

PRESTON SWIMMING CLUB

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday April 8th 2008 at Fulwood Leisure Centre

Present

<i>President</i>	J. Pratt
<i>Chairman</i>	P. Mason
<i>Hon. Sec.</i>	C. Billington
<i>Swimming Sec</i>	J. McGinty
<i>Publicity</i>	M. Kitcher
<i>Water Polo</i>	S. Davison
<i>M'ship Sec</i>	D. De Nooijer
<i>Treasurer</i>	A. Bradshaw
	J. Jackson
	J. Holden
	D. Fairhurst
	P. Todd
	P. Barton
	I. Parker

Apologies

<i>Synchro Sec</i>	S. Todd
<i>Biathlon</i>	A. Sinclair
	J. Smith
	K. Pool
	D. Graveson
<i>Vice Chair</i>	G Mclauchlan

2.Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed Paul Todd

Seconded Myles Kitcher

3. Matters Arising

(Please also refer to the action sheet)

The France Gala is ongoing

The Corporate membership is now agreed at a cost of £15 per month for adults and £10 for under 18's

The small pool training for Water Polo is being looked into by Mark Molloy.

The Water Polo has requested that Paul Bailey be co-opted onto The Committee. Paul will be co-opted on at the next meeting.

Steve Heaps has updated the members pack.

University swimmers will have to pay fees to us. John McGinty will arrange communication of fees/membership as action last month.

Dave Fairhurst has agreed the terms of his contract which will remain the same as last year. Coaches covering any of Dave's work will receive the usual expenses.

Mark Molloy has passed on a list of Water Polo players to Ian Parker.

Paul Todd has booked West View for the 14th -16th November for the Club Championships.

The Sprint Gala is to be named The Creative UPVC Gala.

The Bert Brookes is to be The L&G Junior Sprint Gala

4. Correspondence

Thank you letters have been sent out to the guests who attended the Celebration Evening.

A.S.A letter regarding wrong names for the rankings was passed to John.

Daniel Sliwinski parents sent a message regarding Daniels recent success at the British Championships which Pete read out to The Committee.

Myles will arrange an article for Dan.

Julie received the Swim 21 certificate and disc.

Tickets had been allocated to Preston for the World Short Course Championships. There had been no communication from Swinnorthwest regarding this with Christine only being informed at 3.20pm on the day of the event.

Water polo entry fees request to be paid.

Pete has acquired additional funding which will be used for courses.

5. Sponsorship

Pete has negotiated a sponsorship deal with Creative UPVC. This includes inclusion on the website, sponsorship of the Sprint Gala (previously discussed) and a 10% discount for all orders over £2,000 from Preston Swimming Club members.

Pete is in further negotiations with Forbes.

6 Reports

6.1 Swimming Report (Chief Coach)

I am delighted with the Lancashire results, finishing a very close second to City of Salford which included a recount and to actually beat the likes of City of Manchester and Bolton Metro is a fantastic result so well done to all the swimmers who competed.

The extra training session at Fulwood will commence from Wednesday 16th April for squads 1 and 2, this extra session I believe will support and the current training programme.

More pool time for level 3 swimmers in support of their progression into level 2 is urgently required as I it is too big of a gap between the hours available between group 2 and 3.

Solutions could include more pool time at Fulwood and/or West View or pool time at a different location.

I attended the British Championships with Joanne Cutler who competed in the 50 front crawl gaining a P.B. and also competing in the 200 front crawl.

Well done to Joanne for qualifying for this event.

The Shrimps gala is on 11th May at West View.

The new national teaching plan is to be rolled out to parents on Wednesday 23d April at West View at 7.30pm with Anne Burgess the North West A.S.A rep.

Dave Fairhurst

Pete will go back to the council to ask for any available time. Any cost incurred from pool time at another location will be considered by The Committee as to how it will be covered.

Dave requested that a swimmer be allowed to swim on a ad hoc basis as his brother and sister have joined the club and the parents would find it difficult to attend other squad times. After various comments Pete stated that this agreement only applies to swimmers with 1st claim to Preston and who train at Gallica.

6.2 Minutes of Coaches Meeting

None.

6.3 Water Polo Report

Item 1: The Trip To The Isle Of Man

As I mentioned briefly in the last report we were due to take what is now becoming our annual homage to the Isle of Man. The team and I travelled by ferry from Heysham and stayed in Douglas. We played the Islands National Team of the Saturday. I was very pleased to see the team play very well and come

away with the silverware. We played a second game on the Sunday Lunchtime on a more friendly basis (if there is such a thing in polo) and we won this also.

