

FENLAND LEAGUE

MINUTES OF FENLAND LEAGUE MEETING HELD AT THE HUDSON SPORTS CENTRE, WISBECH ON MONDAY 1st OCTOBER 2007 FOLLOWING THE AGM.

PRESENT:

Delegates from: Boston; Chatteris; Cambridge; Deepings; Huntingdon; Kings Lynn; March; Peterborough; The Saxons; Wisbech; Mr R Adams (Chairman,); Mrs G Ward (Adjudicator); Mr D Robinson (Secretary).

APOLOGIES:

Bottisham; Downham & District; Ely.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

It was proposed by Boston and seconded by March that the minutes of the previous meeting were correct and the Chairman then signed them.

MATTERS ARISING:

Due to a fire at their pool Kings Lynn had been unable to host the second round Senior League gala. Peterborough had taken over the hosting after already hosting a first round gala. Thanks were expressed for this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bottisham have notified the secretary that their home Junior League gala they are due to host on 26th April 2008 would be at the Parkside Pool, warm-up 1810 for 1830 start.

March had written protesting at the fact that the referee at the round two gala hosted by Bottisham was only qualified as a timekeeper and they were unhappy regarding a particular decision in relation to a disqualification. The meeting agreed that the League have no power to intervene regarding decisions of referee's but it was also agreed that the minimum qualification for referee's at Fenland League galas should be at least an experienced judge although if possible the lead referee should be qualified as a referee. The secretary to circulate a flyer at the start of the new season.

A similar protest had been received from the Grantham judge at the gala hosted by Cambridge regarding a disqualification by the referee and the referee's appointment of the official's duties. As the referee in question was a fully qualified national referee the secretary had written explaining the leagues position on protests and that we could not intervene. The judge was not happy with the secretary's explanation but the meeting agreed that the secretary's interpretation of the rules were correct.

An email has been received from a Grantham committee member asking if pool addresses and details could be included in the league handbook. It was agreed this would be a good idea and the secretary asked all delegates to let him have the required details.

Note: two clubs had emailed their details before the secretary had arrived home from the meeting.

A paper produced by the ASA on the running of leagues has been received. It was agreed that this did not require any action by the Fenland League but the secretary would distribute the paper to all delegates so they could check, for example that their own clubs were following the advice for their team managers, as well as other relevant points in the document.

JUNIOR LEAGUE FINALS:

Of the four clubs that had volunteered to host finals, three would be competing in the 'A' Final and the other was Kings Lynn who were unable to host due to the fire. Prior to the meeting the secretary had circulated the clubs that would be swimming in the 'B' and 'C' finals and asking for volunteers to host the galas and Wisbech and March have both volunteered. The Deepings delegate was not able to confirm to the meeting if

their pool was available and although The Saxons were keen to host it was agreed Peterborough would host the 'A' Final as travel wise this would suit more of the participating clubs. Therefore the finals to be hosted as follows:

PETERBOROUGH	'A' FINAL	6.10 – 6.40pm
WISBECH	'B' FINAL	6.10 – 6.30pm
MARCH	'C' FINAL	6.00 – 6.20pm

It was agreed that, as in past years, the lane allocation should be by seeding the teams on their league standings after the round five galas.

Those clubs that had not brought the trophies to this meeting should make arrangements to get them to the appropriate gala.

HOSTS FOR SENIOR LEAGUE 2008:

Peterborough agreed to host a round one gala. Wisbech offered to host the other round one gala subject to it being a five-team gala. The Saxons agreed to host a second round gala but as there were no other volunteers it was decided to wait to see the make up of the galas before seeking a host.

The dates for Senior League 2008 as agreed at the last meeting are:

ROUND ONE - 5 JULY 2008
ROUND TWO – 20 SEPTEMBER 2008

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The adjudicator once more pleaded to all clubs to make sure the team sheets handed in to the recorders table at Junior League galas should include the **FULL NAMES FOR ALL SWIMMERS INCLUDING RELAY SWIMMERS**. This is asked for at every meeting but there are still a few clubs ignoring this request.

As last year, the secretary has produced a declaration sheet that teams must complete regarding the eligibility of their swimmers that compete in the Junior League finals. These sheets are to be handed in to the recorders desk and then returned to the adjudicator. As trophies are awarded to all teams it was stressed that all delegates should ensure the team managers are aware of the importance of making sure they are legal so that the correct team is awarded the correct trophy on the night.

The secretary had updated the list of past officers of the Fenland League.

John Richards of Huntingdon gave approval that the spreadsheets he had compiled for recording Fenland League results could be distributed by the secretary to those clubs that required them. Would all clubs not requiring the old style manual carbonated recording sheets please inform the secretary to ensure these costly sheets are not wasted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 10 March 2008 at The Hudson Sports Centre, Wisbech at 8.00pm.