

FENLAND LEAGUE

MINUTES OF FENLAND LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE HUDSON SPORTS CENTRE, WISBECH ON MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 2008 AT 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

Guy Dix (Boston); Mark Nunn & Ashley Johnson (Bottisham); Richard Holt (Cambridge); Pauline Paines (Ely); Sarah Holt (Downham); Chris Shaw (Deepings); Nigel Prouten (Huntingdon); John Lifshack (March); Jane Robinson (The Saxons); Michael Pattern (Wisbech); Roger Adams (Chairman & Peterborough); Glynis Ward (Adjudicator); David Robinson (Secretary).

APOLOGIES:

Chatteris.

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM:

It was proposed by Guy Dix and seconded by Glynis Ward that the minutes of the previous AGM were correct and the Chairman then signed them.

MATTERS ARISING:

The combining of the age groups for the Senior League freestyle relays, introduced for 2008, had meant reworking the order of events and this had worked well. By combining these age groups, this had the additional benefit of reducing the length of what was a very long programme.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The full report attached to these minutes. The treasurer explained the travelling expenses were in relation to him having to travel to the Junior Fenland League gala hosted by Kings Lynn as they were contemplating calling the gala off as they could not get a referee. It was proposed by Nigel Prouten and seconded by John Lifshack that the treasurer's report should be accepted.

The treasurer proposed, that despite there being a loss this year, the affiliation fees for 2009 should remain at £25.00 for Junior League and £10.00 for Senior League. This proposal was carried unanimously.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Attached to these minutes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman: Roger Adams, proposed Nigel Prouten, seconded Michael Pattern, all in favour.

Secretary/Treasurer: David Robinson, proposed John Lifshack, seconded Richard Holt, all in favour.

Adjudicator: Glynis Ward, proposed Nigel Prouten, seconded John Lifshack, all in favour.

CHANGE OF RULES:

- 1) The introduction of 50m breaststroke for the 9-year boys and girls was carried.
- 2) Cut-off times for these events to be two seconds slower than the corresponding 10-year old events.

- 3) The proposal to change 10-year butterfly to 50m was defeated.
- 4) There was a lengthy debate regarding the proposals to penalise clubs for swimming ineligible swimmers as this problem persists year after year. The proposal to fine the offending clubs £10.00 for each ineligible swimmer they swim was defeated after the chairman gave the casting vote. The proposal to deduct two points in the final from a team that swims ineligible swimmers for each event (race) that any ineligible swimmer swims was carried. To assist clubs, although swimmers must still be registered fourteen days prior to the first round galas, it was agreed they could be registered up to three days before any subsequent rounds.
- 5) The proposal that swimmers be registered for the Senior League was defeated. Although there had been a problem this year it was felt this did not warrant a rule change.

DATE OF NEXT AGM:

October 2009, actual date to be fixed at the March committee meeting.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

INCOME

AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2008:	
JUNIOR LEAGUE	
15 x 25.00 ``	375.00
SENIOR LEAGUE	
9 x 10.00	90.00
FINES	80.00

545.00

EXPENDITURE

ASA EAST REGION AFFILIATION	30.00
FINALIST'S TROPHIES	
JUNIOR LEAGUE 2008	113.20
REPAIR JUNIOR LEAGUE TROPHY	34.00
HANDBOOKS	20.00
WEBSITE INCLUDING SET-UP	135.62
HIRE OF ROOM FOR MEETINGS	30.00
REIMBURSEMENTS TO HOST	
CLUBS (CLUBS NOT COMPETING)	80.00
REFEREE TRAVELING EXPENSES	24.00
SECRETARY' EXPENSES	100.00
ADJUDICATORS EXPENSES	100.00

666.82

BALANCE B/F 2006/2007	1019.30
INCOME 2007/2008	545.00

	1564.30

EXPENDITURE 2007/200	666.82
BALANCE C/F 2008/2009	897.48

	1564.30

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2008

Time passes quickly, or so it seems, and another Annual General Meeting has arrived and my 5th year as Chairman of the Fenland League comes to an end. My input to proceedings during the past 12 months had been minimal which has been entirely due to the sterling work of the League Secretary, David Robinson and the League Adjudicator, Glynis Ward. I offer them both my grateful thanks and those of all the Clubs for their commitment and their efficiency

The League, as you know, is divided up into Junior and Senior Sections. Unfortunately, once again, the Junior League has been blighted by Clubs who have regularly 'broken the rules' in respect of unregistered swimmers, overage swimmers and swimmers competing in events in which they had previously broken the cut-off times. This meant that gala results had to be changed and caused additional aggravation to the League Adjudicator which she could well have done without. Clearly this situation is unsatisfactory and the League Secretary had proposed rule changes with a view to remedying this long standing problem and I ask that you give these proposals due consideration.

The Senior League Competition was completed on 20th September 2008 and I congratulate the City of Peterborough SC and Huntingdon SC who won the 'A' and 'B' Finals respectively.

Congratulations also go to City of Peterborough SC, Grantham SC and Huntingdon SC who won the 'A', 'B' and 'C' Finals of the Junior Fenland League Competition (2007) and to the City of Peterborough SC who were the league winners. The final of the Junior League Competition (2008) takes place on Saturday 25th October 2008 and I wish all teams taking part the very best of luck. All Clubs competing should make extra efforts to ensure that all their swimmers are 'legally able to compete' in the finals as the last thing we want is for results to be amended after trophies have been presented.

2008 saw the introduction of the Fenland League Website. The website is a very useful communications tool and I hope Clubs have found this helpful. I thank David Robinson for his initiative in setting this up and for keeping it regularly updated.

Roger Adams
Chairman