

PRESTON SWIMMING CLUB

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday February 12th 2008 at Fulwood Leisure Centre

Present

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

Apologies

<i>Synchro Sec</i>	S. Todd
<i>Vice Chair</i>	G Lauchlan
<i>M'ship Sec</i>	D. De Nooijer
<i>Biathlon</i>	A. Sinclair
	D. Graveson

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed Myles Kitcher

Seconded Paul Todd

3. Matters Arising

(Please also refer to the action sheet)

Myles is in the process of sorting out the Water Polo publicity.

Pete will book the Grasshoppers for the fund raiser which is to include a tribute band with the likely date being November. Tickets will be approximately £10 per head and will need to be advertised nearer to the date.

Myles's wife has been helping out on the desk at Fulwood.

Pete has been negotiating a cheaper rate in the gym for P.S.C members which will be £15/£16 per adult and £10 per child per month.

Action 12/02/08/1 Christine to post notices to register interest.

The Council have agreed to pay for the pool flags. Pete requested an invoice.

There is a likelihood that more pool time will become available for club swimmers due to the council having to provide pool time for 'complete swimmers'. Sessions could incorporate swimmers not swimming in the more competitive section of the club.

Dave Fairhurst wished to stop his Monday night sessions in order to give the swimmer a days rest and is looking to take over the Wednesday morning session not being used by Gallica at Fulwood. Pete will submit the request.

Discussion arose as to whom would benefit from taking over the 1 lane. (Gallica pay P.S.C. for the remaining 5 lanes) It was agreed that the lane should be made available to the Synchro section if the arrangement goes ahead.

4. Correspondence

An e-mail from a parent requesting that when a child moves they are given a note saying which squad they are moving into and who the coaches/teachers are who take them. It was agreed that parents seemed confused as to what squad their child was in. Ian Parker is in the process of sorting letters to be given out when swimmers move which will include necessary information.

.5 Swim 21

Swim 21 Accreditation has been successful thanks to the hard work and commitment of Julie Jackson, Ian Parker, Sara Darragh and other people. On behalf of The Committee Peter thanked everyone who had been involved.

6 Reports

6.1 Swimming Report (Chief Coach)

The Club attended the North Lancashire Level 2 open meet on the last weekend in January and the 1st weekend in February. The performance of the swimmers was 1st class with an amazing 75% P.B rate. I would like to thank all the coaches and teachers for their support. I believe this success is down to the coaches and teachers who give their time freely in support of these young athletes. I also believe the programme that we are currently working to this season is working well as results so far this season have proved.

At total of 430 swims

- A total of 323 Personal Best Times
- A Percentage of P.B. rate to swims = 75.1%
- A total of 333 Lancashire qualifying times
- A total of 2 National Qualifying Times
- A total of 10 disqualifications.
- A total of 46 Gold Medals
- A total of 47 Silver Medals
- A total of 42 Bronze Medals
- A total Medal count of 135

CLUB	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
PRESTON	46	47	42	135
NEWTON HALL	43	40	29	135
BLACKBURN	22	27	32	81
FLEETWOOD	17	22	17	56
CARNFORTH	15	14	14	43

The next meet we are due to attend is the Lancashire at Manchester Aquatic Centre in March. This meet is important to me as we can compete against the best clubs within the Lancashire area. Points are scored and the clubs compete for the top club awards.

Unfortunately Preston swimmers who train with Gallica are being vetoed and only allowed to compete in very few events by the Gallica coaching team, this is very disappointing as the club has very few occasions when these swimmers are available to compete for the club.

Teaching Report

From the 6th January 2008 we have opened up 3 half hour sessions at West View for Levels 1,2,3. Michael Wilson and Rachel Pettigrew are the teachers for these sessions.

The new 4pm-5pm session at Fulwood large pool is working well, this is for levels 9 to complete swimmer run by Sue Penrith and Sarah Darragh.

The 5-5.30pm session is 3 lanes of new 7/8 year olds; this is to get them ready for Micro League next year (2009). Rick Hall and Andrew Addison take these sessions.

Dave, our Head Coach, comes down every Sunday to support the teachers and advise them on the teaching. He is also a great help with the pre MDS and MDS squads as he supports the coaches who run these.

We have a meeting on Wednesday 13th February 2008 with Ann Burgess and Muriel Chapman about the new National Plan for teaching and then we can move on with that.

6.2 Minutes of Coaches Meeting

Minutes on file.

6.3 Water Polo Report

John McGinty questioned the sending of a letter to Mark Molloy after the last meeting that welcomed him back as Water Polo Manager/Coach as it had not been an item agreed to within the previous meeting.

