

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CRUSADER LEAGUE
HELD ON THE 20 SEPTEMBER 2004

PRESENT: Alsager, Biddulph, Crewe, Dane Valley, Market Drayton, Newport, Whitchurch, Winsford.
Chairman, Secretary, Results Secretary, Treasurer

APOLOGIES: None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman had written to C Morgan at Saracens requesting a comment from the club regarding the allegations made against them. No reply had been received. Chairman to write again, to the Club Secretary or Club Chairman, requesting an immediate reply. As a consequence, the results for Division 1 remain unconfirmed and no trophies have been presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report sent retrospectively. Current balance £132.63. Fees are required for the 2005 season. All clubs to pay the Treasurer by 31/12/04. There are still difficulties with the bank account due to changes in personnel, Treasurer to try and resolve ASAP.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following officers were elected for the coming year:

OFFICER	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Chairperson	Allan Freeman (Alsager)	Allan Freeman (Alsager)
Vice Chairperson		
Secretary	Mary Moxon (Dane Valley)	Mary Moxon (Dane Valley)
Treasurer	Janet Slack (COSACSS)	Janet Slack (COSACSS)
Results Secretary	Geoff Kirkham (Biddulph)	Geoff Kirkham (Biddulph)

For 2005, the Chairperson will again be provided by Alsager.

RULE CHANGES: The following rule change was approved unanimously.
Amendment to rule 17. Delete 'no additional registrations during that season's competition'. Replace with 'additional registrations will only be accepted if notified to the Results Secretary no less than 7 days prior to the second gala or by 12 February, whichever is the earliest date'.
Proposed by Winsford, seconded by Whitchurch.

Secretary to send revised rules to Northern Counties.

PROGRAMME CHANGE: The following programme change was approved unanimously.
Relays will change from 4 x 1 to 4 x 2 for the 12 and 14 age groups, commencing 2005.

TEAMS FOR 2005:	DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III
	Crewe	Whitchurch	Buxton
	Winsford	Alsager	Newport
	Market Drayton	COSACSS	Biddulph B
	Biddulph A	Leek	Dane Valley

GALA DATES:

	DATE	VENUE
DIVISION I	29/01/05	Winsford
	19/02/05	Crewe
	16/04/05	Biddulph
	07/05/05	Market Drayton
DIVISION II	29/01/05	Whitchurch
	19/02/05	COSACCS
	16/04/05	Alsager
	07/05/05	Leek
DIVISION III	29/01/05	Dane Valley
	19/02/05	Biddulph
	16/04/05	Buxton
	07/05/05	Newport

Reserve dates were not identified. All teams in the division must agree any change of dates. The Results Secretary and Secretary must be advised of changes to the fixtures.

Host clubs are reminded to send out confirmatory letter approximately 3 weeks prior to gala detailing date, time of warm up and time of start. It would be helpful if the procedure for the shallow end could also be included and the depth of the water advised. Any information for the spectators e.g. any restriction on numbers allowed on poolside, should also be advised. Host clubs are asked to make use of the electronic results recording system. When used, the results should be submitted to the results secretary on disc. Clubs are reminded to complete risk assessments as advised by the ASA.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Geoff Kirkham had been asked by Phil Matthews (Biddulph) if the league would like him to organise referees to attend each of Crusader galas. The League was in favour of this as it not only helps clubs that struggle to find officials but also prevents any issues with 'home bias'. Geoff to follow up and to confirm what costs might be involved.

Division III trophy had not been returned by Leek from 2003 season. Leek to return or replace for the 2005 season.

The gala procedures were revised with respect to the following:
Unregistered swimmers must be declared before the start of the gala, unregistered swimmers may compete in relay events only and, the reasons for disqualification must be recorded on the time slips.

REMINDER:

Team listings to be submitted on time and in the correct format with swimmers names recorded in full, no initials.
Team sheets for the galas to be written clearly with swimmers names recorded in full, no initials.