

NORTH LANCASHIRE SWIMMING & WATER POLO **ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the 83rd Annual General Meeting **Held on Monday 1st December 2008** **At County Hall Preston** **Commencing at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: J Whittle (Age Group Secretary) G Whittle (President and Swim League Secretary) S Tinkler (Secretary) A Howarth (Rosegrove) M Wilson (Bolton ASC) N Cowburn (Life Member) C Wilkinson (Colne ASC) J Smith (Leyland Barracudas) M Parkinson (Chorley Marlins) G Rankin (Treasurer) Peter King (Blackburn SC) C Tinkler (Blackpool SC) J Sandbach (Lancaster City)

APOLOGIES: D A Cocks (Treasurer) Richard Hancock (Fleetwood SC) Lisa Harwood (Rosegrove) Maureen Crawford (Newton Hall Blackpool) P Wilkinson (Water Polo Secretary)

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM held on the 3rd December 2007 were proposed by Malcolm Wilson and seconded by J Sandbach

MATTERS ARISING

No Matters Arising.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

First of all may I welcome you to County Hall tonight to Annual General Meeting of the Association? This year we have decided to have the meeting at a central location rather than in the vicinity of the Presidents club to hopefully improve the attendance.

I now present my report for 2008.

This year commenced with a successful Level 2 meet in January. I would like to thank all those who helped in any way to the success of the event. Janice will obviously give more details in her report. Following on from the Level 2 meet the Inter Association competition was held at Everton Park and as President I was proud to make presentations on behalf of the association and proud of the team who were again victorious. Congratulations to the swimmers and Steve Heaps and Alan Harper the Management Team.

We have been in discussion for some time at the executive about providing clinics and courses for our clubs, in helping both the clubs maintain and improve their CPD opportunities, and assist the swimmers in their development. A swim Clinic was held in the summer and Sue arranged a Child Protection Course to tie in with County Time to Listen Course. We are currently working on a programme for 2009 so please ensure that your delegates provide the information to your clubs.

The October Level 3 meet again was very successful and an increased number of entries. The swimming league has had a successful year; sadly Water Polo seems to continue to be problematical. I would like to thank Paul Wilkinson for his efforts as Water Polo Secretary during the past year.

The year has not been without its problems, and attendance at some executive meetings has been disappointing. I would urge all our affiliated clubs to attend the meetings. We are not just organising competitions for our swimmers but I have committed the association to facilitate courses and training for our swimmers and volunteers, but this becomes difficult to provide if we do not know what our clubs are wanting.

Congratulations to all those who have achieved their officials qualifications. This is important and as regional co-ordinator I can only encourage clubs to persuade their parents to help in this capacity. Following on from the qualification could I encourage those officials who are Judge 1 and above to obtain/renew their licences at the appropriate time. Changes are coming with regard to licensed meets which will affect our association and it will be that all our officials will not only have to be qualified but also licensed. Congratulations also to Jane Whittle, Helen Jenkins and Craig Tinkler who received regional awards as volunteers.

Having been involved either as a technical official or as part of the management team at National Events, it has given me great pleasure to see many of our swimmers at the Age Group and Youth Championships, British Championships, Olympic Trials and the Masters Championships. We have a great deal of talent within our area and if we can all work together as clubs, the association, the county and the region, putting aside politics, and putting the swimmer first hopefully greater things can be achieved in the future.

Finally I would like to thank the other officers of the association and respective secretaries without whose hard work we would not be able to function, the delegates who attend our meetings and the clubs for supporting our activities and competitions.

As we have begun the festive season of Advent may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful 2009

Garry Whittle
President

HON TREASURERS REPORT

N.L.S.W.P.A. Treasurers Report AGM 2008

First of all, I would like to thank Garry Whittle for independently examining the books and producing this financial summary.

