

MINUTES OF THE CRUSADER LEAGUE MEETING 2nd JULY 2007

- Present:** Alsager, Biddulph, COSACSS, Crewe Flyers, Dane Valley, Leek, Newport, Whitchurch Wasps.
Chairman, Secretary, Results Secretary, Treasurer.
- Apologies:** Buxton, Newcastle (Staffs), Oakengates.
- Actions From Previous Minutes**
- Age on Day, now superseded by new ASA rule that comes into force from 1st September 2007. (see ASA email section below)
 - Already covered by Gala rules, so no need to change Crusader Rules.
- Correspondence**
- Email from ASA about Age on Day
 - ASA Affiliation papers
- Email From ASA**
- Previously a swimmers age was calculated at 31st December in some instances and "age on day" for others. The changes to be introduced from 1st September now state that for Racing, that is speed swimming, the age of the swimmer will be calculated at midnight on the day of the event or the final day of a series of events forming part of one competition. ASA Law 411.5
- The minimum age for competing in Leagues is the same as Open competition as in ASA Law 411.5.3 being 9yrs. There is no difference between individual events and relays. This means that all competitors must be 9yrs old on the last day of your competition.
- This means swimmers have to attain 9years of age on or before the last day of the competition in 2008. Round four is scheduled to be swum on the 21st June.
 - Also not there is no difference between 9 year olds swimming individual or relay events.
- Chairman Report:**
- Unfortunately not able to attend many galas due to family reasons, there had been no major problems, a couple of date changes where they where not communicated to all the teams.
- Treasurer Report:**
- Balance Sheet handed out and there is £142 in the bank,
 - Suggested that we may not have to charge Affiliation fee for 2008
- Results Secretary Report:**
- Problems with the excel result sheet, needs to be redone for 2008
 - Results where very close
 - Questioned over age simmers in relay races, where there would be no points awarded, what would be the situation with a false start?
 - Do we continue to allow overage swimmers?
 - Still not getting full names on team sheets, suggested that clubs get a warning, and questioned whether there should be a penalty. **To**

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be raised at AGM

- Team sheets when submitted at the start of the season to be in alphabetical order
- New age on day rule for Team Sheets
- Suggested all divisions swim the same events. **To be raised at AGM**
- Proposed to scrap Gala Packs as all info can be downloaded from the website.
- One or two dubious decisions by Judges where the swimmers should have been disqualified. Could clubs try and ensure that officials are qualified.
- ASA Judge DQ sheets will be available on website.
- Change all one length events to be two lengths. **To be raised at AGM**
- Change 9 to 11 medley relay to be
 1. Backstroke 2 lengths
 2. Breaststroke 2 lengths
 3. Freestyle 2 lengths
 4. Freestyle 2 lengths **To be raised at AGM**
- All open events to 100 meters or 100 yards, problem at one gala where it was swum as 122yards.
- Question about NQT swimmers, not to be able to swim that stroke. Decided not to progress any further at this time.
- Bit of discussion about booking pools, no further action.

Results for 2007:

| DIVISION I | DIVISION II | DIVISION III |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Biddulph | 1. Dane Valley | 1. Oakengates |
| 2. Leek | 2. Alsager | 2. Whitchurch |
| 3. Market Drayton | 3. COSACSS | 3. Newcastle |
| 4. Winsford | 4. Crewe | 4. Newport |
| 5. Buxton | | |

Suggested 2008 season:

Dove Valley has applied to re-join the league and their application was accepted.

| Dates | DIVISION I | DIVISION II | DIVISION III |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| January 19 th 2008 | Biddulph | Buxton | Dove Valley |
| April 26 th 2008 | Dane Valley | COSACSS | Newcastle |
| May 17 th 2008 | Leek | Crewe | Newport |
| June 21 st 2008 | Market Drayton | Oakengates | Whitchurch |
| | Winsford (no gala) | Alsager (no gala) | |

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Matters For Agm:

Election Of Officers:

- It was pointed out that the rules state the Chair can only hold office for a period of one year. The current Chair has held office for three years, therefore will have to stand down.
- It had been previously decided that the Chair should rotate between the clubs on an annual basis, this was agreed and Paula Clayton from COSSACS will be Chair for the 2008 season.
- The Secretary is willing to continue
- The Treasurer is willing to continue
- The Results Secretary is willing to continue

Any other nominations for office, in writing, duly seconded by another club, must reach the Secretary by 31st July 2007

Other AGM Items

- Possible no affiliation fee for 2008
- Any other items form discussion at the AGM in writing, duly seconded by another club, must reach the Secretary by 31st July 2007

Proposed Change To Gala Procedures

- All galas to be scored 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. Immaterial if there are four or five clubs. (new Excel Spreadsheet)
- Suggested all divisions swim the same events.
- Proposed to scrap Gala Packs as all info can be down loaded from the website
- Change all one length events to be two lengths, thus no water starts.
- Change 9 to 11 medley relay to be
 1. Backstroke 2 lengths
 2. Breaststroke 2 lengths
 3. Freestyle 2 lengths
 4. Freestyle 2 lengths

Aob:

The membership fee of £10 will be due at the AGM.

AGM 2007, 7.45pm on 24th September, Dane Valley

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