All in all it was a very productive weekend in team building, I Must also commend the five under eighteens we had with us on their behaviour, in fact the whole team was a shining example to themselves and to the club.

Item 2: Training (All Teams)

All teams are training well and putting in a lot of effort, there discipline and attention to getting things right are very good. We do however seem to be struggling to get ladies interested in the ladies team; hence the coaching of this section is at the moment at a basic level. I have now made it clear to all the ladies who are playing at a high level with other clubs that they can now train with the senior men on a Sunday from 9pm to 10pm. It is also our intention to bring forward the Mini Polo start time to 7.30pm to try and pull in more of the younger ones, but we also need to establish they are at the correct level of swimming to be able to handle the training, sadly this may clash with the swimming training, we may use this time to do one on one training with one of the coaches. We will have to play this one by ear for the moment.

Item 3: List Of Players

Christine told me it was the wish of the committee to have a definitive list of all the players in the Water Polo section. I can inform you that this this is well in progress now and should be emailed to Ian Parker early next week, to complete it Ian will need to add some details to the spreadsheet for it to be complete and when it is please can I have a copy back.

Item 4: Lewis Holding

That brings me to my final point, Lewis is a beautiful little boy of 4 months, he is the son of one of Preston Swimming Clubs ex-swimmers now water polo players. Lewis suffers form EB. I here you say what is that?, well it is Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) is a very rare genetic condition in which the skin and internal body linings blister at the slightest knock or rub, causing painful, open wounds. It is likely to affect 1 in 17,000 live births and it is estimated that there are currently 5,000 people with the condition in the UK. Because EB is an inherited condition (it cannot be caught), which is passed on genetically from parents to children, first time parents often do not know that they are carriers and will have no prior warning that the child will be affected, until birth.

After several discussions with the polo players we have decided to make Lewis our official team mascot. We intend to plan and run several fund raising events through the year and beyond to raise money for research in to this very rare condition. We would like to know we have the committee's full backing in this endeavour to raise the profile of EB and try to make a difference for all babies born with this condition.

Thank you for your continued support and good luck to all other sections for the coming month

Mark Molloy (Manager/ Head Coach)

6.4 Treasurer's Report

I am in the process of chasing up members still paying £10 teaching fees. Angela requested a list of swimmers from all sections of The Club.

6.5 Membership Secretary's Report

The membership was sent off a couple of days late due to a problem with the database. The A.S.A was informed of the problem. This delay has resulted in The Club being charged an approximate additional amount of £500 which is pro rata of the membership.

Action 8/4/08/1 Pete Mason is to contact the A.S.A Diana to give Pete the full details of the problem and the communication with the A.S.A.

6.6 Publicity Officer's Report

The Lancashire Championships report was published.

Sharks and Seals photographs have been taken.

I will be sort out a date with John for a photograph for The North Lancs. Team

New pictures are to go up at West View

Reports have to be done for Daniel Slwinski.

Christine passed over the Biathlon report to Myles.

6.7 Synchronised Secretary's Report

No Report

6.8 Biathlon Report

Omitted will be added to main document for file.

7. Sub-Committees

7.1. Fundraising Sub-Committee

7.2 Events and Social Sub-Committee

A quiz night is being arranged. This will be advertised in due course.

Entry forms for the Gallica/multi club fund raiser are awaited.

8A.O.B

An employee of Frank Whittle Partnership was sold Football tickets at the last P.N.E match. Tickets had been given to The Club by the Frank Whittle. Christine pointed out that her school had received 50 tickets with an additional 50 tickets being given so it was not necessarily a club member who had sold them on. In future any tickets received will be marked on the back to identify them as Preston Swimming Club.

9. Next Meeting

Meeting finished at 9.00pm. The date of the next meeting will be May 13th 2008

Number	Action	Owner	Progress	Status
10/0707/1	Photographs for Water Polo B/boys/girls	Myles	Myles to progress	
10/07/07/2	/Swimming Event	PM		
12/02/08/3	Chief Coach's Contract	PM		
18/3/08/1	Small Pool/water polo	PM		
18/3/08/4	U.C.L.A.N. Affiliation	JM		
18/3/08/5	gala in France	JM		
8/4/08/1	Asa membership	PM		

