

PRESTON SWIMMING CLUB

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 8 June 2010 at West View Leisure Centre

Present:

President J Pratt
Chairman P Mason
Treasurer/ I Parker
Mem. Sec.
P Todd
C Salisbury
S Heaps
M Kitcher
J Jackson
J Holden
K Kinder
K Ryding
P Barton
Secretary S Field

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from P Bailey, S Wallbank, G McLauchlan and S Todd

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 18 May were approved

Proposed: P Mason
Seconded: I Parker

3. Matters arising

Diving blocks at Fulwood: Gallica were making inquiries with a view to obtaining better quality blocks at a similar price. Once purchased, the new blocks would be used at West View and the blocks currently in use would be moved to Fulwood.

Ropes : K Parker is dealing with these. Martin Wilson will make temporary repairs. Coaches to advise Ian Parker as to which ropes they prefer.

4. Correspondence

None received.

5. Update re. Gallica and PCC

Nothing to report.

6. Reports

6.1 Swimming Report inc Teaching

6.2 Head Coach's report

NORTH WEST REGION YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010: We had 6 swimmers representing the club at this years regionals.

Some good performances in very stiff competition, the swimmers are improving all the time which is very pleasing. I was extremely pleased with the professionalism the swimmers showed in all aspects of the championships. My Thanks to the coaches who have worked tirelessly to prepare the swimmers for this event?

The swimmers who attended gained some good pb times and good placings at extremely stiff competition indeed.

JACK HOLDEN 15/16 YRS AGE GROUP

9th 400 F/C

17th 100 F/C

13th 200 F/C

MARK TOOTILL 17/18 YRS AGE GROUP

23rd 100 F/C

6th 100 B/C

9th 100 FLY

17th 50 F/C

LAURA JOYCE 14/15 YRS AGE GROUP GROUP

15th 200 B/C

24th 100 B/C

OLIVER WALKER 15/16 YRS AGE

2nd 50 BR/S SILVER MEDAL

3rd 100 BR/S BRONZE MEDAL

16th 200 IM

DEAN HEAPS 17/18 YRS AGE GROUP GROUP

6th 50 BR/S

1st 200 BR/S GOLD MEDAL

1st 100 BR/S GOLD MEDAL

JOHN RAINFORD 17/18 YRS AGE

8th 50 BR/S

7th 100 BR/S

2010 INTER-ASSOCIATION COMPETITION.

This year the Inter-association competition was held at the Castle Leisure Centre, Bury.

Preston swimming club provided a record number of swimmers for the North Lancs team. In total there were 30 swimmers from PSC asked to represent their district in this year's competition. The swimmers did fantastically well and were the main reason we managed to hold off Liverpool by just 4½ points to win this years Inter association comp.

Our swimmers won a phenomenal number of medals, 25 in total 10 Bronze; 2 Silver & 13 Gold. We also had 5 swims that resulted in National Qualifying times & 1 new National swimmer. Congratulations to Dominic Walker who swam 5 seconds under the NQT for the 12yrs 200 Back.

- MATTHEW GREENSLADE - BRONZE IN 200 FC; 200 BC; 400 FC
- KATHRYN GREENSLADE - BRONZE IN 100 & 200 BC
- ANDREW DAVISON - GOLD IN 50 BRS & 200 IM; SILVER IN 50 FC
- BRANDON KINDER - BRONZE IN 50 BRS & 200 IM
- CAMERON AUSTIN - GOLD IN 200 BRS THIS WAS A NQT; 100 BC THIS WAS NQT
GOLD 200 IM THIS WAS A NQT; 400 FC THIS WAS NQT
SILVER IN 100 FC
- JACK SMITH - SILVER IN 200 BRS; BRONZE IN 200 FLY
- DOMINIC WALKER - GOLD IN 400 FC; 200 FC; 50 BC & 200 BC THIS WAS NQT
BRONZE IN 200 BRS
- SHAUNTELLE AUSTIN - GOLD IN 100 FC; 100 & 200 BRS

In total there was the following from Preston swimmers 10 BRONZE MEDALS 2 SILVER; 13 GOLD 5 NQT's

Final finishing positions

Top Club (Evt.520)

1 North Lancs 600.5

2 LiverpoolDASA 596

3 Cumbria 547

4 Bolton SWPA 523.5

5 North Mids 512

6 Cent Lancs 407

NATIONAL ARENA LEAGUE: After discussions with the coaching staff we have decided to enter a B team into this year's National arena League.

The fee of £50.00 per team has been paid and we will know on the 26th June if our application has been accepted. We have applied to be put into division 2 of the North West Arena League. I will confirm at next meeting.

