

# FENLAND LEAGUE

MINUTES OF FENLAND LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE HUDSON SPORTS CENTRE, WISBECH  
ON MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 8.00pm

## **PRESENT:**

Sanja Abbott (Bottisham); Simon Yeates (City of Ely); John Burling (First Strokes); Peter Leslie (Huntingdon); Mark McGowen (March); Jane Robinson (Mildenhall); David Standish-Leigh (Peterborough); Clare Jeffery & Ryan Sykes (West Norfolk); Lisa Harris (Wisbech); Pauline Paines (Adjudicator); David Robinson (Secretary).

## **APOLOGIES:**

Roger Adams (Chairman); Jacqui Taylor (Cambridge); Nikki Harper (Chatteris); Darren Smith (Deepings); Jamie Rush (Diss); Dawn Winterburn (St Neots); Simon Free (Thetford); Greg Marsters (Wisbech).

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

It was agreed the minutes of the last AGM were a true record.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A query was received from Great Yarmouth about joining the League, it was not clear whether they meant the Junior or Senior. The secretary sent details about both pointing out they would have to host any gala within a 50 mile radius of Wisbech.

Thetford had contacted the secretary about entering a team in the Junior League if a vacancy was to occur.

First Strokes had contacted the secretary saying they would be entering a team in the 2015 Senior League.

## **TREASURERS REPORT:**

The treasurer presented the report which was accepted by the meeting. A full report attached to these minutes. There had been a small surplus over the year. Bottisham asked what the amount listed for the website was for. The treasurer explained this was a yearly payment to the website provider for hosting the site.

The treasurer proposed that the affiliation fees for 2015 should remain £28.00 for Junior League and £12.00 for Senior League. This proposal was carried unanimously.

### **CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

The chairman was unable to attend as he was away on holiday but had sent a written report. In his report Roger confirmed he would not be standing again. He thanked the secretary for his professionalism and attention to detail which had meant his 11 years as chairman had not been difficult. He also thanked the various adjudicators over that period for their courtesy and fairness in what was a thankless task. He concluded by thanking all the clubs (their coaches, volunteers & officials) for their commitment in making the Fenland League so successful.

The full report attached to these minutes.

The secretary showed those present the glass trophy that he had purchased which been suitably engraved and was to be presented to Roger to mark his eleven years as chairman. It was agreed the Richard Shaw Memorial Gala that March where hosting on the 11<sup>th</sup> October might be a suitable event. All six participating clubs were members of the Fenland League. The secretary will contact Roger on his return from holiday to see if he would be available to attend.

### **CHANGE OF RULES:**

There had been no rule change proposals received.

The proposed changes to the Swimming Pathway by British Swimming and the ASA could mean some changes may need to be made at the next AGM although it appears they are not proposing to force any change regarding the age for competition at events below County Championships. It will mean some of the dates for each round may need to be looked at, in particular round one which will fall in the County Champs period.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chairman: David Standish-Leigh, proposed John Burling, seconded Simon Yeates, all in favour.

Secretary/Treasurer: David Robinson, proposed John Burling, seconded Pauline Paines, all in favour.

Adjudicator: Pauline Paines, proposed David Robinson, seconded Peter Leslie, all in favour.

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

September/October 2015, actual date to be fixed at the March 2015 committee meeting.

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2014**

My 11<sup>th</sup> year as Chairman of the Fenland League has come to an end and as I indicated at the last AGM I am now 'standing down' and will not be seeking re-election.

In this, my final report, I must firstly apologise for not being present tonight. For reasons I am unable to explain, I failed to record the date of this years AGM and booked a holiday in Gloucestershire from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October. When I subsequently received the AGM paperwork from our Secretary I tried to change the dates to the week before or the week after but unfortunately to no avail. My sincere apologies to you all.

My time as Chairman has not been difficult and that is, in the main, due to the sterling work performed over that period by the Secretary David Robinson (ably assisted by his wife Jane). His professionalism and attention to detail is second to none and the smooth running of the League is testament to his dedication. Thank you David. (I wish I could think of something other than just 'thank you' to express my appreciation for the work he has done but regrettably I am unable to do so)

I am also grateful for the work done by the adjudicators of the Junior Fenland League over the past eleven years namely Glynis Ward, David Robinson (another role) and Pauline Paines. They have performed what I consider to be a thankless task with courtesy and fairness and for that I thank them and so should every Club in that League.

At other AGM's I have briefly reviewed the swimming activities over the year but I don't propose to do so on this occasion. I merely want to close by thanking the Clubs (their Coaching Staff, Volunteers & Officials) for their commitment and all the swimmers for their participation which in turn has made the Fenland League most successful and I sincerely hope that will continue for many years to come.

My best wishes to you all and once again, thank you for making 'my reign' stress free and enjoyable.

Roger Adams  
Chairman

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## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

### INCOME

AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2014:	
JUNIOR LEAGUE	
15 x 28.00	420.00
SENIOR LEAGUE	
9 x 12.00	108.00
FINES	40.00

### EXPENDITURE

ASA EAST REGION AFFILIATION	35.00
FINALIST'S TROPHIES	
JUNIOR LEAGUE 2014	112.00
REPLACEMENT TROPHY JFL 2013	8.99
WEBSITE	71.86
REIMBURSEMENTS TO HOST CLUBS (CLUBS NOT COMPETING)	40.00
HANDBOOKS	40.00
SECRETARY EXPENSES	60.00
ADJUDICATOR EXPENSES	60.00
HIRE OF ROOM FOR MEETINGS	66.00

	568.00	493.85
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BALANCE AT 31 AUGUST 2013	873.92	EXPENDITURE 2013/2014	493.85
INCOME 2013/2014	568.00	BALANCE 31 AUGUST 2014	948.07
	1441.92		1441.92