Can I just refer to the 2007 AGM Treasures report namely paragraph 4 regarding affiliation fees for 2007, in which I stated the matter had been resolved. Or so I thought. You will be aware that the 2007 AGM was on the 3rd December 2007. Well on 5th Dec 2007, I received the monthly statement only to discover that a cheque issued to the ASA in May 2007 and allegedly not received by them was cashed Nov 2007. This was a cheque that had a

replacement re-issued in July 2007, because the ASA said they had not received it. Well it seems it disappeared within the ASA in May and resurfaced within the ASA in Nov, and they decided to help themselves to it despite my request to return it to me should it resurface! So I fired off yet another really angry letter to the ASA, including a copy to David Sparks, demanding an explanation and a refund. This they did with `profuse apologies`. **So the matter of our 2007 affiliation fees which started on 5th Dec 2006 finally ended for good on the 10th December 2007 and not without a few harsh words from me to the ASA. These transactions are included in the 2008 financial summary.**

The finances for the 2007 – 2008 year followed the usual income/expenditure pattern showing a steady but notable increase in income from entries to the Age Groups, compared to the previous 2 years. This may reflect the increasing interest shown by swimmers and clubs in the competitions. All in all, a financially satisfactory year, largely due to all the hard work put in by other members of the Executive.

Finally if clubs wish to take advantage of reduced affiliation fees etc, for 2009 you have until the end of this month (Dec) to get your cheques to the new Treasurer, Mrs Gill Rankin, as I have resigned as Treasure for personal reasons. Thank you. Over to you Gill.

Hon Treasurer NLSWPA 30.09.08

(This report covers the financial year 2007 – 2008 including and up to change of Treasurer 30.09.08)

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

INCOME	2008	2007
Affiliation Fees	550.00	600.00
Swimming League Entries	255.00	240.00
Water Polo League Entries	75.00	90.00
Sale of T Shirts	773.50	768.00
Competitions	14,150.60	13,136.00
Hire of AOE	000.00	270.00
Building Society Interest	575.74	369.66
Affiliation Fee Refund	30.00	
Course Fees	110.00	
Swim Clinic	336.00	
Inter Association Entry 2006 not cashed		<u>250.00</u>
	16,855.84	15,723.66

EXPENDITURE

Affiliation Fees	63.50	80.00
Insurance	525.62	525.62
Officers Expenses	20.00	15.00
Competitions	9,080.92	5,326.85
Trophies and Repairs		10.80
Purchase of T Shirts and Hats	1,128.01	1,200.16
Swim Clinic	836.00	
Courses	220.00	
AOE Repairs	60.99	
Depreciation Computers		849.00
Officials T Shirts	583.98	
Room Hire	101.25	
	<u>12,620.27</u>	<u>8,007.43</u>
Surplus for Year	<u>4,235.57</u>	<u>7,716.23</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

ASSETS	2008		2007	
Computers at cost	3,400.00		3,400.00	
Less Depreciation to Date	<u>3,399.00</u>	1.00	<u>3,399.00</u>	1.00
AOE System at cost	38,702.16		38,702.16	
Less Grants and Donations	<u>29,534.00</u>		<u>29,534.00</u>	
	9,168.16		9,168.16	
Less Depreciation to Date	<u>9,167.16</u>	1.00	<u>9,167.16</u>	1.00
Cash at Bank	5,134.98		8,475.15	
Building Society	<u>37,920.46</u>		<u>30,172.75</u>	
	<u>43,057.44</u>		<u>38,649.90</u>	

Represented by**GENERAL FUND**

Balance as at 1 October 2007	31,406.07		23,689.84	
Surplus for the year	<u>4,235.57</u>	35,641.64	<u>7,716.23</u>	31,406.07

DEVELOPMENT FUND

Balance as at 1 October 2007	7,243.83		7,200.56	
Interest	<u>171.97</u>	7,415.80	<u>43.27</u>	7,243.83
		<u>43,057.44</u>		<u>38,649.90</u>

Independent Examiners Report

I have prepared the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement from the books and vouchers and information supplied and certify they show a true and fair view of the same.

