

## PRESTON SWIMMING CLUB

### Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday June 12th 2007 at Fulwood Leisure Centre

#### **Present**

<i>President</i>	J. Pratt
<i>Chairman</i>	P. Mason
<i>Vice Chair</i>	J. McLeish
<i>Hon. Sec.</i>	C. Billington
<i>Treasurer</i>	A. Bradshaw
<i>M'ship Sec</i>	D. De Nooijer
	J. Holden
	J. Jackson
	J. McGinty
	I. Fielding
	J. Smith
	D. Graveson
	D. Fairhurst

#### *Apologies*

<i>Synchro Sec</i>	S. Todd
<i>Swimming Sec</i>	P. Todd
<i>Biathlon</i>	B. Haggerty
<i>Water Polo</i>	S. Davison
	M. Chestnut
	K. Poole
	A. Rainford

*It was noted prior to the meeting that Alison Rainford had been involved in an accident on West View Car Park that morning. All wished Alison a speedy recovery.*

#### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Date of next meeting should have read 12<sup>th</sup> June

Proposed Jim McLeish

Seconded Angela Bradshaw

#### **3. Matters Arising**

*(Please also refer to the action sheet)*

The lifeguard situation is being addressed with an upcoming course.

Peter Mason attended the meeting with Jimmy Khan and discussed various issues including additional links with Preston Swimming Club and extension to the links already established such as the provision of teaching to the public. These matters will be re-addressed in relation to cost effectiveness in the event of them being agreed.

Jimmy Khan has also agreed to The Club having 5 free days at West View to raise awareness of swimming.

Peter reached an agreement with Jimmy Khan regarding additional time for Water Polo; no cost has been agreed as yet.

Angela now has most of the swimming registers and will be updated of swimmers movements.

Additional cover for Julie Smith on Friday nights is being sorted out though the finishing time of the session needs to be agreed as there is some confusion as to whether it finishes at 9.30pm or 10.00pm.

The criteria for Club Swimming also needs to be addressed, Dave Fairhurst is in the process of preparing a criteria for consideration.

#### ***Action 12/2/07/1 Dave to prepare criteria for Club Swimming***

Christine has requested the pictures for the sponsors but has not yet received them.

The meeting for parents regarding the balcony closure was held. The balcony will remain closed to parents.

#### **4. Correspondence**

Peter has received a letter from the ASA regarding the Ruth Van Mierlo complaint. (on file) Matter to be addressed in the item 5.

A letter from Zara was read out to The Committee; due to family commitments she can no longer do the desk at Fulwood.

Margaret has agreed to help out with the desk and Christine will attend up until the summer closure to help out.

Peter has received verification from Lottery Funding that funding can be re-directed to different courses.

A letter from the Howarth family was read out thanking The Club for their recognition of Paul Howarth by way of the Water Polo trophy. The Howarth family were unable to attend the presentation evening and will be invited to attend next year.

Sarah has contacted Peter and offered to pay back part of the telephone bill. The contract for the phone is being looked into for a better rate.

#### **5. Update on Complaints**

The letter from the ASA was in response to the apology from Dave Fairhurst to Ruth van Mierlo. The ASA felt that the apology was one of the best they had seen and subsequently upheld Daves' apology though encouraged the meeting with Fran Leighton, a mediator of the ASA. Peter Mason has been unable to contact Fran Leighton and has sought advice from the ASA. John McGinty may have the correct contact number and will pass it to Peter.

There has been no response from Bill Haggerty regarding the complaint from Dave Fairhurst over an incident at West View. Peter is to write to Bill again.

A panel meeting has been set up to address a complaint of bullying.

A further complaint is still in process though the situation has been monitored from the onset of receiving the complaint. The complaint took on 2 aspects with the involvement of another party entering the male changing room, this has not re-occurred but it was felt that a letter should go out to the person/persons concerned.

*Action 12/6/07/2 Peter to speak with Paul Watson/letter to Clarkson family*

#### **6. Swim 21**

Julie Jackson, Ian Jackson, Ian Parker and Sarah Darragh met with Pauline Peck and subsequently the Swim 21 pack has been accepted and is awaiting submission for July. This submission is subject to the completion of a few more tasks which are due to be forwarded in the next two weeks. If the target is to be met full co-operation from the committee is needed.

Included in the tasks are licensing of Dave Fairhurst. At this present time there is only Dave with the credentials to be licensed, these credentials area a current CRB form (within the last 6 months), child protection and Equity of Sport. We need evidence that The Club is working towards the ASA licensing scheme. A copy of the licence letter needs to be submitted. Pauline Peck is aware that this may take longer than 2 weeks it needs to be done as quickly as possible.

A key member of The Club needs to undergo the 'Managing your Club' CPD course. Funding for this from the course grants may be a problem but his is a requirement of Swim 21.

All committee members who have CRB clearance are requested to provide Julie Jackson with their certificate number which is on the top right hand corner.

The Committee agreed that any costs relating to Swim 21 by way of courses etc would be covered by The Club.

