

## PRESTON SWIMMING CLUB

### Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 12 April at West View Leisure Centre

#### Present:

Chairman	J Pratt
President	P Mason
Vice-Chairman	M Chadwick
Head Coach	S Heaps
Waterpolo	P Bailey
Publicity	M Kitcher
Ext. Competn. Sec	P Barton
	N McGinty
Treasurer	M Connolly
Secretary	S Field
	J McSorley

#### 1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from I Parker, K Walker, P Todd, J Riding, S Wallbank, D Seers and C Salisbury

#### 2. Minutes of meeting held on 15 March 2011

Add S Field to list of "Apologies received"

Proposed: P Mason

Seconded: P Bailey

#### 3. Matters arising

Re. item 4.1, PM to forward Development Plan to S Field for circulation to committee.

Re. item 5, Approval of Accounts, M Connolly is to have the accounts audited. There remained a few queries to be cleared with I Parker. She hoped to circulate the accounts at the next meeting.

Re. item 6.3, whilst the waterpolo team was now short of players, it was a requirement that all swimmers had to become PSC members. For those who did not train/play every week, it might be possible for them to pay fees pro rata, subject to the approval of the committee.

Re. item 6.4, M Connolly and D Seers awaiting receipt of the updated membership list from the ASA in order to be in a position to reconcile this with the swimming registers.

Re. item 6.5, P Mason, D Seers and L Raines to liaise to establish a procedure for new members. Any new members are to be seen by S Heaps and will be able to

swim for the first week pending membership arrangements being put in place. More volunteers were still needed to help on the desk.

Re. item 7.2, S Wallbank to update the committee re. fundraising accounts.

#### 4. Correspondence

- i. An email had been sent to the Club Secretary advising that the Club had been suspended due to non-payment of subscription fees. This was due, however, to a clerical error at the ASA - the membership forms and subscription fees had in fact already been sent to the ASA and received by them.
- ii. S Field had received an email from I Mackenzie of the National Arena Swimming League concerning the possibility of receiving a sum of money towards the coach hire for the Arena meet.
- iii. P Mason reported that British Swimming had officially granted the club Development Club status which would put it in line for £10,000 worth of funding. Louise Robinson will meet with British Swimming to discuss this further. There will be certain caveats but the funding could cover course fees and additional pool time.

#### 5. Approval of accounts

All membership forms had been submitted to the ASA and the coaches were taking the registers.

M Connolly said that the club needed to start considering its fee structure for August, in order to be able to meet its outgoings. Pool hire alone currently cost £5,500 per month. Additional outgoings included salaries and other expenses. The club could not rely on being awarded grants or funding. The club's cashflow had been put towards meeting unpaid invoices and it was still suffering from income that had not been collected in the previous year.

It was agreed that M Connolly should carry out a reconciliation of the number of members and the actual fees received. After that, the committee will have to discuss and agree how to move forward.

M Connolly reported that the sponsorship money from Forbes (£2,000) for the previous year had not been claimed as of March 2011. She had been able to claim this at the last moment, before the end of Forbes' financial year. Action: M Chadwick or P Mason to meet with Forbes, to explain how much the club has grown recently and to seek increased sponsorship.

M Connolly had also arranged property insurance. She would ask P Todd to itemise the club's trophies, for insurance purposes.

## 6. PCC Meeting Update

P Mason reported that he and S Heaps had met with Jimmy Khan and Gill Osborne to discuss pool time. It was hoped that the club would be allocated a further 1 ½ hrs on a Monday evening and to move the performance group. The MDS slot from 4.30-5.30 on Wednesdays was to be discontinued. There would be no change on Friday, Saturday and Sundays and no changes at Fulwood. S Heaps reported that he was making enquiries regarding extra pool time for the A squad at Leyland.

Obviously, any extra pool time will be an additional cost for the club. However, there will be no charge for pool time in August. [Action: M Connolly, M Chadwick and P Mason to look at the costs for pool hire.](#)

P Mason reported that there could be opportunities for bids for funding under a council run scheme to increase the number of children involved in swimming. The club's volunteers could be trained, with the cost of their training being met by funding and the coaches would be paid for teaching. The cost of a level 2 course was at present about £800. The club needed to have level 3 coaches.

## 7. Fees for use of coaches

At present the club charged £2.50 per child to use the coach to attend meets. This cost was to be increased to £5 per child but the club will still have to pay £250 per coach. It was agreed that after the Sheffield meet, S Heaps will be required to seek the committee's approval for the hiring of any coach.

It was noted that for the Arena final, a smaller coach had been booked for transporting parents to go to Sheffield. This would cost £11 per adult (the child fare will be £5).

## 8. Reports

### 8.1 Swimming report including Teaching

See attached.

### 8.2 Minutes of previous coaches meeting

### 8.3 Water polo report – none received.

### 8.4 Membership Secretary's report – none received

### 8.6 Publicity Officer's report

M Kitcher to write an article on the Arena meeting. Also, an article for the LEP along the lines of "What a year it's been!".

[ACTION: P Mason to write to PCC emphasising the club's achievements.](#)

### 8.7 Biathlon report – none received

9. Sub-committees

- 9.1 Fundraising Sub-committee – none received  
Events and Social Sub-committee – none received

10. Any other business

- S Field reported that she had received a letter confirming the Swim 21 accreditation
- Re. the new kit, P Mason, S Heaps and M Chadwick had met with Bill Buckley to agree the new kit and in particular with a view to improving the standard of the lettering. The new T-shirts will cost £12. Whilst in the past the club had sold the kit direct to members, there had not been sufficient volunteers to deal with the large number of individual orders and invoices.
- S Field thanked M Connolly for taking last month's minutes in her absence. M Chadwick said that parents whose children were previously with Gallica had expressed an interest in helping with the club. **ACTION: S Field to add this to the agenda as an item for discussion at next month's meeting.**

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

# Head Coach's report 12/04/11

## MICRO-LEAGUE OF THE NORTH WEST 2011.

The Micro-league season has begun.

Division A Results

Division A FIXTURES and RESULTS														
	Venue	Date & Time	Home Team	Pos	PTS	Team	Pos	PTS	Team	Pos	PTS	Team	Pos	PTS
	Dunes, Southport	26/02/2011 18:15	Southport B	2nd	121.0	Carnforth A	2nd	121.0	Pioneer 79 A	1st	137.0	Blackpool A	4th	106.0
	Dunes, Southport	05/03/2011 18:15	Southport A	1st	164.0	Blackpool A	4th	80.0	Leyland A	2nd	137.0	Fleetwood A	3rd	108.0
	Salt Ayre, Lancaster	13/03/2011 16:00	Lancaster A	4th	77.0	Southport B	3rd	116.0	Carnforth A	2nd	119.0	Southport A	1st	169.0
	West View, Preston	20/03/2011 13:00	Preston A	1st	170.0	Fleetwood A	3rd	115.0	Lancaster A	4th	71.0	Carnforth A	2nd	120.0

Current Division A League Table

Division A			
Pos	Team	P	PTS
1	Carnforth A	3	360.0
2	Southport A	2	333.0
3	Southport B	2	237.0
4	Fleetwood A	2	223.0
5	Blackpool A	2	186.0
6	Preston A	1	170.0
7	Lancaster A	2	148.0
8	Leyland A	1	137.0
9	Pioneer 79 A	1	137.0

Division C Results

Division C FIXTURES and RESULTS														
	Venue	Date & Time	Home Team	Pos	PTS	Team	Pos	PTS	Team	Pos	PTS	Team	Pos	PTS
	Crosby	27/02/2011 13:00	Liverpool A	2nd	167.0	Clitheroe B	3rd	72.0	Blackpool C A	4th	62.0	Leyland B	1st	173.0
	West View, Preston	05/03/2011 16:00	Preston B	2nd	128.0	Leyland B	1st	137.0	Carnforth B	4th	80.0	Wigan A	3rd	124.0
	Colne	19/03/2011 18:15	Colne A	3rd	107.0	Wigan A	2nd	132.0	Liverpool A	1st	159.0	Blackpool C A	4th	60.0

### Current Division C League Table

Division C			
Pos	Team	P	PTS
1	Liverpool A	2	326.0
2	Leyland B	2	310.0
3	Wigan A	2	256.0
4	Preston B	1	128.0
5	Blackpool C A	2	122.0
6	Colne A	1	107.0
7	Carnforth B	1	80.0
8	Clitheroe B	1	72.0

The Sharks are next in action on 08 – May – 2011 against Leyland 'A'; Fleetwood & Southport 'B':

The Seals are next in action on 15 – May – 2011 against Blackpool 'C'; Colne & Leyland 'B':

### **NORTH LANCASHIRE SWIM LEAGUE 2011.**

The North Lancs season, slowly with the A Team having swam their 2<sup>nd</sup> gala of the season and they were just successful beating Southport 'A' by 1 point.