G.M.Whittle F.C.A. 51 Heron Way Blackpool 10 November 2008

COMPETITIONS

INCOME	2008	2007
Entry Fees	10,306.00	9,443.00
Admissions	<u>3,844.60</u>	<u>3,693.00</u>
	14,150.60	13,136.00
 EXPENCES		
Pool Hire	5,600.00	2,000.00
Administration and Printing	610.88	432.00
Team Officials Inter Association	600.00	500.00
Inter Association Postage Badges etc.	101.50	
Badges and Medals	2,168.54	2,394.85
Inter Association Entry Fee	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>9,080.92</u>	<u>5,326.85</u>
Surplus	<u>5,069.68</u>	<u>7,809.15</u>

G M Whittle thanked Mr Cocks for all his work over the years and wished him well for the future

AGE GROUP SECRETARYS REPORT

Level 2 January/February

This proved very popular with the swimmers and once again was a successful meet. Many swimmers achieved Qualifying Times for Lancashire, Regional and National. The Programme of events was received well by the clubs and the length of the sessions was fine.

It has been suggested that it would be good to have a skins event but this is not practical with the programme at the moment.

From the meet the North Lancashire Team was selected for the Inter Association Competition.

Inter Association

The Inter Association was a closely fought competition this year. North Lancs. was trailing Liverpool at the end of all sessions bar one. Going into the final session North Lancs were just 3 points behind but ended up winners by 29 points after some excellent swims. The final points were: North Lancs. 685, Liverpool and District 656, Bolton and Manchester 575, North Midlands 563, Cumbria 417 and Central Lancs. 325. The team was led by Captains Jordan Theaker (Great Harwood) and Sarah Lucas (Newton Hall Blackpool) and Vice Captains Matthew Hargreaves (Blackburn) and Joanne Cutler (Preston). All four encouraged the swimmers throughout the competition. Thanks to Steve Heaps and Alan Harper, a great team in itself, for their commitment and drive. They did a fantastic job encouraging, motivating and praising the swimmers. Our swimmers broke 11 records during the weekend – Shauntelle Austin with 5 and several achieved NQT's. The response from the swimmers this year was good. The system worked sending out the information directly to the swimmers. However in the last week changes had to be made to the team through injury and illness. One or two swimmers even swam with a slight injury. North Lancashire Colours will be awarded to 23 swimmers this year.

Level 3

This is now a very popular meet and again was a success. The number of entries rose which did mean the sessions were longer but still fine as far as number of hours per day. The skins are the highlight of the weekend and again we were treated to some fine swimming.

One point of concern was again the eligibility of the swimmers for this event. The reason for running a Level 3 is to cater for those who are not fast enough to compete at Level 2, are in the bottom half of Level 2 or are on the way up! Sadly, it was noted that several swimmers entered the event with a much slower time than they had achieved (they were on the rankings!!). Although speeding tickets are awarded and the right swimmers do get the medals, it is not in the spirit of the sport to enter knowing that you are faster. The rankings are there for all to see and next year swimmers will be checked across the board.

Squadrons

Again this event has not taken place. However I will strive to get the event back in 2009. Some clubs prefer the summer months others autumn and winter. Obviously it is hard to please everyone. Watch this space!!

Janice Whittle
Age Group Secretary

WATER POLO SECRETARYS REPORT

This year`s Water Polo League has been completed, there have been many exciting and close games, and to my knowledge all games have been played in a good sportsman like manner. However, teams still need to work on improving their promptness when sending in results, information and match sheets.

As you can see from the attached league table, this year has been a much more closely contested season, with results difficult to predict throughout the year. Preston and Lancaster have been fighting it out for the top spot in the league for most of the season, with the victor not decided until the final game of the year. Lancaster should once again be congratulated on holding their nerve and winning the 2008 North Lancs. Water Polo League this year. First runners up this year are Preston; Burnley came in third position, with Blackpool fourth, and Fleetwood finishing fifth. A full list of the results and a copy of the league table for the 2008 season can be viewed over the page.