## **7. Reports**

### **7.1 Swimming Report (Chief Coach)**

#### ***2007 Inter-Association-Blackpool Palatine Pool***

The North Lancashire Team was made up from swimmers from our district based on results from the North Lancs Age Groups Championships in January. Preston Swimming Club was once again the club with the highest number of swimmers to represent North Lancs with 21 swimmers being selected and a further 7 swimmers selected as reserves. That is 28 swimmers out of 71 yet again providing the backbone of the North Lancs Team.

The team did fantastically well regaining The Trophy they won last year by beating Liverpool and District by 144 points. Preston swimmers walked away with a huge P.B. rate (approximately 75%) and won a total of 5 gold, 3 silver and 9 bronze medals. The swimmers deserve a huge amount of praise for their swims against very stiff competition.

The Committee congratulated the swimmers and also Steve Heaps on his success along with Alan Harper as coaches for the North Lancs Team.

#### ***North West Region 2007 Age Group Championships –Manchester Aquatic Centre***

Over the weekends of 2/3 June and 9/10 July the North West Region Age Group Championships took place at the Aquatic Centre Manchester. This competition is for Boys aged between 10 and 14 years and girls aged between 10 and 13 years. All Swimmers must gain qualifying times prior to entering these championships. The standard is very high indeed and once again Preston Swimming Club swimmers put in some fabulous performances.

In the girls 10 year old age group Preston had 3 young ladies competing at this level for the first time and all 3 of them had a marvellous meet. Katie Mawdsley has been making excellent progress over the past 12 months and was rewarded for all her hard work with a bronze medal in the 100m freestyle. She also finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the 200m freestyle, 9<sup>th</sup> in the 100m backstroke and 15<sup>th</sup> in the 200m Backstroke. Abby Huartson also had some strong top 10 places finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100m and 200m Breaststroke, 7<sup>th</sup> in the 200m Individual Medley, 11<sup>th</sup> in the 100m Backstroke, 15<sup>th</sup> in the 100m Freestyle, 16<sup>th</sup> in the 200m Backstroke and 17<sup>th</sup> in the 200m Freestyle. Abbie Kitcher also had an excellent first Regional Championships and posted top ten finishes coming 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100m Freestyle, 9<sup>th</sup> in the 100m Backstroke and 200m Freestyle and 15<sup>th</sup> place in the 200m Backstroke. The girls also performed fantastically well in the BAGCAT positioning with Huartson finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place, Mawdsley in 13<sup>th</sup> place and Kitcher in 15<sup>th</sup> place.

The 11 year old girls saw Georgia Barton also competing in her 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Competition and again she relished the challenge qualifying for 3 events she made all the finals and had fantastic swims in the finals to earn 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 100m and 200m Freestyles and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 400m Freestyle. She also finished the season just missing the National Qualifying time in the 100m Freestyle by under a second.

The 11 year old boys saw Cameron Austin have an absolutely phenomenal 2 weekends. Cameron warmed up for the Nationals in 6 weeks with a total of 11 swims achieving 8 silvers, 1 Bronze and two other top ten finishes. His silver medal performances were in the 100m and 200m Butterflies, 200m and 400m Freestyles, 100m and 200m Backstrokes and 200m and 400m Individual Medleys. His Bronze came by way of the 100m Freestyle and he also gained 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 100m Breaststroke and 8<sup>th</sup> place in the 200m Breaststroke. Jack Smith continued his amazing progress since joining PSC by gaining himself top ten finishes in every event he qualified for just missing out on the medals and finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place on the 200m Individual Medley and the 100m Breaststroke, 5<sup>th</sup> places were achieved in the 100m Backstroke and 200m Breaststroke, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100m and 400m Freestyle, 7<sup>th</sup> in the 100m Butterfly and 9<sup>th</sup> in the 200m Freestyle. This gave Jack a weekend he should be very proud of.

The 12 year old girls saw Charlotte Sinclair come away with a huge PB in her favoured 200m Breaststroke finishing in 13<sup>th</sup> place. The 12 year old boys also saw very good performances from Matthew Greenslade swimming well in his events of 200m and 400m Freestyles and the 200m Individual Medley gaining good PB's along the way. Matthew Clarkson swam an excellent 100m Backstroke finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> place. He also gained long course PB's in his other events proving his continued progress.

The 13 year old girls of Abbe Fielding and Bethany Shaw produced some excellent PB's over the course of the competition. Fielding swam the 200m and 400m Freestyle and an excellent 200m Individual Medley showing she can compete well at this level. Shaw has some excellent top ten

finishes coming 9<sup>th</sup> in the 100m and 200m Freestyle, 10<sup>th</sup> in the 800m Freestyle and the 400 Individual Medley, 13<sup>th</sup> 400m Freestyle and 18<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Individual Medley again showing her progression over multi discipline swims. The 13 year old boys of Jack Holden, who had an excellent PB in the gruelling 800m Freestyle finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> position and Mitiku Turnbull who swam the 100m Freestyle both showed that they too have the ability to compete at this level.

14 year old Dean Heaps, competing in his last age group competition before he moves up to youths next year, made the final in his favoured 200m Breaststroke and finished in an excellent 6<sup>th</sup> place. He also gained top ten finishes in the gruelling 800m and 1500 Freestyle finishing in 8<sup>th</sup> place in both events, 9<sup>th</sup> in the 100m Breaststroke and 15<sup>th</sup> in the 200m and 400m Freestyle gave Dean a pleasing championship. Also in the 14 year old boys John Rainford had a top 10 finish in the 100m Breaststroke and came 11<sup>th</sup> in the 200m Breaststroke. John also produced some good swims in the 100m and 400m Freestyles and the 200m Individual Medley in his last year as an age group swimmer.

3 other swimmers took part in this year's championship representing their squad Gallica and posted some fabulous swims. They also helped make Gallica the top squad at the championships.

The Committee congratulated all the swimmers and coaches on their success.

### ***Swim Camp***

Dave requested that The Club should pay for his place on the swim camp. Pete and Christine expressed their opinion that the camp should be self funding and that the fund raisers were to be arranged to subsidise the coaches attending. Julie Jackson stated that organising a swim camp was part of achieving swim 21.

Christine asked how many coaches were attending the camp per ratio of swimmers; John McGinty replied that there were enough per ratio.

After further discussion it was agreed to pay for Dave to attend the camp.

Sarah has some information about a CPD course in Fleetwood with 8 coaches interested. The Committee agreed to fund any training if not covered by exterior funding.

### **7.2 Minutes of Coaches Meeting**

On file

### **7.3 Water Polo Report**

No Report

### **7.4 Treasurer's Report**

Angela informed The Committee that fees cannot be paid by standing order. It was unclear if all the swimmers in teaching were aware of the fee rise. This will be addressed on the desk in the forthcoming weeks.

### **7.5 Membership Secretary's Report**

Diane reported that her PC is now back up and running. There are 40 new members with additional memberships to be sorted on the Fulwood desk.

Diane made a request that a new water polo player be allowed a reduced fee due to circumstances. It was agreed that a fee of £5.00 per month be paid.

Via a communication from Alison there is a possibility that the leisure centres will be installing turnstiles. Consideration will have to be given to PSC members being able to access the leisure centres in the event of this happening.

### **7.6 Publicity Officer's Report**

No report.

Articles have been appearing in the Evening Post and on the website.

Christine is to contact Diane regarding National Time photographs and a North Lancs Team photograph.

### **7.7 Synchronised Secretary's Report**

No Report

### **7.8 Biathlon Report**

Jim McLeish informed The Committee on the recent success of the Biathlon Nationals. Christine requested a list of achievements.

### **8. Sub-Committees**

#### **8.1. Fundraising Sub-Committee**

Karen Pool has organised a bag packing for the Saturday between Christmas and New Year.

A Quiz night has been organised to raise funds for the swim camp.

#### **8.2 Events and Social Sub-Committee**

A summer day of fun is being held at Andy Bradshaw's house on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Posters are to be made and put on the website and boards. Tickers will be £5.00 per person and £20.00 per family.

Peter is arranging a joint soccer/swimmer evening event at The Grasshoppers on the 2nd November. The evening will provide a meal and entertainment at a cost of £25.00 per head.

### **9A.O.B**

Ian and Tracy Fielding have agreed to sort out the Bert Brookes/Sprint Gala.

There has been a lack of volunteers to take on organising The Club Championships. John McGinty offered to get the applications forms out and will request them off Paul Todd.

Christine will prepare notices/letters for sponsorship during the summer break

Christine congratulated Julie Jackson on the Shrimps Gala. The day had been a success and extremely child friendly with a dressed up bear. Dave Fairhurst commented on the rapport from the swimmers in squads 1/2 during the gala presentation which the parents of the young swimmers had enjoyed and a notable PR for the club in general.

It was agreed to purchase T Shirts for the National Swimmers and Dave Fairhurst.

There is some concern over communication with parents which could be leading to a drop in helpers etc. This is to be looked into with a view to have regular meetings and such as a newsletter. Consideration to moving the notice board at Fulwood was also suggested.

### **10. Next Meeting**

Meeting finished at 9.30pm. The date of the next meeting is scheduled to be on July 10<sup>th</sup>

Number	Action	Owner	Progress	Status
<b>11/04/06/2</b>	<b>Costing of camera</b>	<b>JM</b>	<b>urgent</b>	
13/02/07/4	Sub Committee for Competitions	CB		
13/03/07/1	Pictures/letters to sponsors	CB		
13/03/07/2	Van Micro/ASA letter to be sent	PM		
17/04/07/2	Help for Sara/website/notice board	CB/JJ		
8/05/07/1	Lifeguards on poolside	PM		
8/05/07/2	Friday night cover/club swimming	PM/DF		
8/05/07/3	SWIM 21 ONGOING ITEM	PM others		
12/06/071	Criteria for Club Swimming	DF		
12/06/07/2	Complaint re CF.	PW. PM		