The final result was

<b>Preston A</b>	<b>157</b>
Southport A	156
Carnforth A	92
Blackpool A	87

The A team are back in action on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011. It is our home gala against Southport A & B and Leyland A.

The B team don't start their division 3 campaign until May.

### **NATIONAL ARENA LEAGUE**

As you are all aware the final of the National arena league takes place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at Ponds Forge Sheffield.

I think (hope) everything has been sorted now.

The tickets will be handed out this week.

Unfortunately Steph Slater will be unable to swim due to injury however she will be travelling from Swansea ITC to attend the meet and I thank her sincerely for the support she has shown.

I will of course let you all know how we get on at the next committee meeting; however im sure you will find out before then.

I would just like to wish the swimmers all the very best and to Thank the parents who have got involved to help make this a day to remember.

### **LANCASHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

Please forgive me for not getting a full set of stats in the report this month. The counties only finished on Sunday and I just haven't had time to write an in-depth report.

I can tell you however that we have had a wonderful counties this year, one that even surprised me.

If I were to inform you that we won the "Top Age Group Club Award" this year I would hope you would all be very pleased indeed?

However if I said that we won this award by 201 points I would hope you would all be very, very pleased indeed. Our swimmers were exceptional in every department; it has been a pleasure to work with them.

We also had a very good Championships event coming 2<sup>nd</sup> to City of Manchester Aquatics by just 6 points. Yet another exceptional performance by our wonderful swimmers.

The final club results were as follows.

**Age Groups**

Preston	422
Southport	221
City of Salford	191

**Championships**

City of Manchester	194
Preston	188
City of Salford	36

I would sincerely like to thank all the teachers and coaches who have been working ever so hard to ensure our swimmers are performing at the right time. These people really do a fantastic job in trying to ensure we give our swimmers all the right tools to do the job. Our swimmers skills are improving all the time, their stroke technique is improving all the time and ultimately their speed continues to improve. This is down to the work the teachers and coaches have been doing. I Thank you all.

**DISABILITY SWIMMING:**

At the last meeting I reported that Jack Bridge just missed the 100m Breastroke British Record at the British Champs by 0.07 seconds.

Well today I am delighted to inform you that on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at Ponds Forge, Sheffield Jack did in fact lower this time by almost a second. His time of 1:14.26 beat the old record of 1:15.11. Preston now has another British Record holder in the 100m Breastroke. (Dan Sliwinski holds the British Senior Record). On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011 as a result of breaking this record Jack was selected for the Great Britain Disability team to compete in the European Championships in Berlin between 03<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Jack will be representing Great Britain in his first International meet in the Medley Relay.

Many Congratulations to Jack for what is turning out to be a very successful season for him.

**NORTH WEST REGION YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

The regional youth championships are nearly on us. These take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April & Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> May 2011 at Liverpool Aquatic Centre.

Preston will be very well represented this year with swimmers from A Squad and performance group in attendance. I will inform you of how we have done at the next meeting.

**SQUAD MOVEMENT:**

Over the course of the next month or so I will be making some moves from A Squad to B Squad. It is always difficult to move swimmers across to B Squad but this has to be done in order to continue giving those in C Squad the opportunity to progress. It is grossly unfair to not allow swimmers the same opportunity as the ones before. These moves will be based on attendance; training and regional qualifying times and coaches discretion. Obviously I will keep you informed of the progress.

**Q & A SESSIONS WITH PARENTS:**

At the beginning of this season I held Question & Answer sessions with the parents of swimmers in all squads. These proved to be a useful exercise in communication with parents and I hope to be putting on another session before the end of the season. This will be to get a feel from parents of how they think we are performing and for them to express any concerns they may have. It will also be an opportunity for me to ask yet again for more poolside help. I will keep you updated on the progress of this as it happens.

**RE-BRAND:**

There was a meeting with Bill Buckley before this committee meeting which I'm sure you will be discussing with Pete later in the meeting.

**TEACHING:**

Unfortunately I have been unable to speak to Louise re teaching. I will ensure a detailed report appears in the next committee meeting.