I personally perceive the league to have been a success this year; however it can only improve if more teams become involved in Water Polo. There have been enquiries from two new teams hoping to join the league in the 2009 season, but I am hopeful we may be able to add further to this before next season begins. I suggest to all swimming clubs that can include water polo in their programme to consider entering the 2009 season, in order to expand and improve this league and make it a more comprehensive and challenging competition. In addition, if there is sufficient interest and it is feasible, I think we should look into the possibility of running a league or tournament for Junior Water Polo and/or Ladies Water Polo next year, if you know of a team that would be interested please contact me with your suggestions. Feel free to contact me with any enquires or information concerning water polo matters.

Paul Wilkinson
North Lancs. Water Polo Secretary

League Table 2008

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	+/-	Points	Majors
Lancaster	8	6	1	1	80	52	28	13	13
Preston	8	6	0	2	37	42	-5	12	24
Burnley	8	4	0	4	43	42	1	8	5
Blackpool	8	2	1	5	60	63	-3	5	30
Fleetwood	8	1	0	7	19	40	-21	2	15

Results 2008

Game	Date	Home	Score	Away	Score	Referees	Match Sheet	Notes
1	04/04/2008	Lancaster	15	Blackpool	11	Potts	1	
2	18/04/2008	Lancaster	17	Preston	8	Potts	1	
3	29/04/2008	Blackpool	8	Fleetwood	6		1	
4	01/05/2008	Fleetwood	2	Blackpool	8	Lucas	1	
5	13/05/2008	Blackpool	6	Preston	9	Detko	1	
6	15/05/2008	Preston	8	Lancaster	5	Lucas/Kelly	1	
7	08/06/2008	Blackpool	8	Lancaster	8	Molloy	1	
8	10/06/2008	Blackpool	6	Burnley	7	Molloy	1	
9	09/07/2008	Burnley	16	Blackpool	13		0	
10	27/08/2008	Burnley	L	Preston	W		0	
11	28/08/2008	Preston	W	Blackpool	L	Kelly	0	
12	20/11/2008	Preston	12	Burnley	14		0	
13	N/A	Burnley	6	Lancaster	11		0	
14	N/A	Fleetwood	W	Burnley	L		0	
15	N/A	Burnley	W	Fleetwood	L		0	
16	N/A	Fleetwood	L	Preston	W		0	
17	N/A	Preston	W	Fleetwood	L		0	
18	N/A	Fleetwood	6	Lancaster	13		0	
19	30/11/2008	Lancaster	11	Fleetwood	5		0	
20	N/A	Lancaster	W	Burnley	L		0	

SWIMMING LEAGUE SECRETARYS REPORT

Following my comments on administration last year I am pleased to say that I did not have to deduct any points for ineligible swimmers and only one result from division 3 appeared to have gone astray hence there are no points for the Division 3 gala at Southport on 5th April. The positions are correct and the gala points were not needed to determine the outcome of that division.

As you can see from the results there were very few closely fought contests this year with Southport dominating Divisions 1 and 3 and Preston Division 2. The closest teams appeared to be Leyland and Newton Hall in Division 1 and Leyland AND Newton Hall and Garstang in Division 3.

Congratulations to all the teams that took part. I have had the privilege of being the referee at several of the galas and can commend the teams for their enthusiasm and congratulations to the Division Winners.

Division 1 Southport A
 Division 2 Preston
 Division 3 Southport B

Could I just remind all clubs to attend the fixtures meeting at County Hall on Wednesday 7th January 2009 at 7.30pm to organise next year's fixtures.

