

PRESTON SWIMMING CLUB

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday March 18th 2008 at Fulwood Leisure Centre

Present

<i>President</i>	J. Pratt
<i>Chairman</i>	P. Mason
<i>Vice Chair</i>	G Lauchlan
<i>Hon. Sec.</i>	C. Billington
<i>Swimming Sec</i>	J. McGinty
<i>Publicity</i>	M. Kitcher
<i>Water Polo</i>	S. Davison
	J. Jackson
	J. Holden
	D. Fairhurst
	P. Todd
	K. Pool
	P. Barton
	I. Parker
	D. Graveson

Apologies

<i>Synchro Sec</i>	S. Todd
<i>M'ship Sec</i>	D. De Nooijer
<i>Biathlon</i>	A. Sinclair
<i>Treasurer</i>	A. Bradshaw
	J. Smith

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed Paul Todd

Seconded Jill Holden

3. Matters Arising

(Please also refer to the action sheet)

At Dave Fairhurst's request Pete has sorted out the used of West View pool on Wednesday mornings. If Gallica come back to the session the venue could be arranged for Fulwood. As agreed, Synchro will take over the one lane on Monday nights.

At present there are no additional or earlier slots for squads 3-4 at Fulwood during the week.

Discussions are still ongoing with Steve, John and Stuart regarding Dave's contract renewal with regard to covering weekend sessions.

Myles has taken photographs of the Water Polo. He is considering a suitable angle to cover both the new kit and G.B selected water polo swimmers.

The fund raiser is to go ahead in November at Preston Grasshoppers.

The balcony at West View is to be sorted in respect of cleanliness.

Names for the Gym membership are to be collected in (Christine)

4. Correspondence

A letter from Sue Penrith thanking The Committee for her recent award at the presentation evening and nomination to the Preston Sports Awards was read out.

5 Swim 21

Julie is to ring up for the Swim 21 certificate.

6 Reports

6.1 Swimming Report (Chief Coach)

In Dave's absence John McGinty gave a brief overview of the Lancashire Championships held at Manchester.

The Club did extremely well coming 2nd overall with a difference of 9 points. There were many excellent swims with a high percentage of P.B's.

25 1st places, 23 silver, 19 bronze.

Georgia Barton achieved 3 National times, Joanne Cutler 1, Cameron and Justin Austin also achieved National times.

The Club has been unsuccessful in getting into the Rotherham meet due to high demand. The Club is awaiting a refund of cheques.

George asked if there was any other meets being considered. Christine mentioned that Liverpool are holding a level 3 and will pass the information onto the coaches.

John has been told that there could be a chance of 50m pool training at the new pool in Liverpool.

John further reported on the Swim Camp.

The Swim Camp was excellent though the pool temperature was cold and affected the training. Bluewater was very good and I would recommend using it again.

We have been invited to a competition in France later on in the year around November time and I'm considering selecting a team to take part with The Committees agreement to look into this.

Pete pointed out that this should be cost neutral to The Club with a view to fundraising.

The Committee agreed that John should look into attending the Gala.

Action 18/3/08/5 John to look into attending gala in France (action agreed later in meeting and is action 5)

John has spent the weekend with U.C.L.A.N at the games in Sheffield which was a resounding success.

Pete pointed out that the links with U.C.L.A.N. were strong and supported the push for a 50m pool in Preston.

Students are now being encouraged to participate in the community and clubs.

6.2 Minutes of Coaches Meeting

None.

6.3 Water Polo Report

Steve Davison informed The Committee that he was no longer acting as Water Polo Secretary. Steve had spoken to various people prior to the meeting. Steve requested that he leave the meeting.

Mark Molloy submitted his Water Polo report. (on file)

May I take this opportunity to thank the committee for the appointment of myself to the position of Manager/Head Coach to your Water Polo section. I feel I have never been away and would to thank all who have done their best to hold the section together, they have done a good job. I did not submit a report last month as it had only been two weeks since my appointment and I had nothing to report as I was putting together my team to help with the smooth running of this section.

Please find below in Item 2 the new structure of the Water Polo section and the responsibilities of each person, along with the expectations for each area.