Christine explained that she had received a phone call from Sarah Darragh requesting the letter to Mark with the agreement of Pete Mason. A meeting of the Water Polo members had been held agreeing to ask Mark Molloy to return.

Pete suggested that there would have been no issues regarding Mark's return as the Water Polo had agreed to such. Christine stated that she was unaware of The Committees previous agreement to the Water Polo's sections own arrangements and as such had felt that the letter was of welcome and support.

John McGinty read out a text message sent to Steve Davison from Mark Molloy after he had been down to sort out memberships. The text stated that Mark did not wish Steve to relay anything to The Committee and he would do so himself. It was agreed that Mark should follow the correct channels. Pete will speak to Mark Molloy.

It was pointed out that Steve had shown very little involvement and presence at the Water over many months. Steve replied that a number of health issues had been a factor.

John McGinty requested that the letter be added to the month's minutes.

6.4 Treasurer's Report

Angela reported that the help on Sunday night has been invaluable with the membership money coming in.

The swimshop link on the website site has brought in approximately £38 in commission.

Standing orders are bringing in between £200=£300 more a month though standing orders for £10 from teaching are still being received. The new process being set up by Ian should identify who is not paying the correct amount.

6.5 Membership Secretary's Report

Membership money is coming in

Pete has agreed with the council that when visitor numbers to the leisure centres are being collated that they should include P.S.C members attending sessions.

Jill Holden took the opportunity to comment on the cleanliness of the balcony at West View which is in a poor state and has the swimmers walking barefoot. Other members confirmed that it was in a bad state.

Action 12/02/08/2 Pete will bring this up with Jimmy Khan

6.6 Publicity Officer's Report

A couple of reports have appeared over the last month including the North Lancs article.

The Sharks and Seals will commence the micro league. Myles is to take the team photographs at the same time and will make appropriate arrangements.

6.7 Synchronised Secretary's Report

No report.

6.8 Biathlon Report

Andy sent in the following report.

The first event took place at Preston. 13 competitors represented Preston Swimming Club achieving 3 first place finishes, 1 2nd place, 1 3rd place and 3 top six finishes. They also took 1st and 2nd place in team events.

The next event is on April 6th in Lancaster which is the qualifying event for the National Championships which will be held in Macclesfield in May.

Andy requested a reimbursement of £18 for 3 team entries.

Agreed.

7. Sub-Committees

7.1. Fundraising Sub-Committee

£800 has been received off the council for coaches' disability courses with possible further funding. Courses, as in line with the A.S.A, are paid up front.

Monies from Awards for All have now been used up.

Gallica distributed a poster at the Lancashire Age Groups for a fund raiser involving various clubs including Preston. 50% of money raised by each club will go to Gallica and then the swimmers own club. It was noted that the Sharks and Seals will be swimming on that day.

Pete gave the committee a brief overview of meetings with the council which included a swimathon non profit promotion, links into schools and more partnership with the council. There are possible opportunities for paid jobs.

7.2 Events and Social Sub-Committee

The Presentation Evening is organised and tickets being sold though slower than previous years. Sandy Mawdsley has offered to run the raffle.

Paul Todd is progressing with the trophies. Paul suggested that sponsors for trophies should be sought for next year.

12A.O.B

Julie Jackson requested that Michael Wilson be paid back part of his course fees as Gym instructor. The Committee agreed to pay £200 to Michael due to his work with the Club.

Daniel Sliwinski and Sue Penrith are nominated in the Preston Sports Awards. It was agreed to book two tables for the coaches and committee at a cost of £10 per head and subsidised by The Club.

The Committee discussed Dave Fairhurst's new contract. Dave is looking to take the weekends off as his hours surpass his contractual time. The Committee agreed that the coach's should be properly consulted regarding this arrangement before a new contract is agreed.

12/02/08/3 D. Fairhurst contract. Pete Mason

10. Next Meeting

Meeting finished at 9.00pm. The date of the next meeting will be March 11th 2008

Number	Action	Owner	Progress	Status
	SWIM 21 *****		Mission Accomplished	
10/0707/1	Photographs for Water Polo B/boys/girls	Myles	Myles to progress	

10/07/07/2	/Swimming Event	PM		
11/12/07/2	Cheaper rates in Gym	PM	progressed	
12/02/08/1	Notice for Gym Membership	CB		
12/02/08/2	Speak to J Khan State of balcony	P.M		
12/02/08/3	Chief Coach's Contract	PM		