was voted upon and carried unanimous. Also Rule 14 which was proposed by the executive committee was voted upon and that to be carried unanimous.

NEW ENTRANTS: The new applicant of Garston SC was received and voted upon and carried unanimous. Also the merging of Blackpool SC & Newton Hall to be renamed as Blackpool Aquatics was accepted and a third team being introduced into the C Division for 2010.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Garry Whittle asked the question regarding Cat 2. Registration as was the interest from Cherry Wilkinson. Garry read out information which he had gathered from the ASA. The chairman responded also with information from the ASA. Where upon a discussion took place and a vote was taken and the vote was carried unanimous that all swimmers competing in the league will be Cat 2. Registered OR until such time that the ASA informs us otherwise. Roger Morgan (Southport) thanked the Chairman for all the hard work that has gone into producing the fixed date's fixture list.

FUTURE DATES: The interim meeting will be held on the 10th of October 2010. Time and venue to be confirmed.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 9th of January 2011. Time and venue to be confirmed.

A. Division Final to be held at Palatine Leisure Centre Blackpool on the 11th of September 2010.

A & B Swim off Finals to be held at Palatine Leisure Centre Blackpool on the 11th of September 2010

MEETING CLOSED: The 2010 agm closed at 11.30am.