

# FENLAND LEAGUE

MINUTES OF FENLAND LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD  
AT THE HUDSON SPORTS CENTRE, WISBECH ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 8.00pm.

## **PRESENT:**

Ian Wells (Boston); Nigel Seamarks (Bottisham); Richard Holt (City of Cambridge); Simon Yeates (City of Ely); Ian Knight (City of Peterborough); Chris Shaw (Deepings); John Burling (First Strokes); Peter Leslie (Huntingdon); Jamie Richardson (March); Jane Robinson (Mildenhall); Clare Jeffery (West Norfolk); Graham Kelly & Andy Lane (Wisbech); Roger Adams (Chairman); David Robinson (Secretary).

## **APOLOGIES:**

Guy Dix (Boston); Jamie Rush (Diss Otters); Annette Skeet (The Saxons); Simon Free (Thetford).

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM:**

It was proposed by Ian Knight and seconded by Richard Holt that the minutes of the previous AGM were correct and the Chairman then signed them.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

The spreadsheets for registering swimmers had been circulated by the secretary and had been used by the majority of clubs. The secretary thanked the clubs and those that had used their own sheets had been perfectly acceptable. This meant they could be adjusted by age or alphabetically but there had been a problem with the dates of birth when clubs had used a full stop instead of a forward slash. It was confirmed it was best that any subsequent registrations to be sent by resending the sheet with additions highlighted.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence from Grantham stating they would be resigning from the Junior League at the end of the 2012 season. The secretary had replied thanking them for their support over the years, they had been continuous participants for over 30 years.

The secretary had tried to contact Skegness, as they were at the top of the waiting list, but had not received a reply.

Chatteris, who were on the waiting list for 2014, had been contacted and they agreed to put in a team for the 2013 season so as to assure a place. The meeting agreed to Chatteris taking up the vacancy.

Correspondence from City of Norwich asking for details of both Senior and Junior Leagues. The secretary sent the information but so far there had not been any follow up. It would need to be confirmed that they were within the 50 mile radius to be able to host galas in their own pool.

## **TREASURERS REPORT:**

The treasurer presented the report which was accepted by the meeting. A full report attached to these minutes. There had been a loss over the year mainly due to the reimbursements to the first round host clubs due to the bad weather and invoices for two years room hire for meetings had been paid.

The treasurer proposed that the affiliation fees for 2013 should rise from £25.00 to £28.00 for Junior League and from £10.00 to £12.00 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 2012 Junior League and thanked David Robinson for the way he administered and adjudicated both leagues with enthusiasm and 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:**

The proposal to add to the rules for hosting Junior League Finals and to the hosting of Senior League Galas when a suitable club had not volunteered to host provoked discussion. The difficulty for the host club in providing officials was a major concern for the smaller clubs. The cost of hosting these galas at certain pools was also highlighted as a problem. It was suggested that clubs could jointly host galas when appropriate.

It was finally agreed that the rules be changed so that in the event of a volunteer club to host a gala could not be found then the least recent club in that particular gala would host.

The various proposals to change the cut off times for the Junior League were discussed in length and it was finally agreed to the following:

- All Butterfly times to be reduced by two seconds, 10 years to become 50m with a cut off time two seconds slower than the 11 years time, 13 year 100m Individual Medley time to be reduced by two seconds.
- 25m butterfly events for the 9 years to be introduced without a cut off time but swimmers that had achieved the 10 years 50m butterfly cut off time would be ineligible.

A proposal from Bottisham for consideration for the future which would automatically allow the A final winners to compete in the following years A final and the B & C final winners to swim in the higher final was rejected as it would be impossible to work in practice.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chairman: Roger Adams, proposed Ian Wells, seconded John Burling, all in favour.

Secretary/Treasurer: David Robinson, proposed Nigel Seemarks, seconded Ian Wells, all in favour.

Adjudicator: There were no nominations. The secretary agreed to continue in the role for 2013 but asked clubs to seek a suitable candidate before the next AGM.

### **DATE OF NEXT AGM:**

September/October 2013, actual date to be fixed at the March 2013 committee meeting.

**FENLAND LEAGUE**  
**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2012**

We have come to the end of another year - my 9<sup>th</sup> as Chairman of the League. The most difficult part of this role is to compile a report to present to the AGM and that is due to the thoroughly efficient and effective manner in which our Secretary/Treasurer/Adjudicator Dave Robinson administers all matters in relation to the Junior and Senior Leagues. I am convinced that no one would do the job better, if as well, and I thank him most sincerely for his loyalty and commitment on behalf of myself and all participating Clubs.

The Junior Fenland League takes up a lot of Dave Robinson's time in that he has to adjudicate the results after each round which is no easy task. As ever, or so it seems, some Clubs have 'made mistakes' in that they have used overage swimmers, unregistered swimmers and swimmers who have previously beaten cut-off times and points have had to be deducted. As in previous years, I ask that Clubs give particular attention to those issues when selecting their teams in order to keep the adjudicators workload to an absolute minimum. Having said that I congratulate Boston, Bottisham, West Norfolk and Wisbech Swimming Clubs who have not lost points this season.

We unfortunately lost Chatteris SC from the Senior Fenland League for 2012 but were fortunate to gain Thetford SC, Dereham SC and Diss Otters SC thereby increasing the league from 9 teams to 11. The league was successfully completed on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and I congratulate City of Cambridge SC who won the 'A' Final and City of Ely Swimming Club 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 'B' SC, Wisbech SC and First Strokes SC who won the Junior Fenland League Finals in 2011 and to the City of Cambridge SC who were the winners of the Junior Fenland League title. The final of this year's competition takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012 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.

All Clubs (their swimmers, their coaching staff, officials and voluntary helpers all play their part in the success of the Junior and Senior Fenland League. I thank them for that and wish them every success in the future.

Roger Adams  
Chairman

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012

## INCOME

AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2012: JUNIOR LEAGUE 15 x 25.00	375.00
SENIOR LEAGUE 10 x 10.00	100.00
FINES	40.00

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## EXPENDITURE

ASA EAST REGION AFFILIATION	35.00
FINALIST'S TROPHIES JUNIOR LEAGUE 2012	140.00
WEBSITE	98.82
HANDBOOKS	30.00
REIMBURSEMENTS TO HOST CLUBS (CLUBS NOT COMPETING)	160.00
SECRETARY EXPENSES	80.00
HIRE OF ROOM FOR MEETINGS	132.00

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BALANCE B/F 2010/2011	843.07
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INCOME 2011/2012	515.00
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EXPENDITURE 2011/2012	675.82
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BALANCE C/F 2012/2013	682.25
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