

FENLAND LEAGUE

MINUTES OF FENLAND LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT THE HUDSON SPORTS CENTRE, WISBECH ON MONDAY 26th
SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

Guy Dix (Boston); Simon Morris & Nigel Seaman (Bottisham); Richard Holt (City of Cambridge); Simon Yeates (City of Ely); Ian Knight (City of Peterborough); Chris Shaw (Deepings); Peter Leslie (Huntingdon); Jamie Richardson (March); Jane Robinson (Mildenhall); Sarah Hook (West Norfolk); Graham Kelly & Greg Marsters (Wisbech); Roger Adams (Chairman); David Robinson (Secretary).

APOLOGIES:

Annette Skeet (The Saxons).

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM:

It was proposed by Chris Shaw and seconded by Jamie Richardson that the minutes of the previous AGM were correct and the Chairman then signed them.

MATTERS ARISING:

St Neots Swans had been contacted after the last AGM and had agreed to fill the vacancy in the Junior League and had hosted a fifth round gala at Bedford.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence from Skegness SC asking to go on the waiting list for Junior Fenland League has been received.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The treasurer presented the report which was accepted by the meeting. A full report attached to these minutes.

The treasurer proposed that the affiliation fees for 2012 should remain at £25.00 for Junior League and £10.00 for Senior League. This proposal was carried unanimously.

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

The chairman presented his report. In the report he congratulated clubs that had won the various trophies over the last twelve months. He congratulated the clubs that had not had points deducted during the 2011 Junior League and thanked David Robinson for taking on the role as adjudicator and for the way he administered both leagues with enthusiasm ensuring they ran smoothly. He also thanked the clubs (their swimmers, coaching staff, officials and voluntary helpers) for their contribution in making the leagues a success.

The full report attached to these minutes.

CHANGE OF RULES:

No proposals for changes have been received.

At the meeting in March 2011 it was suggested that the rules need changing to overcome the problem of swimming ineligible swimmers in the Junior League but no workable suggestion has been received.

It was suggested that a spreadsheet for registering swimmers where the adjudicator could adjust by age or alphabetically would help to spot when clubs make a mistake with the age of a swimmer as had happened on two or three occasions during 2011. The secretary would circulate a spreadsheet as to how the league would like to receive the registrations but stressed that it is the clubs responsibility to ensure they were correct. Any subsequent registrations to be sent by resending the sheet with additions highlighted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman: Roger Adams, proposed Guy Dix, seconded Simon Morris, all in favour.

Secretary/Treasurer: David Robinson, proposed Richard Holt, seconded Simon Yeates, all in favour.

Adjudicator: There were no nominations. Wisbech would speak to a possible volunteer but if they were not willing the secretary agreed to continue in the role for 2012.

DATE OF NEXT AGM:

September/October 2012, actual date to be fixed at the March 2012 committee meeting.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2011

Another year has passed by - very quickly it seems - and it brings to an end my 8th year as Chairman of this League. It is somewhat difficult after such a period of time to make my report much different to those of previous years as little has changed to warrant it. Therefore I intend to keep this year's report relatively brief.

One thing that didn't change at last year's AGM was that Dave Robinson agreed to remain as Secretary/Treasurer of the League. In addition he agreed to take on the position of Adjudicator when Glynis Ward relinquished the post and there were no other volunteers to take on what is a crucial role particularly as far as the Junior League is concerned. My sincere thanks go to Dave for the excellent way he has administered both the Junior and Senior sections of the league thereby ensuring everything has run smoothly and efficiently. With, it seems, volunteers' becoming more difficult to come by, this League is extremely fortunate to have someone like Dave Robinson to administer it with enthusiasm. THANK YOU Dave.

Because of the rules it is the Junior Fenland League which causes problems for the adjudicator in relation to Clubs using overage swimmers, swimmers who have previously broken cut-off times etc. The checking of result sheets after each gala is very time consuming and although infringements by Clubs are recognised as being 'genuine mistakes' rather than a 'deliberate attempts to 'breach the rules and get away with it', the fewer mistakes the better. My view is that over the past year there has been a continued improvement and I congratulate the City of Cambridge, First Strokes and Peterborough 'B' who have not had any points deducted during the season.

The Senior Fenland League was completed on 17th September 2011 and I congratulate West Norfolk who won the 'A' Final and Chatteris who won the 'B' Final. Well done to their swimmers and their coaching and support staff.

I would also like to congratulate City of Peterborough 'A' SC, City of Ely SC and March SC who won the Junior Fenland League Finals in 2010 and to the City of Peterborough 'A' who were the winners of the Junior Fenland League title. The final of this year's competition takes place on Saturday 15th October 2011 and I wish all those teams taking part the very best of luck. Please make sure all swimmers are 'legal' as the last thing anyone wants is an 'exchange of trophies' after the event.

My thanks also go to the Clubs (their swimmers, their coaching staff, officials and voluntary helpers) for their contribution to both the Junior and Senior Fenland League Competitions over the past 12 months. Without you there would not be a league at all and what a sad state of affairs that would be.

Roger Adams
Chairman

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2011

INCOME

AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2010:	
JUNIOR LEAGUE	
15 x 25.00	375.00
SENIOR LEAGUE	
10 x 10.00	100.00
FINES	80.00

555.00

BALANCE B/F 2009/2010 825.28

INCOME 2010/2011 555.00

1380.28

EXPENDITURE

ASA EAST REGION AFFILIATION	35.00
FINALIST'S TROPHIES JUNIOR LEAGUE 2011	136.85
WEBSITE	70.36
HANDBOOKS	30.00
REIMBURSEMENTS TO HOST CLUBS (CLUBS NOT COMPETING)	80.00
SECRETARY EXPENSES	100.00
GIFT FOR ADJUDICATOR	85.00

537.21

EXPENDITURE 2010/2011 537.21

BALANCE C/F 2011/2012 843.07

1380.28