

BRITISH WATER POLO LEAGUE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, ASA OFFICES, SPORTPARK, LOUGHBOROUGH, 17 MAY, 2011.

41/11 Present: David Andrews (Chairman), Chris Ducker (General Secretary/Publicity Officer), Michelle Horton (Officials' Coordinator), David Boot (Match Secretary), Jeff Parker (Treasurer), David Quinlivan (Men's Clubs' Rep).

42/11 Welcome: Chairman welcomed Jeff Parker to his first meeting as Treasurer.

43/11 Minutes of Committee Meetings, 16 Feb, 27 March: Approved as correct records.

44/11 Matters Arising:

129/10 Referee Assessment: New form enabling clubs to report referee assessments electronically now completed. To be circulated prior to the new season along with a club secretaries' general guide on league protocols etc. **Action: CD**

25/11 T-shirts: Chairman produced samples of t-shirts and it was agreed to order a supply for the new season – blue for delegates; white for referees; red for event managers/table officials. **Action: DA**

35/11 Wavepower: Statutory requirements regarding Wavepower regulations incorporated on newly-designed BWPL match sheet.

37/11 Balls: Chairman to make further attempt to contact Waterfly's Rhys Tamlyn regarding supply of balls for the 2011 season. **Action: DA**

45/11 Chairman's Report:

46/11 Pool Bookings: Chairman said the exercise to check 2011 pool bookings had proved a major undertaking after this revealed significant discrepancies – fortunately now resolved. A further, final check of bookings would now take place. **Action: DA**

47/11 GB players: Committee agreed there could be no change of rule to allow transfers of registrations during the season to accommodate the return of GB women's squad players to their respective clubs. The matter had been raised by President Gordon Dacre following correspondence with GB coach Silvester Fekete.

48/11 GB Water Polo CEO: Chairman and General Secretary had met Ken Fussell, the new CEO, to discuss various issues ranging from the history and functions of the BWPL to development of officials and the water polo calendar. Dialogue to be continued.

49/11 General Secretary's Report:

50/11 AGM Absentees: Two clubs not represented at the AGM (Mid Sussex Marlins and Scottish Students) both fined £100 (Rule 7.10). **Action: CD**

51/11 BUCS: Committee agreed to a BUCS request for assistance with delegate, referee and table official appointments at the semi-final and final stages of the universities' competition.

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52/11 25th/50th Anniversaries: Chairman and General Secretary had met Jim Evans and Don Cameron, of Derbyshire Water Polo, regarding the possibility of staging a BWPL celebration in June 2012 to mark two anniversaries (25th of NWWPL, 50th NWPL) as part of the annual Open Water Tournament at the National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham. The meeting had proved very positive. Agreed that the Chairman and Officials' Co-ordinator would have further discussions with the event organisers.

Action: DA, MH

53/11 2012 AGM: Provisional date: 25 March. Venue to be confirmed. **Action: DB**

54/11 Treasurer's Report:

55/11 Finances: A detailed assessment of all BWPL finances was continuing and this would lead to creation of a business plan that gave a more accurate assessment of costs. Chairman to supply details of current pool hire charges. Members were concerned that the 2010/11 accounts did not present a completely accurate picture, especially in the light of recent work by the Treasurer. Issue to be discussed at next meeting when all information is available.

Action: JP, DA

56/11 Expense claims: Treasurer had redesigned the BWPL expenses claim form; event managers to be provided with a single form on event weekends to help speed payments to officials etc.

57/11 Match Secretary's Report:

58/11 Fixtures: The delay in finalising venues for phase two of the season had created considerable problems, but the programme was now complete.

59/11 Registrations: Women's division registrations were now being added to the database and this would make the registration process easier for women's club secretaries.

60/11 Officials' Co-ordinator's Report:

61/11 Appointments: Progress being made on referee appointments. Ross Elder to be asked if was feasible for the delegate system to be extended to Women's Division 2 in the first half of the season.

62/11 Handbook: Some preliminary work had been completed towards publication of the new handbook. Discussion took place regarding detailed content. Print costs to be investigated.

Action: DQ, DB, CD

63/11 Equipment: Mike Hesketh had completed an audit of BWPL equipment (report supplied). Agreed he should purchase bags, caps etc for the new season.

64/11 Spring Cup: Treasurer expressed concerns about the financial structure of the Spring Cup. Agreed that Treasurer would seek further information.

Action: JP

65/11 Next Meetings: 2 August (SportPark), 9 September (Sheffield).

66/11 2012/13 Programme: Match Secretary had prepared a report regarding the possibility of splitting the BWPL season either side of Christmas, from 2013/14. This would need discussion with those responsible for the ASA water polo calendar. To be considered at next committee meeting.

Action: DB

67/11 Meeting close at 10.35pm.