Manager/Head Coach-Mark Molloy Responsibilities; I will oversee all sections and actively promote Water Polo within the club and externally. My main coaching function will be the Senior Men's Team but will be at all other sections to assist my other coaches. To communicate with the committee via the Hon. Water Polo Secretary. Uphold a high level of discipline and health and safety at all times. All correspondence both internal and external will be done by myself or by the Preston Swimming Club Hon. Secretary.

Finally to show the highest level of diplomacy and professionalism at all times.

Junior Men's Coach-Paul Bailey Responsibilities: To coach this section, the general welfare and running of this team. To arrange transportation and escort the team to and from matches. To uphold a high level of discipline and health and safety at all times. Regular communicate with the Head Coach. Finally to show the highest level of diplomacy and professionalism at all times.

Ladies Team Coach-Ben Bailey: *Responsibilities:* To coach this section, the general welfare and running of this team. To arrange transportation and escort the team to and from matches. To uphold a high level of discipline and health and safety at all times. Regular communicate with the Head Coach. Finally to show the highest level of diplomacy and professionalism at all times

Hon. Water Polo Secretary-Steven Davison *Responsibilities:* To communicate between the Head Coach and the committee all correspondence relevant to the W.P section of the club. To pass to the Head Coach all relevant correspondence regarding meetings, league entries etc. To arrange matches and referees for the season, to conclude all expenses of travelling referees and claim back through the appropriate claim forms set out by the clubs constitution. To chase players who are not paying fees and to report this to the Head Coach who will in turn STOP these players from entering the water. To communicate with the Match Day Officials Manager regarding the needs for each match. Finally to show the highest level of diplomacy and professionalism at all times.

Match Day Officials Manager-Jacqui Pugh: *Responsibilities:* To communicate with HWPS regarding our match day needs, organise table officials for all matches, arrange table officials and referees refreshments for duration of the match. Ensure all paperwork from the match is correctly documented and given to the appropriate people for processing.

Finally to show the highest level of diplomacy and professionalism at all times.

General Update Training is now starting to take shape with juniors and ladies sharing the pool for now on a Sunday 8-9 and then seniors 9-10. Thursday is a senior only session and I might add that 11 sessions to date are being well supported by all players. The seniors are starting to come together as a team a lot better now and I was quietly confident that we would win our first pre season match against Blackpool which we did 8-4 before getting on the boat to the Isle of Man to take on their National Team. On their return they will prepare for the Brian Walsh Memorial Challenge in Blackpool, this will give us some measure of how the lads are doing in comparison with all the other teams in the North Lancs. League due to start in early April.

The junior men's team is also ready to start playing some friendly matches and I believe there are some in the pipeline with Bolton School and possibly Blackpool. I will tell you more about these in a future report. We are also considering re-entering the Bolton & District League for this season to see how we fair against some very strong teams.

The ladies need some work, although we do have a strong nucleus of players to make a fairly good first seven, we do not have the strength in the back six yet. We do need good lady swimmers from the club to come and try out for water polo, the ladies team is very strong technically and this I can them with Ben. We do need to them to have good fitness and strong swimming ability if we are to get our ultimate goal of Ladies National League.

The mini water polo also needs some work promoting it to the right area of the club; ideally we are looking for swimmers from the likes of our junior squads but no lower than MDS to come down and learn some new aquatic skills and have some fun in the process. This in turn will give us a natural feed into our junior squad and ladies teams. I cannot stress enough that Polo is tough and your swimming ahs to be strong to handle the training. At the moment we have one player Lauren who has just got in the last 16 of the G.B. Junior Ladies team to go to the European Championships, this is a fantastic achievement. We also have no fewer than 4 others that are training in the G.B academy regional training centre based at Manchester. Producing players of this calibre is what we intend to carry on doing, so it is imperative that we get strong swimmers from the squads if we are to achieve this goal.

In order to ensure all areas of the section are functioning correctly we hold a coaches meeting every month, the feedback from the coaches and their opinions will allow me to manage the section better and provide the committee with an insight into how the section is running. I will also meet prior to a committee meeting with the HWPS to provide a report and any communications I need to pass to the committee, for you to action or not as the case may be.

We have decided on a new pool wear for this season, this has now been designed and we will be taking orders very soon from the players and parents. For me looking good together, all wearing the same, is very important as it portrays a image and a high level of professionalism of the club.

May I finish by saying sorry for the length of this report, I am hoping all future reports will be of a shorter nature but just as informative as this one.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mark Molloy

Pete Mason is to look into using the small pool more often for Mini Water Polo

Jill Holden suggested holding a demo match

John McGinty questioned the amount of fees coming in from Water Polo. This has been an ongoing issue for a few years.

Action 18/3/08/1 Pete to look into use of small pool for W.P.

Action 18/3/09/2 Christine to request list of Water Polo players from Mark Molloy

6.4 Treasurer's Report

No report

6.5 Membership Secretary's Report

Most membership forms have been returned now. So far 550 members have renewed their membership. I will chase up the missing membership forms over Easter and hand all renewals over to ASA.

I need registers from all teachers and coaches to ensure that everyone swimming is registered (this includes water polo).

The membership pack needs to be updated in respect of The Clubs achievements.

Action 18/3/08/3 Jill to request information off Dave Fairhurst

Jill requested clarification on the Health forms held by The Club.

It was agreed that a swimmer with a medical condition will have his/her medical form passed to the relevant coach to be held on the Squad File. This information will be available to whoever is taking the squad and any coach covering such squad. All information is on a need to know basis.

The affiliation for University swimmers needs to be confirmed with an appropriate fee paid by the swimmers attending sessions and also membership. Christine suggested that University swimmers attending a couple of times a week could pay £15 per month.

Action 18/3/08/4 Verification of Affiliation??

6.6 Publicity Officer's Report

The Lancashire's are to be reported this week in the L.E.P.

The Seals and Sharks photographs are to be taken on March 30th.

Myles is finding that he is able to sort out the publicity on his own at the moment. The continued use of U.C.L.A.N. will be reassessed later in the year.

6.7 Synchronised Secretary's Report

Shauntelle Austin has been selected for the North West Region Development Squad at the age of 10 years. This will entail attending various sessions.

Alex Todd will be Shauntelle's mentor

Myles will look into doing an article on Shauntelle.

6.8 Biathlon Report

No report

7. Sub-Committees

7.1. Fundraising Sub-Committee

Pete is meeting with a couple of potential sponsors next week and will report back to The Committee

7.2 Events and Social Sub-Committee

The Presentation Evening went well. Monies collected on the night and from ticket sales were just in excess of £1,000 before a £70 deduction for flowers and small sundries.

Matty Hill from Preston North End attended Fulwood Leisure Centre with the younger swimmers.

Letters Discussion arose to charges for Galas. It was agreed that the Shrimps be pay on the door/raffle only with no cost to compete. The Bert Brookes which has been a free entry will now cost £2 per swimmer for all events entered with a charge to be made on the door. The Sprint Gala, held on the same day as the Bert Brookes, will remain at the same cost.

John McGinty is to consider sponsoring the Bert Brooks trophies.

to go out to Phil Walsh, The Mayor, Matty Hill and B.N.F.L.

12A.O.B

Myles requested more stock for the desk at Fulwood. John will replenish the stock.

Pete Mason reported that the Preston Sports Awards had been an excellent evening with Daniel winning and Sue Penrith receiving a commendation.

Paul Todd commented that the runners up had no indication to what sport they were involved in and in what capacity. Pete replied that the matter had been noted and was being addressed.

Daniel will go forward to the Lancashire Sports Awards.

10. Next Meeting

Meeting finished at 9.00pm. The date of the next meeting will be April 8th 2008

Number	Action	Owner	Progress	Status
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	
12/02/08/3	Chief Coach's Contract	PM		
18/3/08/1	Small Pool/water polo	PM		
18/3/08/2	Water Polo Squad List	CB		
18/3/08/3	Update Members Pack/Achievements	JH/DF		
18/3/08/4	U.C.L.A.N. Affiliation	??		
18/3/08/5	gala in France	JM		

