

Minutes of the Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Junior swimming League

Annual general Meeting held on Sunday 6th October 2024

At Alfreton Leisure Centre

Present: - Cathy Hall, Joe Bailey, Dawn Adsetts, Jeff Pickering, Siobhan Morton, Michelle Bullock, Matt McKeaney, Paul Collins, Bobbie Gordon, Ian Negus, Tom Lyons and Alex McLauchlan.

1 Apologies: - Ralph Shepherd, Kath Needham, Steve Allsop, Ilkeston SC.

2 Minutes of previous AGM: - The minutes were adopted as being correct with the addition to add licensing to the rules.

3 Chairs report: - Joe said the year had been a success, thanking Bobbie and Paul for the way the competition was organised, also thanked Matt, Jeff and Alex, for the work they had done during the year.

It was important that all clubs send qualified officials to the galas, it is important due to the licensing of the galas.

Joe had emailed all clubs inviting them to continue in the league this year, we have 17 clubs which means we have a space available.

4 Treasurers report: - Jeff circulated his report which will be kept on file for anyone to view, the bank balance at 31/08/24 stood at £10,883.13p.

Jeff reported that the cost of some pools was extremely high, highlighting Alfreton which cost £522.00 to hire for a gala, we will have to keep an eye on that in the future.

Joe proposed that the admission fee to galas should be increased to £5 for adults with children admitted free, this was seconded by Jeff, all agreed.

Next year we should consider increasing the team entry to £ 30.

5 Competition officers report: - Paul and Bobbie circulated a comprehensive report which is held on file and will be circulated with the minutes.

They were thanked for the web site which they had set up, and the way the year had been conducted, this year was finding out a lot about things which will be a big help for 2025.

Paul said to bring the rules in to line the Male category will have to be changed to Open/ Male.

A discussion took place on league rules after a question was asked about seeding, Ian mentioned that we could look at doing what the Arena league is doing now, the top 6

clubs of the previous year's competition are seeded from the start, this would have to be brought in as a change of rules, any change of rules must be sent to the league Secretary no later than the 1st September.

Matt McKeaney who did a fantastic job this year finding the main officials for the gala is to continue for next year, Paul commented that he would not be able to continue with the job if he had to find the main officials as well.

The £25 licensing fee was mentioned, all clubs are due to pay this to SE if they participate in Licensed galas.

Jeff said that he did not receive any requests for Referees expenses, even although they can do so.

6 Change of rules: -

The proposal for 3.6 was accepted

All profits from gala's should be paid to the league Treasurer within 14 days of the gala taking place. The host club is responsible to complete the expenses form and return it to the Treasurer within 14 days. In the event of disbandment of the league, any funds remaining shall be devoted to an organization with similar aims, as decided by a meeting of member clubs at that time.

The leagues bank account details should also be displayed in the rules and the web site.

7 Election of officers: -

It was unanimous that the main group of officers be elected en bloc.

Chair: - Joe Bailey.

Past chair: - Ralph Shepherd.

Secretary: - Alex McLauchlan.

Treasurer: - Jeff Pickering.

Competition Secretary: - Paul Collins and Bobbie Gordon.

Committee of five: - Cathy Hall, Siobhan Morton, Michelle Bullock, Tom Lyons and Dawn Adsetts.

Draw for the first round 2025

Gala 1

Lane 1 Long Eaton A

2 Bramcote

3 Hucknall

4 Etwall Eagles

5 Chesterfield

6 Leander

Gala 2

Lane 1 CABSC

2 ?

3 Derby Phoenix

4 Sutton

5 Worksop Dolphins

6 Belper Marlins

Gala 3

Lane 1 Long Eaton B

2 Dronfield

3 Mansfield

4 Ilkeston

5 Derby Excel

6 Sherwood Colliery

AOB: - Matt brought up a problem we have in the Notts leagues where a club asks to change to an outside lane because they have a swimmer who has an illness or disability, and may require close parent attention, after discussion it was decided that the club can swim in an outside lane for one race not the whole gala.

Joe thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting.