

# FENLAND LEAGUE

MINUTES OF FENLAND LEAGUE MEETING HELD AT THE HUDSON  
SPORTS CENTRE, WISBECH ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019.

## **PRESENT:**

Ian Harrison (Boston); Emma Marsden (Bottisham); Lynette Sangiorgio (Deepings); Max Paines (Ely); John Burling (First Strokes); Colin Cumbridge (March); Jane Robinson (Mildenhall); Anna Bertou (Peterborough); Simon Rose (West Norfolk); Greg Marsters (Wisbech); Paul Eden (Wisbech); Pauline Paines (Secretary); David Robinson (Treasurer).

## **APOLOGIES:**

Simon Yeates (Chairman); Diss Otters; Huntingdon; St Ives; St Neots; Thetford.

In the absence of Simon Yeates, the meeting was chaired by David Robinson.

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

Anna Bertou pointed out her surname had been mis-spelt. This will be corrected and with this correction it was agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were a true record.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

At the AGM Chatteris had informed us that they would be resigning from the Junior League, they subsequently withdrew this resignation only to inform us in mid-January that they would be resigning after all. The secretary had contacted Stamford School as the first club on the waiting list but they have not yet affiliated to Swim England. St Ives were second on the list and thankfully have agreed to join the Junior League and take up the fixtures in the place of Chatteris

Affiliation paperwork has been received from Swim England and returned with the fee of £35.00 for affiliation to Swim England East Region.

Since the last meeting the secretary had received notification from several clubs regarding a change of club representative for the league, these clubs were: Deepings; Huntingdon; March and Peterborough. All these changes including the contact for St Ives are in the 2019 handbook and on the website.

Huntingdon have contacted the secretary regarding a possible change of venue for their fourth round Junior League gala on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018. When this has been confirmed the secretary will circulate the details.

With trophies for all five places at the Junior League finals Boston had contacted the secretary regarding the awarding of the trophies in the event of equal points on the night as had occurred at the A Final they had hosted. This may need a rule to be introduced to cover this eventuality.

### **JUNIOR LEAGUE FIXTURES & DRAW FOR 2020:**

It was agreed the first- round gala will be 14<sup>th</sup> March which is the second weekend of the month to avoid any clashes with the Anglian League.

The dates for the rest of the 2020 galas were fixed for corresponding dates to those of 2019.

Peterborough; Boston; Deepings and Bottisham all volunteered to host the finals if needed. If a final should not be competed by any of these clubs then an alternative host would be sought.

The draw then took place and the secretary would circulate this to all clubs and place on the website as soon as possible.

### **SENIOR LEAGUE DRAW FOR 2019 AND DATES FOR 2020:**

With West Norfolk returning with two teams and Huntingdon entering a team this means that twelve teams would be competing in 2019.

The draw was made for the first-round galas to be hosted by West Norfolk and Thetford on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The secretary will circulate the draw and it would be placed on the website as soon as possible.

Ely would host a second-round gala on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019. With no club coming forward to host the other second gala it was agreed we would wait to see the make-up of the two galas before a host would be confirmed.

The dates for 2020 were agreed as 4<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

It was confirmed that the trophies have been reallocated after the points adjustments for infringements at the C Final. These meant that Bottisham were the winners and the committee felt it was disappointing that their swimmers did not receive their deserved tributes on the night.

A question was raised regarding swimmers swimming up age groups. This was confirmed as fine but care should be taken regarding the order the squadron relay is swum and whether the swimmer has broken the age-group cut-off in the age-group they are swimming.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at The Hudson Sports Centre, Wisbech at 8.00pm.