NATIONAL QUALIFIERS: Dominic Walker has become the most recent swimmer to qualify for this year's national championship. Dominic qualified for the 200m Backstroke in a time of 2:22.79; 5 seconds under the national qualifying time. Dominic becomes the 9th swimmer from our own squad to qualify for this years nationals after Dean Heaps; Oliver Walker; Mark Tootill; in the Youth championships Cameron Austin; Shauntelle

Austin; Brandon Kinder; Robert Hamer; Jack Smith & now Dominic Walker in the Age group category. This gives us a total of 9 National qualifiers so far this season. Added to that our swimmers based at Gallica Georgia Barton; Katie Mawdsley; Jessica Chadwick; James Radcliffe; Justin Austin; Stephanie Slater; Daniel Sliwinski all who have attained nqt's, Preston will be very well represented at Nationals this season.

MICROLEAGUE: Neither team has swam in competition since last report. Both the Sharks & Seals have 1 gala remaining of the regular season.

NORTH LANCS SWIM LEAGUE. Again like micro-league there has been no change since last committee report.

NORTH WEST REGION AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS: The first weekend of the regional age groups took place at Manchester on 5/6th June 2010. Preston has a total of 24 swimmers entered for this years regionals. The first weekend saw Preston come away with a lot of pb's and a lot of good performances. A total of 9 medals were won on the first weekend. Shauntelle Austin led the way with a truly master class in age group swimming. Gold in the 400 IM; 100 BC; 100 FLY and Bronze in the 200 & 400 FC and 200 BRS. Her time in the 100 FLY of 1.05.60 & 400 IM of 5.07 were truly remarkable for a girl so young, she decimated a field of national swimmers in the 100 FLY by 4 seconds.

Other medals were won by Cameron Austin Gold in the 200 FLY in a pb swim of 2.10 & Silver in the 200 IM. Jack Smith had a great swim in the 100 BRS gaining his first nqt in this event and a bronze medal. Brandon Kinder won a silver in the 100 BRS. There were also finals achieved.

Please spare a thought for Lee Reeder. Two weeks ago Lee was a million miles off his nqt in the 200 FLY, last week at Inter-Association he got a 10 second pb to put him within 1½ seconds of the nationals. On Sunday Lee had to swim 2.38.09 to qualify for his 1st ever nationals. He swam a superb race finishing 4th in a quality field in a time of 2.38.10. Yes you have got it he missed his 1st ever nqt by 0.01 seconds. I wish Lee & all our swimmers the best of luck for this weekend. Report on 2nd weekend will appear in next months report.

GENERAL:

- Ian Laurence has started one to one with swimmers & parents of D Squad, this is already having positive feedback from parents. Paul Davison will be starting C squad sessions very soon and I start A squad meeting on 17th June. As explained in previous meetings this is part of the re-structure.
- I had a meeting with the teachers on Sunday 06th June about the re-structure of the Teaching programme. This meeting was great, all the teachers present were very supportive of the changes and all agreed it was the best way to move forward. Letters will be going out to parents very soon explaining the changes we will be making. I will also arrange a Q & A session with the parents for early July.
- As you are all aware I sent you a letter to read and verify for the changes to be made to C & D Squads and also MDS. This will also now be going out very soon and I will also be holding a Q & A session with the parents. I will also have a session with parents of A Squad.
- I have a Q & A session with the parents of B Squad this Sunday at Fulwood re the changes to be made to B Squad.

- I have not been able to have a coaches meeting this month due to competitions but have one pencilled soon. At this meeting the new criteria will be written for A; B; C; D & MDS squads. I will forward these criteria to you via Sue.
- As you can now see things are starting to move forward, I am confident that the changes I am making to the swim programmes will only benefit the swimmers and the club, I will obviously keep you all posted on all aspects of the re-structure.
- I have had a chat at work with Councillor Brian Rollo regarding the possibility of having a swimming gala in Preston. Apparently it has been discussed at council level (Preston twinning committee) that they would like us to arrange a meet with our twinned towns in Europe for the Preston Guild in 2012. I have a contact off Councillor Rollo for a Jurgen Voges. I need to email Jurgen to see if things can get sorted, will keep you posted. I would really like to get this arranged if possible, not only would it be good for the swimmers but great publicity for the club.
- I would like to take the teachers & coaches out for a curry and pint sometime before the summer break as a thank you for all their efforts and support since taking over the Head Coaches role on 01st December 2010. Would the committee agree to help fund this night out as a thank you to their volunteers?

