

Northumberland & Durham Swimming Association



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Minutes of the NDSA Management Board Meeting (B0710) held on Monday 13th December at Benfield.

Present:

Mr F Murray (President), Mrs T Donnelly (Secretary), Mrs A Reah (Treasurer) Mrs K Smith, Ms K Smith (AqO), Mr S Janes, Mr B Tiffin.

B54/10 Apologies: R Gordon

B55/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2010 (B06/10)
Accepted

B56/10 Matters arising from these minutes

B53/10 b) Mr Tiffin asked if the Board knew whether any NDSA swimmers would be included in the Northern team for the Tri-Nation Meet. Mr Murray confirmed NDSA swimmers would participate but the final team had not been announced.

B53/10 c) Mrs Donnelly confirmed no new nominations had been received for the Management Board.

B57/10 Correspondence

a) Swimming Times December 2010

New contact details:

Richmond Dales ASC – new secretary Mrs E Pearson
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b) Letter of Resignation from Mr G Smith

c) Letter of thanks from Mrs S Drury

d) Letter from Mrs J Murden re Inter-counties - reply sent & matter now closed

e) Information from Regional Office regarding re-organisation and appointment of Aquatic Officers to replace CSCs.

The board congratulated Kate Smith on her appointment as Aquatic Officer and acknowledged how pleased we were to have her remaining in the N&D area.

B58/10 Treasurer's Report

Mrs Reah confirmed no remaining outstanding payments from earlier in the year. NDSA had contributed £604 towards the Graded Series competition and paid £977 in relation to the N&D team at the Inter-Counties Team Championships and a further £365 to the N&D Masters Team for their Inter-Counties competition. She confirmed that it was very likely NER would call upon the funds previously pledged by NDSA towards maintaining the Disability Coach's post. It was agreed the reports of the participation and response of NDSA swimmers in the NER Disability Championships held at Middlesbrough on 11 December proved the value of supporting this post.

NDSA received £500 from British Gas (BG) as part of their sponsorship package, NER had added a further £500 to the county from their BG sponsorship, with further funds going towards the Zonal Meet to be held at Ponds Forge in January.

B59/10 Aquatic Officer's Report

Kate confirmed that further information would be issued from the Regional Office shortly that would give clubs more details of the role and remit of the newly appointed Aquatic Officers. She confirmed she and her colleagues were still adjusting to their new roles and responsibilities and she would provide a report to the next Board meeting.

The Regional Office will be moving to their new premises in Darlington around 13/14 January 2011 and new contact information would be circulated.

B60/10 Advisors Reports

a) Championships

Mrs Smith confirmed all championship information had been issued to clubs, as have entry files for the 800/1500m and Open Championships. Entry files for the Bagcat Championships will be issued in the next week.

A number of Young Officials (YO) have shown interest in assisting with the Championships. Mrs Smith will liaise with Kate Smith and Fred Murray to provide opportunities for them. Mrs Smith asked the Board to approve her request to appoint a YO Co-ordinator and it was agreed she should pursue this and contact her suggested appointee.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Reah will liaise with BG re their sponsorship for next year.

b) Diving (no report received)

c) Masters

Mrs Reah confirmed Dominic Johnston had regrettably stood down from organising any future Masters events due to family commitments, although he had co-ordinated the team that took part in the Masters Inter-Counties competition where NDSA swimmers acquitted themselves well and the county finished 20th out of 29 teams, despite having only 19 swimmers.

Mrs Smith confirmed the NDSA Championships committee would be organising an NDSA Masters competition next year. She will liaise with Kate Smith over the programme and possible dates. Information will be available as soon as possible.

d) Swimming

The Team Manager's report on Inter-county Team Championships was accepted with one amendment. NDSA finished 5th rather than 4th as noted (copy att'd). It was agreed that NDSA should do more to publicise our participation in this annual event before next year's competition. Our 2010 team will be invited to attend both the Open and Bagcat Championships next year to be presented to swimmers and parents. Letters of thanks will be sent to this year's Team Staff.

The Board approved the recommendations for Coaching and Team Staff for next year's event and they will be asked to confirm their availability.

e) Swimming Officials

In addition to the involvement of Young Officials, Mr Murray confirmed NDSA currently has a total of over 400 qualified officials and he has received 5 applications for next year's referee's training.

Clubs are asked to remind any officials who have not yet responded to the request from Liz York for help at next year's NDSA Championships to please let her know their availability as soon as possible. Officials who did not receive a request from her but who are available should also contact either Liz or Fred Murray.

f) Synchronized Swimming (no report received)

g) Water Polo (no report received)

B61/10 Future of NDSA President Role

The Board agreed there was still a requirement for the role of President for the foreseeable future and would do more to encourage clubs to nominate members who could fulfil this role.

Mrs Reah confirmed she would acquire additional regalia for future years and had approved expenditure to have the chain of office repaired and re-gilded and some weight taken from the medallion. The work should be completed by February 2011.

B62/10 NDSA Representation on NER Board

Following a decision at the NER AGM in September 2010, the structure of the NER board will change to include more independently elected representatives but this will happen gradually from January 2011. The current NDSA representatives (Mr F Murray and Mr S Greetham) will remain in post until the next AGM. Mrs Reah is an elected member of the NER board so her position will not be affected, although she will take up her role as NER President for 2011/2012.

B63/10 NDSA Handbook

An updated version will be available on the website shortly. Proposed amendments will be presented to the AGM in September 2011.

B64/10 Any Other Business

- a) Mr Janes recommended that Mrs Smith source a sound system for use at Middlesbrough for the Bagcat championships as the previous one belonged to Graeme Smith so may no longer be available.
- b) Clubs are reminded that their 2011 Affiliation Fees will become due shortly. Payment details and forms can be downloaded from the NER Website now.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm

B65/10 Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 18 January 2011 at Benfield School.

Inter Counties Gala 17/10/10 Team Managers Report

What a long day!!

The bus journey down started fairly quiet but then Aimee, the Girls Team Captain, started painting nails and faces of all the swimmers. This continued with face paints "borrowed" from other teams on the balcony at Ponds Forge!

Daniel and Aimee, as Team Captains, paraded on to poolside to the Number Two song by Blur (chosen by Danny after a full week of contemplation) in their Bob the Builderesque Hi-viz jackets! Then it was down to business.

The atmosphere was fantastic, the swims were brilliant and the Coaches were really good with the swimmers, giving them encouragement before their races and feedback afterwards. The only frantic parts were when swimmers had wandered off just before their races, Miss Harris springs to mind here!

As Aimee had just returned from the Commonwealth Games on the Friday night, she was interviewed during the gala. We gave her the task of getting in as many "Fantastics" as she could into the interview without being found out, each time she did we all cheered. The team achieved 4th place this year and would have been 3rd if we hadn't had two disqualifications losing 37 points for stroke infringements which were blatant from the balcony!

We headed back home via The Wetherby Whaler after Aimee's genius plan to phone the order ahead, causing a bit of a stir with the locals and poor Laura Dawson when she saw her portion of sausage and chips compared with everyone else's fish and chips!!

The team seemed to really get on well throughout the whole day and were a credit to the County, their Clubs and their parents.

Michelle Worthy Middlesbrough ASC