

City of Bradford Swimming Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at The Prune Park Inn on Thursday 29th July 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Chairman (Acting): David Alexander.

Hon. Treasurer: Juliette Freeman.

Hon. Championships Secretary: John Preston.

Welfare Officer: Matilda Brown.

Communications Officer: Kath Bonson.

Committee Member: Andy Foulds.

Also in attendance: Ben Pollard, City of Bradford Swimming Development Officer.

In the absence of the Secretary it was agreed that DA take the minutes.

1. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Josephine Preston, Lisa Brown and Steve Eddison.

2. Swimming Development Manager

Report submitted via e-mail and the following noted:

Training groups will break on 6th August until 21st August.

Summer Medley Series Final was held on 13th July. 43 swimmers had entered.

Top Swimmer was Lucy Bicker (Bradford Dolphins)

Top Boy swimmer was Jordan Tate (Bradford Dolphins)

Top Girl swimmer was Lucy Bicker (Bradford Dolphins)

Final Meet of the Rising Stars series was held on the 20th July

Yorkshire Swimming Association Coaches Conference: It was agreed that the Club would support the attendance of the following coaches; Andy Pearce, Sarah Fisher, Aileen Ibbotson, Barbara McGuffie, Di Whitaker and Christopher McCabe.

Ilkley Lido: Andy Foulds confirmed he has not yet made contact with Mick Wood.

Christmas Meet: A request that the Nifty 50 charity swim take place on the Saturday instead of the normal Sunday. KB to advise if this is possible. The chosen charity is Cancer Research UK.

3. Senior Coaches Report

Not available.

4. Mr. Ben Pollard (Bradford District Council, Principal Swimming Development Manager)

Mr. Pollard gave a comprehensive report about the proposed changes to the training scheme groups.

The following items were noted:

They will be Coach led.

There will be 2 full time Coaches.

A Club Coach Education programme to be introduced and run by the Development Coach.

A Development Group to be set up consisting of one member from each Club and to include a representative from the Council.

A Futures Group to be set up. Clubs have been invited to send a representative.

Eccleshill Pool has been gained Training Centre status.

Mr. Pollard was thanked for attending and left the meeting.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June were approved.

6. Matters Arising

The following matters arising were noted:

Ilkley Pool: Andy Foulds has yet to contact Mick Wood.

Notice boards: These were being or had been attended too.

It was noted that Di Whitaker was still owed money from the Training Camp and not as minuted.

Marble Awards: These were not available to use at the Rising Stars Meet.

Cliff Castle: DA had contact CMcC advising that we were unable to attend. Also noted that we were unable to attend the Dickensian Fair.

Pool Closures: DA had written to the clubs and was awaiting their response.

Grass Roots Development Group: AF attended. Requested that another person represent the Club at the next event.

7. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received;

Ben Pollard: Reply to our letter to him had been received. The contents were noted.

ASA North East Region: Details of a Club Timekeepers Course for 16-19 years olds. The Club was unable to send anyone due to the date clashing with the End of Season Meet.

Thank you card received from Di Whitaker.

Bradford District Council: Invitation to send a representative to the Futures Group. AF to attend to this matter.

8. Reports

8 (a) CHAIRMAN

DA was impressed with the running of the End of Season Meet and in particular the large number of volunteers from the Club who assisted in any way during the two days.

Offered thanks to KB for her hard work.

Also noted the work at the front of house by Cheryl Lund.

8 (b) TREASURER

Provided an income & expenditure account for the End of Season Meet showing a healthy surplus.

8 (c) SOCIAL SECRETARY

No report available.

9. Swim Meets

End of Season Meet 08: Several points were noted that may improve the event for 09.

Christmas Meet 08: Agreed that KB acts as Meet Manager. There is a need for the appointment of an Assistant to KB who would shadow in order to gain experience.

End of Season Meet 09: As above agreed that KB act as Meet Manager and again with an Assistant appointed.

Club Meets: Still awaiting the list of preferred Meets from AP. Agreed that KB send him a comprehensive list of suitable Meets.

10. Membership

KB reported that the Membership list was up to date.

11. Swim 21 Liaison Officer

Will be ready to submit in September.

Need for a 3 year plan. Agreed that DA, KB and AF meet to discuss.

Poolside helpers Course required.

Dates required for Child Protection Course.

CRB check list

Timekeepers Course. AF had spoken to Roger Perrell (City of Wakefield) who advised that it would more beneficial to run a Judges Course as this is more appropriate for our needs.

Logbooks will be available in 2 weeks.

12. Web Site

KB reported that the web site was up to date.

13. Annual General Meeting

The following matters re; the Annual General Meeting were noted:

Date was confirmed as Thursday 28th August at Eccleshill Pool starting at 7.00 p.m.

As the Nominations Forms for Committee positions have not been issued it was agreed that we accept nominations from the floor on the night.

Noted that following the change to the A.G.M. date (now to be held in August) the Accounts would be nearly 12 months out of date as the Financial year is from 1st September to 31st August. It was agreed that a change of Rule be put to the A.G.M. that would make the Financial year from 1st August to 31st July.

14. Any Other Business

There were no other matters to be discussed.

15. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting would be advised later.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.