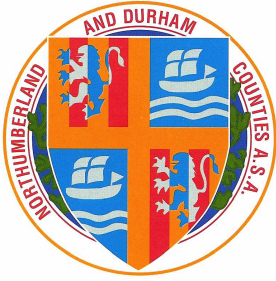


# Northumberland & Durham Swimming Association



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16/01/09

Minutes of the meeting of the Management Board (B01/09) held on 15/01/09 at Benfield.

### **Present:**

Mrs J Papadopoulos (President), Mrs S Drury (Secretary), Mrs Anne Reah (Treasurer), Mrs K Smith, Mr F Murray, Mr R Gordon and Mr B Tiffin

**B01/09 Apologies for Absence:** Mr S Janes, Mr C Nicholson (RDO) and Mr G Smith.

**B02/09 Minutes of the meeting of the Management Board held on 18/11/08 (B07/08)**  
Accepted

**B03/09 Matters Arising from these Minutes**  
none

### **B04/09 Correspondence**

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  - e. Swimming Times December 2008 and January 2009
  - f. IoS Courses October – November 2008 to March 2009
  - g. Wavelength December 2008 and January 2009
  - h. Membership returns from the asa

**B05/09 Treasurers Report**  
As attached

Mrs Reah reported that the surplus of income was due to the fact that there had been no development, but that Mr Nicholson had plans and that details would follow.

## **B06/09 Regional Development Officer's Report**

### **Club Development**

The region now has 59 accredited swim21 clubs of which 26 of the accreditations are clubs in Northumberland and Durham. There are approximately 15 more accreditations that the region is hopefully of achieving through the work of the clubs in Northumberland and Durham; this will help to achieve the overall target of 84 accreditations by the end of March.

The club forums are continuing to take place and the next set of forums will happen during February and March. The attendance at these are varied, however the feedback from the clubs that are attending is that they are useful.

Two team managers' courses are planned for January and February in Peterlee and Newcastle. These courses will help the clubs to develop volunteers but also achieve and maintain swim21 accreditation

### **Club and Coach Funding**

The Sunderland Beacon Head Coach is back to advert with a closing date of the beginning of February. The diving development officer Marc Holdsworth, who will be based out of the Aquatics Centre in Sunderland but will also have a remit to develop diving across Northumberland and Durham, is now in post.

The County Durham Performance Hub Coach has now made contact with all of the Head Coaches from clubs within County Durham; he is now in the process of arranging a meeting with all the club coaches to present how the hub will support the other clubs with it looking to start sessions during February.

### **Community School Club Links**

The Region is continuing to develop more school to club links through support clubs with PESSYP funding.

Currently working with the Partnership Swimming Development Officers in Northumberland and Tees Valley to develop a young volunteers training programme. These programmes will look to identify approximately 20 young people who will access training and opportunities to volunteer in a range of aquatic areas.

In December two Ocean of Fun community events were run in Sunderland and Peterlee. In total approximately 200 children were involved in the events. Each event gave the children the opportunity to participate in all of the aquatic disciplines and meet Olympic, Commonwealth and international athletes. The events were funded by Northumbrian Water.

### **Coach/Teacher Education**

There are now an established set of IOS education centres across Northumberland and Durham all of which have a structured CPD and Teacher/ Coach Education programme agreed. For information on what is happening in Northumberland and Durham then visit the education calendar on the Swim North East website.

### **Disability Swimming**

10<sup>th</sup> January the Regional DSE swimming competition was held at the Neptune Centre Middlesbrough. There were over 70 swimmers taking part in the event and over 10 young volunteers from the Tees Valley area supporting the running of the event. A classification event was also held to ensure swimmers have the opportunity to be classified locally.

Northumberland and Durham continues to be supported with funding from EFDS to develop disability swimming in the area. This funding will be used to support the Playground to Podium programme for swimming in the region.

## **B07/09 Advisor's Reports**

- a. **Championships** - A report from the meeting held on 6.1.09 was received. Mr Gordon confirmed that NER will lend their radios and photocopier. It was asked why different Championship venues have different IT requirements.

The Championship Advisor, Mr G Smith, is to be asked to contact Mr Barry Saunders with the view to Northumberland and Durham and Yorkshire running the 800m and 1500m events jointly, with one event being run within N&D and one event being run within Yorkshire, possibly alternating each year. It was suggested that this be done outside the Championship time frame. This needs to be done as a matter of urgency.

- b. **Diving** - no report  
Mr Nicholson has asked that at the next Board meeting time be given for a presentation by Marc Holdsworth , the new Diving Development Officer within N&D. It was suggested that Mr S Jackson, the N&D Diving Advisor be invited to attend along with any other interested parties.
- c. **Masters** – no report
- d. **Swimming** – no report
- e. **Swimming Officials** – Miss L. Thompson has been added to the list of FINA trainees.
- f. **Synchronised swimming** – a report was received from Mrs Brenda Rochester, the new Synchro Advisor.  
It was noted by the Board that a Workforce Development course has had to be cancelled again, for the third time, due to lack of support.
- g. **Water Polo** – no report

**B08/09 Any Other Business**

- a. Swimming Times subscription - A subscription will be taken out for the Treasurer as her current personal subscription has expired.
- b. The application for affiliation of the new club “Aquajets” has been noted.
- c. Young Volunteers - this appears to be going well. It appears that having developed a small nucleus of young volunteers more seem to be coming on board. Tees Valley and Northumberland have begun a Young Volunteer Initiative and it is hoped that this will be extended to other areas. Clubs who run galas need to get more officials trained within their own clubs.
- d. The N&D website – It was noted that items are now going up on the website. The secretary was asked to have the minutes put on the web along with a copy of the N&D Handbook. Also a notice that an up to date list of swimming officials is available from Mr Murray
- e. Handbook - this needs to be reviewed for next year.
- f. It has been requested that a course similar to that run at the officials seminar last September be held for clubs. Mr Proud is willing to run the course. Mr Murray and Mrs Reah will liaise with Mr Proud to get this underway.
- g. Gray Awards - 3 nominations were received.
- h. The secretary was asked to write to Mr G Fawkes, Mr S Janes and Mr G Smith to congratulate them on their recent awards.

**B09/09 Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at Benfield School