

PRESTON SWIMMING CLUB

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday September 9th 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>Publicity</i>	M. Kitcher
<i>W/P Sec.</i>	P. Bailey
	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>Treasurer</i>	A. Bradshaw
<i>Swimming Sec</i>	J. McGinty

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed Paul Todd

Seconded Myles Kitcher

3. Matters Arising

(Please also refer to the action sheet)

Pete will be attending a meeting on Saturday and will bring up issues ASA. Law regarding the fines imposed on clubs for submitting the membership late.

Paul is still looking into the cost of club costumes. Paul pointed out that the use of the Preston colours and that of the Preston Shield is one only bestowed on Preston North End and Preston Swimming Club.

The crèche at Fulwood is to be used by Preston Swimming Club as an office and shop facility.

Ian is looking into a sound system.

4. Correspondence

Christine was informed during the holidays of the passing of Arthur Robinson, a long standing member of Preston Swimming Club. A donation of forty pounds and a card was sent to the family with some members attending Arthur's Funeral.

5 Galas

John McGinty has requested that the Bert Brookes Gala remain in the same name despite his company being the sponsors.

All Agreed and thanks passed onto John.

Forms are being collected in for the Bert Brooks and The Sprint Gala.

6. Reports

6.1 Swimming Report (Chief Coach)

We had 8 swimmers competing in the Nationals with first class results. 7 competed in the age groups and 1 in the youths.

With 27 swims the pb rate was over 70% with swimmers reaching 17 finals and achieving 3 bronze, 3 silver and 1 gold. The Club finished in 7th position in the points tally for the age groups. In the individual age group categories we achieved 3rd and 6th place.

In the Micro League Final Preston finished in 4th place and I have to say that I was disappointed with the result.

I believe the main reason for this is the lack of quality pool time and if we are to improve we need more pool time as the days of managing on 4 one hour sessions and competing at this level are in the past. Our time compared to Southport 9 year olds training 6 times a week for 1 ½ hours on each session is not enough.

The criteria for levels 1 & 2 for the 2008/9 season has changed and all swimmers have been informed.

I have one swimmer who needs to move from level 3 to 2 but due to attending Stoneyhurst has to compulsory attend school on Saturday mornings and therefore cannot train on Saturday mornings which is compulsory. I would like the committee to agree that I can give exception to this swimmer as I feel that it could frowned upon by other parents

One matter that concerns me is the decline in numbers coming into teaching and coaching. It is becoming increasingly difficult to support both the competitive and teaching programmes and if we continue to lose support I will have no alternative but to cancel sessions. A recruitment drive is urgently needed!

I also wish to re-open the balcony at Fulwood with a meeting with all the parents regarding appropriate respect for the coaches whilst training is on.

My last concern lies in the remuneration for coaches and teachers which most clubs appear to be addressing.

Dave Fairhurst

The issues raised by Dave were duly discussed, Pete is to speak to Jimmy Khan to try and acquire more pool time.

It was agreed that the swimmer not able to attend Saturday mornings be allowed to move to Level 2, it was agreed that the coaches can always used discretion in certain circumstances.

The balcony will be re-opened.

The Committee will be looking into remuneration for coaches and teachers, in the meantime all coaches and teachers must claim any expenses incurred by them.

Action 9/9/08 Pete, Julie, Ian, Steve, Angela, George to attend a meeting to discuss monies coming in and remuneration.

6.2 Minutes of Coaches Meeting

On File

6.3 Water Polo Report

While the swimmers and our juniors have been off the Water Polo section has still been working hard through the summer recess. Since my last report we have played 4 games winning all 4, 3 legitimately!

Preston Water Polo beat Fleetwood at home and Blackpool at home, 1 by default with Burnley away. We travelled Burnley but they did not field a team or supply a referee so I have informed the North Lancs. Hon. Secretary that we will take the point for this game by default on Burnleys behalf. This now puts us in a very good position at the top of the North Lancashire League with only one game to go against Burnley at Fulwood very soon.

This takes us back to earlier in the season when we beat Lancaster for the first time in 22 years, winning this game will mean that this will be the first time Preston have won this title for a lot longer than 22 years.

I am going to search through the record books to find out exactly when, for when we win!!!

All our fixtures for the North West League are now in, this will be a whole different ball game to the North Lincs. League. It is going to be tough with some very tough teams taking part, we really have to play out of our skins if we are to win any games in this league. That is not to say we will not play our best and take as many scalps as we can. We only entered this league to gain experience of Water Polo at a higher level and use it as a learning curve. When we win our last game in the NLL it will give our players a real boost in confidence and moral to take forward to the NWL.

With all the other sections taking a break I have nothing to report on these areas of the squad.

We also last month made the official hand over of our team shirt to our Mascot baby Lewis. Lewis is one of the players son's who I told you about in a previous report. He suffers from EB and we intend over the rest of the season and indefinitely to raise the profile of this condition in children.

Mark Molloy

Pete congratulated all the Water Polo on their success

6.4 Treasurer's Report

No report

Monies from the Gallica sponsored swim were passed over to Pete to hand to Angela.

All swimmers who took part in the sponsored swim were thanked by The Committee.

Pete Mason, after discussion proposed that the coaches with children in swimming should not pay swimming fees.

All Agreed.

6.5 Membership Secretary's Report

No Report

It is likely that Sara Darragh may take over the role as membership secretary with a view to linking into Ian's role.

6.6 Publicity Officer's Report

I have taken the photograph for the National Swimmers and will be reporting on the Sharks final. I will also be arranging publicity for the Water Polo section.

Myles Kitcher

6.7 Synchronised Secretary's Report

No Report

6.8 Biathlon Report

No report.

7. Sub-Committees

7.1. Fundraising Sub-Committee

Pete has received Five hundred pounds from the Mayor for disability swimming.

Money is to be made available to employ a person or persons. The sum is to possibly be 14, 000 pounds.

There is to be an auction during the evening. Christine, Karen, Alison and George will sell tickets.

7.2 Events and Social Sub-Committee

Tickets are to go on sale for the Stars in Your Eyes night in November. The cost is to be 450 pounds with ticket sales @ 10 pounds each to cover the cost and hopefully see funds raised.

Christine will put up posters and send one to the website.

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Interest in a 50 metre pool for Preston is gathering momentum with sites being discussed and external businesses showing interest. Preston City Council, Preston College, UCLAN and Swimnorthwest are also backing the incentive.

Lord Sebastian Coe is to visit Preston on September 23rd and will be meeting with Pete Mason, Rob Greenwood, Dave Fairhurst and various other people. It is hoped that his visit will be lend its support to Preston getting a 50metre pool. 10 Preston swimmers will be meeting Lord Coe along with Gallica swimmers.

It was suggested by people exterior to The Cub that Preston Swimming Club should included the word City in its name. This will have to be proposed at the AGM.

Jenna Huartson has requested payment back for a Lifeguards course. This was agreed by The Committee.

9. Next Meeting

Meeting finished at 8.30pm. The date of the next meeting will be October 13th at Fulwood Leisure Centre.

Number	Action	Owner	Progress	Status
13/5/08	Racing Dives/A.S.A	CB		
	Sound System	IP		
9/9/08	Meeting for Remuneration	Various		