

LINCOLN VULCANS SWIMMING CLUB

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th April 2018 at City of Lincoln Priory Academy.

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

1. Apologies for absence

S. Nicholls, S. Collett, N. Oldham

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th March 2018

Minutes approved proposed by A. Cole and seconded by C. Burton

3. Matters arising

Named swim hats have not yet arrived; there was a delay with sourcing yellow hats HN to chase delivery.

Additional light for the starting equipment has been purchased and received.

4. Treasurers Report

Bank balances were produced by the treasurer and agreed.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence discussed.

6. Head Coach report

Performance

On the whole a very positive performance by the swimmers who went to the level 1 meet at Norwich which was the first competition where our swimmers were able to get onto the rankings to qualify for this year's Nationals.

Both Ethan Grace-Riches and Oliver Nevitt are currently qualifying for both British and English Nationals whilst Lauren Woods is currently qualifying for the English.

I have had positive reports about both the Hull and Grantham Grand prix meets but having just returned from leave will report more fully next month.

I was pleased with the Junior League team coming 4th without a full team and a number of disqualifications which the coaches have been working on before the next round.

Parent/swimmer education

I think the nutrition talk was extremely beneficial with a good turn out from both swimmers and parents.

I will be arranging another talk on nutrition for competitions shortly.

Swimmer development

I have been in negotiations with a local Physio about the possibility of providing screening services for the swimmers and they have now come back with a cost of £15 per swimmer so information of when and where will follow.

DK commented that the Hull meet went well for the swimmers with numerous medals gained amongst them all.

Positive feedback from the nutrition presentation has been heard from parents and swimmers.

7. Fundraising update

The main feedback from companies that have been approached - what are the funds for? And what would they get in return?

DK said that there is a need for the club to have a public face book page that links into twitter/Instagram etc. DK said that this would be controlled by nominated people who would monitor what is posted onto the site, the advantage being instant news items, the club is visible and companies that make any kind of donation for raffles/sponsorship could be tagged to the site.

This was discussed at length and agreement made that this would be progressed. CB agreed to set this up and control with DK, MW and AC assisting. It was suggested that a couple of volunteers from AAA and A could be asked to assist as well.

It was suggested that Alex Jordan have access to the club's twitter account to post reports from meets that the swimmers from AA youth and age group are attending as Adam does not always have time for this when he is poolside – this was agreed.

A main item for fundraising could be the purchase of blocks for City pool; a quote has currently been requested from a company that make bespoke blocks to fit area available. Once this and how they are fitted is known we need to obtain confirmation from the school that they are willing to allow this, though the pool manager and head maintenance manager are happy in principle we would also require confirmation from the school in writing.

PH would also like 2 additional stretch cords of the current size and 4 a bit longer (CH to check costs of these)

HN still has some equipment stored from purchases made previously – HN to check what is held.

Squad sprints will have the raffle delayed from the cancelled disco as tickets have already been sold for this it was agreed that the price would remain at £2.50, though for sprints this would be the entry price with a raffle tickets included, those that have already purchased could have free access to the gala.

There will also be tombola and a name the teddy competition.

Once we have a total raised so far from sprints and previous fundraising we can look to purchase the two additional stretch cords.

CH has planned to meet with DK and MW on Friday to go through sponsorship letter content for the open meet and discuss with Alison Webb process for sponsorship for races for the race night in July.

Email for help at the bag pack in June to be sent out now that all should be back from the Easter break, volunteers to man tills between 11-3pm are required.

8. Waddington

We have been informed that the decision has been taken to close Waddington pool permanently; this is a great shame as the pool has always been an excellent facility for the club, we have secured some replacement pool-time to accommodate this closure, but it is not ideal.

We were asked to remove the last of our equipment from the pool which included the lane ropes and reel which are currently being stored in DH's garage, we have had a request to purchase the lane ropes from us a price has been given and we are just waiting on a response to this.

The reel from Waddington may be used to replace the one at City that is starting to corrode but the Waddington one is bigger so we need to check if this would fit on pool-side first and be practical for manovering around, especially if we are successful with the addition of blocks.

9. Reports:-

Safety officer – nothing to report

Welfare officer – nothing to report

10. AOB

MW said that a friend of hers runs 3-day first aid courses which would normally cost £300 per person she has offered to run a course for us for half price per person. CH said though this is a good offer it may be difficult to arrange 3-days for people to attend if there was something that could be offered to sit alongside the current training that coaches/teachers attend that was half a day then this could be looked into.

MW asked if CH could put together what would be required she would then ask the question.

DH said that that annual price increase from Yarborough works out at £7.25 per week

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.55pm