

Peak and Plain

Minutes of the meeting 26th Jan 2016

Meeting held at Knutsford Leisure centre

Present:

Alan Jones (Knutsford)
Jeanette Williams (Chester)
Phil Balcombe (Northwich)
Pauline Busby (Wilmslow)
Dave Gittins (Dane Valley)
Russ Crawford (Nantwich Seals)
Bob Bolton (Trafford)
Carolyn Cowburn (Sandbach)

Apologies:

Wendy Wyatt (Alsager)
Gary Mitchel (Knutsford)
Pointon Dippers.

Gala Program

The new gala program which is an adaptation of the Arena Minor league was presented and approved by all. The age groups will be 10&U, 12&U, 14&U, 15 and over. There will be no upper age limit. Mixed relays must have at least one member of each sex, 2,2 would be preferable but 1,3 is allowed.

Each competitor is allowed:

2 individual events in own agegroup and 1 swim up. (over 15 can swim 3 if it includes the IM)
any number of relays.

A maximum of swims 5.

Event 1 Girls 10&U 50 Breast
Event 2 Boys 10&U 50 Breast
Event 3 Girls 14&U 50 Back
Event 4 Boys 14&U 50 Back
Event 5 Girls 12&U 50 Fly
Event 6 Boys 12&U 50 Fly
Event 7 Girls 15&O 100 Free
Event 8 Boys 15&O 100 Free
Event 9 Girls 10&U 50 Back
Event 10 Boys 10&U 50 Back
Event 11 Girls 14&U 50 Fly
Event 12 Boys 14&U 50 Fly
Event 13 Girls 12&U 50 Free
Event 14 Boys 12&U 50 Free
Event 15 Girls 15&O 100 Breast

Event 16 Boys 15&O 100 Breast
Event 17 Mixed 10&U 100 Medley
Relay
Event 18 Mixed 14&U 200 Medley
Relay
Event 19 Mixed 12&U 100 Medley
Relay
Event 20 Mixed 15&O 200 Medley
Relay
Event 21 Girls 10&U 25 Fly
Event 22 Boys 10&U 25 Fly
Event 23 Girls 14&U 50 Free
Event 24 Boys 14&U 50 Free
Event 25 Girls 12&U 50 Breast
Event 26 Boys 12&U 50 Breast
Event 27 Girls 15&O 100 Back
Event 28 Boys 15&O 100 Back
Event 29 Girls 10&U 50 Free
Event 30 Boys 10&U 50 Free
Event 31 Girls 14&U 50 Breast
Event 32 Boys 14&U 50 Breast
Event 33 Girls 12&U 50 Back
Event 34 Boys 12&U 50 Back
Event 35 Girls 15&O 50 Fly
Event 36 Boys 15&O 50 Fly
Event 37 Mixed 10&U 100 Free Relay
Event 38 Mixed 14&U 200 Free Relay
Event 39 Mixed 12&U 200 Free Relay
Event 40 Mixed 15&O 200 Free Relay

Bob Bolton proposed an amendment to the scoring which would change swimouts to Zero points (from lowest available), this was agreed.

The proposed changes to the scoring were agreed:

- Swimmers that finished in under the cut off time are presented with an Achievers/Speeding ticket.
- The fastest swimmer with a time exceeding the cut off time is awarded the winners certificate.
- Points are awarded 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for first, second etc place (after the removal of swimmers with speeding tickets) swimmers that receive a speeding ticket receive 0 - ZERO Points.

The presented cut off times which represented Cheshire entries + 10% were deemed to be too aggressive. AJ to adjust to Cheshire times and resubmit.

Note: further amendments have been suggested since the meeting and will be taken into account.

League Format

The league will be run as two divisions: for this year the two divisions will be formed from:

Northern:

Trafford, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Northwich, Pointon

Southern:

Alsager, Sandbach, Nantwich, Chester, Dane Valley.

At the end of the year two will move from one division to the other: At the time of writing the minutes it became clear that this is an issue - how can this be done, both divisions are equal! Could we take the points from both divisions and split the clubs 50/50? Can we take the final gala points to determine the two leagues.

Affiliation Fees

The existing league has a reserve of a little over £500, the five original members will be deemed to have contributed £100 each to reflect this.

This years Affiliation fee was agreed to be £150 per club which will leave the league with 500 + 250 (Knutsford, Nantwich, Sandbach, Trafford, Alsager) and 750 (Wilmslow, Chester, Northwich, Pointon and Dane Valley. Totaling 1500.

A series of 5 galas is planned:

2 galas per division and a final combined gala for all clubs.

The pool hire costs are estimated to be ~£200 / gala with the final gala costing slightly more. This commits the league to an outlay of ~£1200 and it was felt that this was sustainable.

ASA fees and Website Hosting fees are expected to be in the region of £170

Galas

The northern league has proposed dates of:

9th April TBC

14th May TBC

4th June TBC

First gala at Northwich or Trafford, second at Wilmslow if possible. Clubs to confirm available dates

Southern League:

12 March Sandbach

23rd April Sandbach

The final gala date is 2nd July, proposed Venue Northwich

Other

Hytek will be used to enter the teams and run the meets.

Two timekeepers per club are required. We will mix timekeepers so that each club has one timekeeper on it's own lane and a visiting timekeeper. This will allow experienced timekeepers to help new enthusiastic volunteers.

Referees and Judges are not to discuss disqualification reports with swimmers, a quiet word with the coach is all that is necessary. ASA swimming rules will be applied but with some common sense applied to give consideration to the younger more inexperienced swimmers.

Hosting clubs will run the door as it is more convenient. Announcers are also to be from the host club but we will ask for volunteers from other clubs. Each club will be asked to provide a judge.

Dave Gittins (Dane Valley) has accepted the position of chair.

Alan Jones (Knutsford) is acting as secretary.

Geoff Hardwick (Sandbach) has kindly agreed to continue as treasurer.

A date was not set for the next meeting: further gala planning is to be done via email, a meeting will be convened if required.