

LINCOLN VULCANS SWIMMING CLUB

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on the 8th February 2018 at City of Lincoln Priory Academy

Present: - D. Hendel (chair), C. Hendel (secretary), S. Wilson (treasurer), S. Collett, H. Nicholls, J. Burr, A. ole, D. Kingston, C. Burton, M. Webster and P. Hogg (head coach)

1. Apologies for absence

N. Oldham, A. Oldham and S. Nicholls

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th January 2018

Minutes agreed as a true record proposed by S. Collett and seconded by M. Webb

3. Matters arising

Named swim hats for those that placed an order has been submitted.

New kit is due to arrive tomorrow and will be distributed as soon as possible.

Still waiting on confirmation that the starting equipment has been repaired once this is received then the light for the equipment can be ordered.

4. Treasurers report

Bank balances where produced by the treasurer and agreed.

DK asked if it was worth putting some funds from the savings account into a higher interest account – SW said this had been discussed before but as we need to have the funds available there isn't a great benefit to transfer to a higher interest account.

Discussion took place around current squad fees and fairness amongst all squads with regards to payments.

SW explained how last year's fees based on the per session basis had been calculated whilst also trying to be equal across the number of sessions in relation to payments.

The income generated from squad fees is used for pool-hire costs, salaries, expenses and associated club costs, with the closure of Waddington which was our cheapest pool-hire, we have had to replace these sessions with others at higher costs to maintain the number of sessions available to swimmers per squad on the new structure.

Discussion took place around the current payments for both AA youth and age group squads, with silver and platinum amalgamating to form the AA squads though the pool-time is in line the fees based on which squad you were before are mixed, with some members of the same squad paying different amounts.

It was agreed that the fees for these squads would be aligned with immediate effect to the previous silver squad rate and that a full reviews fee would be undertaken over the next couple of months. This doesn't necessarily mean that fees will be increased we just need to ensure that the income generated from fees covers the current expenditure based on new pool hours.

DK circulated some comments that parents had passed on to her. It was felt that some of these are down to not fully understanding the structure of open meets and how these work. It would be beneficial to explain this to parents and swimmers, so they have a better understanding.

If anyone has any concerns relevant to their child, then the coaches are always available to discuss these with. PH said that each child will be given the opportunity to reach their full potential via the coaching programme being delivered, but swimmers and parents must buy into the programme.

5. Correspondence

None received

6. Head Coach

PERFORMANCE

The swimmers have performed extremely well at the county championships winning 37 Golds 37 Silver and 30 Bronze medals (104)

I have also been pleased with the resilience of the swimmers who have entered multiple events in each session and have attacked each race without backing off.

After the final round I will be able to report on PB%, number of finalists and Regional QT.

PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT

Unfortunately, the Long Course training at Loughborough on a Sunday afternoon that I reported on last month will not go ahead due to pool availability, but this is something that will be planned for next season

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

After the February half term proved to be a nonstarter I have contacted NK again about the possibility of running a Swimming Festival during Easter term and early indications are that they would be keen to do this.

SWIMMER/PARENT EDUCATION

I have had a meeting with parents/swimmers for the new AA squads explaining rationale and expectations required for these squads

From this I advised that a talk on Nutrition would be done in March, we are planning for the 17th March and this will be two separate presentations one for swimmers and one for parents; there is a 35% discount on products, with future products ordered via a link on the club's website generating 10% back to the club.

PLANNING

In May of each year I do my season plan for the following season which is done in conjunction with my coaching team.

That is then publicised at the end of May so that everyone in the club knows exactly what is coming up in the following season and then hopefully will not book trips away etc when there is an important meet/event

7. Fundraising update.

£225.00 was generated from the raffle held at Louth on the day we hosted counties, the raffle looked very impressive on the day.

Discussion around a face book fundraising page took place it is felt that this is necessary to promote the fundraising and to get the message out to parents. This would need to be controlled and be for parents/guardians of club members or club members over 18yrs. It cannot have any negative comments or anything to do with children on.

It was generally felt this was the way to progress, CH to check in Wavepower what we need to adhere to then this can be progressed.

DK has purchased some scratch cards the aim is to sell a square at £1.00, each card contains 40 squares the winner when all sold receives a £15.00 prize with the rest for club fundraising.

CH said that she would need to apply for the gambling licence first before this can be progressed as they are to be sold away from a closed event.

So far, we have the 3rd June booked for a bag pack at Asda and a race night (over 18's only) on the 7th July for fundraising.

Social events - we are looking to hold a family disco on the 24th March, but CH is having difficulty with a suitable venue that is available, MW said that she has been speaking with the manager at Windmill Farm and they have offered a good deal, MW to check on date availability.

An activities day on the 23rd June has been provisionally booked at Activities Away, full details and content of the afternoon to be confirmed.

8. Yarborough club links

This is due to commence on the 11th Feb, with swimmers selected from the Yarborough swim school lessons at levels 6 or 7 that they feel would be suitable to be included within the programme, this is to give swimmer an introduction to club swimming as an option for

them should they wish to take up competitive swimming when they reach the end of the learn to swim programme at Yarborough.

9. Reports: -

Safety officer – Nothing to report

Welfare officer – Nothing to report

10. AOB

In view of the changes to sessions and venues it was asked if there is a need to change the meeting night. – This was discussed and agreed that we would leave as currently is for a couple of months and review again then if felt it was necessary.

JB said that the information for the regional champs and updates should be on the website for parents and swimmers. JB will pass to CH the relevant information so this can be added along with re-tweeting any information that should be available on the website.

Some photos have been up-dated following the County champs when group pictures were taken.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05pm