Following presentation of S Heaps' report, discussion took place as to whether or not the club wished to be involved in the proposed Preston Guild Gala in 2012, referred to above. P Mason reported that PCC were prepared to support the cultural side and would assist with accommodation (Myerscough College/UCLAN were possibilities). The Committee agreed to support the gala and to set up a sub-committee to help with the organisation.

The committee agreed to make a contribution of £200 towards the cost of a night out for the teachers and coaches.

6.3 Water polo

SENIORS

The seniors started the season 4 weeks ago with Kendal at home which ended in a 10-8 loss. Though the team played well Kendal were too strong and narrowly took the victory. A week later it was our turn to travel to Kendal. This match ended in a bigger defeat of 8-4. This result was not helped by the team playing poorly. Last week saw the team take on Lancaster University, home and away. The first match ended with a 16-8 home victory which boosted morale and improved team performance. The second game, away, was used more as a training match for the seniors to practice set pieces and the finer points of the game. This proved a positive reaction with a second win of 12-5. The team is training well on Thursdays and the morale within the squad is high. Sunday sessions are still being sorted by the coaching staff. Further league matches are being arranged.

JUNIORS

The juniors have only played one friendly match since the last report. Sunday saw Blackpool juniors travel to Preston. The team managed a 5-5 draw but displayed good skills and knowledge of the game and most of the juniors do take advice from the seniors and older junior players. Steven Davison has enlisted Ben Parker as his assistant who has shown enthusiasm and enjoys coaching the juniors.

Matches against other teams are being arranged for later on in the year.

NOTTINGHAM

18th- 20th June sees Preston Senior Water Polo compete in the Nottingham open water championship. Held every year in Nottingham, 28 men's teams and 12 women's teams compete for the open water championship. As this is a national competition, any men's and women's team can enter, from Liverpool and Manchester national league teams to Newcastle and Bristol regional teams. Group matches are to be played on Saturday and knockout round and the final on Sunday.

The team is looking forward to competing and gaining experience in open water Polo. We are also taking several spectators with us as friends and partners of players are enjoying watching Water Polo. Results of the tournament will be reported at the next meeting.

Volunteer of the year

On a more personal note I would like to thank all committee members, teachers and coaches who put my name forward for the volunteer of the year award for swimming. Last Wednesday I was invited to attend an awards ceremony hosted by Pete Mason and Jimmy Kahn. The night went well, I thoroughly enjoyed receiving the award for my continued dedication to the club. Once again thank you to all who nominated me.

6.4 Treasurer's Report:

Ian Parker spoke about the current financial situation of the Club. It was likely that squad fees would have to be increased next year by £2.00 and the Saturday evening family swim would no longer be available. However, the club was now able to apply for new grants.

Following discussion, it was agreed that in future any of the volunteer teachers wishing to take a course should pay the cost up-front, and then claim reimbursement from the club. In future, for those on level 1 and any qualifications thereafter, the club will reimburse them after 30 hours of teaching (not coaching) time.

P Mason and I Parker will consider restructuring the fees for the different groups. To be discussed at next committee meeting.

6.5 Membership Secretary's Report

None received.

6.6 Publicity Officer's Report

No report submitted. Photos of the Sharks will be taken after the nationals. The 2010 photos of club members will be taken following the Club Championships. M Kitcher will speak to Linotone.

6.7 Synchronised Swimming Secretary's Report

None received.

6.8 Biathlon Report

Cameron (?) Austin had come first in the NW national qualifiers in May. Suzy Billsborrow came second and (both?) will go on to the national finals.

7. Sub-committees

7.1 Fundraising Sub-committee

No report received.

7.2 Events and Social Sub-committee

No report received.

AOB

- The committee agreed unanimously that all Club members, from PMBS and above, must participate in the Club Championships and the Bert Brooks or Sprint Gala. Participation would be optional for all groups below PMBS.
- With reference to the Club Championships taking place on 19 and 21 November, all forms must be in by 24 October. Application forms will be posted on the website ASAP.
- With reference to the Bert Brooks and Sprint Gala, application forms must be received by 12 September
- The city of Preston had submitted a bid to become the European Capital of Sport in 2012. P Mason would be meeting with officials at West View on 2 July to discuss this further.
- Julie Jackson will attend the Friends of Fulwood meeting on 14 June.
- Re. the Senior water polo team, the committee agreed to fund the cost of a match ball (£30) and five new training balls (£20 each). The posts also needed repairing but the team members themselves will be raising the money to purchase these. The committee will consider providing funds for further training balls at a later date, depending on the success of the fundraising, and will match the amount raised for the purchase of hats.
- Summer holiday dates: there will be no training between 26 July and 25 August.

8. Date of next meeting

To be held on Tuesday, 13 July 2010 at 7.30 pm at West View Leisure Centre

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.