Garry Whittle
 Swimming League Secretary

League Tables

Division 1		Galas Swum	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	League Points	Gala Points
1	Southport	4	4				16	665
2	Leyland	4	1	2	1		12	506
3	Fleetwood	4		3	1		11	503
4	Carnforth	4	1		2	1	9	484
5	Newton H	4		1	1	2	7	453
6	Chorley	4			1	3	5	375

Division 2		Galas Swum	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	League Points	Gala Points
1	Preston	4	4				16	679
2	Blackpool	4	1	3			13	599
3	Clitheroe	4		1	1	2	7	413
4	Lancaster	4		1	2	*	7	378
5	Rosegrove	4			2	1*	5	298
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not compete in gala 								

Division 3		Galas Swum	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	League Points	Gala Points
1	Southport	4	4				16	
2	Leyland B	4	1	2	3		12	
3	Newton H B	4	1	2	1*		11.5	
4	Garstang	4		2	2*		9.5	
5	Carnforth B	4			3	1	7	
6	Kirkham	4				4	4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garstang and Newton Hall B were equal 3rd 								

League Results

Division 1

01/03/2008	1	Southport	163	2	Fleetwood	117	3	Carnforth	112	4	Chorley	108
18/03/2008	1	Leyland	147	2	Newton H	145	3	Carnforth	118	4	Chorley	88
26/04/2008	1	Southport	164	2	Leyland	122	3	Newton H	110	4	Carnforth	104
10/05/2008	1	Carnforth	150	2	Fleetwood	135	3	Leyland	103	4	Newton H	100
20/06/2008	1	Southport	167	2	Leyland	134	3	Fleetwood	130	4	Chorley	69
28/06/2008	1	Southport	171	2	Fleetwood	121	3	Chorley	110	4	Newton H	98

Division 2

29/03/2008	1	Preston	180	2	Blackpool	146	3	Clitheroe	114	4	Rosegrove	0
26/04/2008	1	Blackpool	173	2	Lancaster	143	3	Rosegrove	91	4	Clitheroe	88
11/05/2008	1	Preston	164	2	Blackpool	148	3	Lancaster	116	4	Clitheroe	68
16/05/2008	1	Person	174	2	Clitheroe	143	3	Rosegrove	123	4	Lancaster	0
29/06/2008	1	Preston	161	2	Blackpool	132	3	Lancaster	119	4	Rosegrove	84

Division 3

02/03/2008	1	Newton H	148	2	Garstang	145	3	Leyland	139	4	Kirkham	37
05/04/2008	1	Southport	1st	2	Newton H	2nd	3	Carnforth	3rd	4	Kirkham	4th
19/04/2008	1	Southport	163.5	2	Garstang	134.5	3	Carnforth	122.5	4	Kirkham	73.5
26/04/2008	1	Leyland	142	2	Newton H	140	3	Garstang	117	4	Carnforth	95
10/05/2008	1	Southport	170	2	Leyland	129	3	Carnforth	126	4	Kirkham	62
17/05/2008	1	Southport	150	2	Leyland	125	3	Garstang	111	4	Newton H	111

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers were elected: -

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President	Garry Whittle	
Vice President	Alan Howarth	by Executive Committee
Secretary	Susan Tinkler	
Treasurer	Gillian Rankin	
Age Group Secretary	Janice Whittle	
Water Polo Secretary	Paul Wilkinson	
Swim League Secretary	Gary Whittle	
Facilities Officer	Mike Carroll	
Trophy Controller	Vacant	
Welfare Officer	Lisa Harwood	

It was agreed by all present that all officers be elected on block the only change was that of Treasurer and Gillian Rankin had been proposed by the executive for whom all present agreed.

Other Elections

Delegate to NCASA	G Whittle
Solicitor	Vacant
Independent Examiner	Gary Whittle
Delegate to Lancashire	Garry Whittle

GEORGE HARRIS SALVER

This was presented to Ashley Cocks for all his work for the Association. The Executive also presented Ashley with a Tankard to commemorate his retirement

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

MEETING CLOSED at 8.30pm

Signed.....

Date