

PRESTON SWIMMING CLUB

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

Present

<i>President</i>	J. Pratt
<i>Chairman</i>	P. Mason
<i>Vice Chair</i>	G McLauchlan
<i>Hon. Sec.</i>	C. Billington
<i>Swimming Sec</i>	J. McGinty
<i>Publicity</i>	M. Kitcher
	J. Holden
	D. Fairhurst
	P. Todd
	P. Barton
	I. Parker
	J. Smith
	D. Graveson
	J. Jackson

Apologies

<i>Synchro Sec</i>	S. Todd
<i>Biathlon</i>	A. Sinclair
	K. Pool
<i>M'ship Sec</i>	D. De Nooijer
<i>W/P Sec.</i>	P. Bailey
<i>Treasurer</i>	A. Bradshaw

2.Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed Paul Todd

Seconded Myles Kitcher

3. Matters Arising

(Please also refer to the action sheet)

Free use of the pool was confirmed by Pete.

John is finding out more information regarding the France Gala.

Sponsorship of £2,000 has been received from Forbes Solicitors with a receipt now needed. Pete has been looking into the 'Match Sponsorship' though it is more likely to be put into place next year.

The Sponsorship dead will be put on the website.

The fund raising evening on November 8th will be £10 per head with 250 tickets to be sold.

Some discussion arose regarding the additional pool time, Pete Mason pointed out that Club swimming are owed lost time. The allocation will be discussed by the coaches and brought back to committee.

Swimming criteria's are to be given out to swimmers.

4. Correspondence

Pete read out a message from Daniel Sliwinski's family

A communication was passed from the leisure centres concerning the strike. Training will take place if the leisure centre is open and/or if access can be obtained without breaking any terms of the strike.

The website will be updated to include The Clubs sponsors.

5. Galas

Invite gala on Saturday 5th July at West View.

The gala was a resounding success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone with the highlight being the coaches race with Preston Coaches Steve Heaps, John McGinty, Stuart Cutler and Ian Laurence stealing the show.

The gala gave an opportunity to run the software system which encountered some problems.

It was agreed that The Club should attempt to run this as an annual event and possibly as a licensed meet. The Committee recognised that running a licensed meet would have to take more planning to allow for the numbers of swimmers held on the poolside.

One concern was for the car parking; Christine suggested that a local school could be contacted to provide car parking facilities.

£380 was taken on the day with the charge being £2 per adult spectator.

The Committee extended its thanks and congratulations on such a successful event.

Paul Todd requested agreement to the rules for the upcoming internal Galas

All Agreed.

A charge of £2 will be made for entry into the L&G Gala

The Creative UPVC gala entries will be charged at £1.50 per event.

It was agreed that winners of the L&G will now be presented at the Annual Celebration Evening, whilst this caused some concern due to time and numbers it was decided that a bigger venue be sought.

6 Reports

6.1 Swimming Report (Chief Coach)

Seven swimmers attended the Bangor Meet who performed very well with 65 swims, 40 top 8 places of which 4 of these were new meet records.

I have reviewed and changed the squads' criteria for the new season.

The North Lancs team were promoted and finished well with another victory completing at 4 out of 4 first place wins.

The Sharks finished in 2nd place and will now compete in the final in September with the Seals still with an outstanding gala to swim.

Preston Swimmer James Radcliffe earned his first GB International honours when he was selected to compete in Toulouse for the annual 5KM open water event and finished 4th in his age group.

As previously discussed the invitation gala at West View was well supported and I know having spoken to coaches and parents from the other clubs they all said what a fun gala and requested us moving on and running it as a level 3. This area is deprived of this level of competition and the financial gains from running such would be very good.

As discussed the extra hour on a Saturday at West View will be reviewed to how best to utilise the extra time.

6.2 Minutes of Coaches Meeting

On File

6.3 Water Polo Report

No Report.

6.4 Treasurer's Report

Ian is going through the standing orders and identifying those not paying or not paying enough. The payment to Thomas Amos will be cancelled.

6.5 Membership Secretary's Report

No Report

6.6 Publicity Officer's Report

Publicity will be covering the upcoming galas including the Nationals

Pictures for Forbes as Sponsors will be arranged.

6.7 Synchronised Secretary's Report

No Report

6.8 Biathlon Report

7. Sub-Committees

7.1. Fundraising Sub-Committee

George expressed his disappointment at the lack of support at the recent Gallica fund raising event, he questioned the support given by The Club to encouraging swimmer participation and the fact that no coach attended the event.

Pete replied that he had put everything into place, Christine had organised publicity on the website, handed out flyers to parents/swimmers with the same being given out at Fulwood.

George stated that he felt that the event could have been more verbally encouraged by the coaches to obtain a better and more club generated turn out. He felt that an enjoyable and potentially good money spinner had been wasted.

The Club will endeavour to continue to support events and actively encourage participation, it was however pointed out that the event had been an individuals choice.

The Committee congratulated those who took part.

7.2 Events and Social Sub-Committee

The event planned for November will be publicised on the return from the summer break.

.8A.O.B

Ian Parker will cost out a new sound system for future galas.

Paula is still looking into new costumes for the club and teams. She is looking at training and also racing costumes.

The Committee were asked if they would consider subsidising the cost to swimmers in teams. This was not agreed but may be considered.

9. Next Meeting

Meeting finished at 8.30pm. The date of the next meeting will be September 9th 2008

Number	Action	Owner	Progress	Status
18/3/08/1	Small Pool/water polo	PM		
18/3/08/5	gala in France	JM		
8/4/08/1	Asa membership	PM		
13/5/08	Racing Dives/A.S.A	CB		

