

# MINUTES OF THE CRUSADER LEAGUE MEETING 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008

<b>Present</b>	Paula Clayton (Chair) Geoff Kirkham (Results Secretary) Andy White, (Secretary, Treasurer)	COSACCS Biddulph Crewe Flyers
	Dave Mears Joanne Bowen Brian Jackson Sue Wood Kevin Birks Richie Walters, Glen Bearman	Crewe Flyers Buxton Dane Valley Newcastle COSACCS Oakengate
<b>Apologies</b>	None	
<b>Location</b>	Due to asbestos problems at Congleton pool the meeting was moved to the Beartown Tap pub 18, Willow St, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1RL	
<b>Matters from previous minutes</b>	The secretary mentioned a couple of items, but there were no matters outstanding. All present agreed they were a true representation and they were passed.	
<b>Correspondence</b>	Letter from NW Region about AGM in September. The secretary felt that clubs would send their own representatives. Email from Ludlow to join league, due to a change of head coach this was then withdrawn for this season. Protest letter from Oakengate, see below	
<b>Protest From Oakengate</b>	<p>This was concerning the Alsager Division 2 gala and the warm-up time and the fact that Oakengate had missed the first twenty events.</p> <p>As it was not practical to arrange a special general meeting, the secretary at the time had emailed out to all clubs in the league several potential solutions and asked for a vote by return email.</p> <p>Most clubs replied that the Speedo Rule four should be applied, which is last place for each event missed.</p> <p>GF mentioned that he had delayed finalising the results until this vote had been decided he then applied Speedo Rule four to the gala results.</p> <p>RW and GB from Oakengate both felt that Oakengate should still be promoted to division one, as Oakengate had won three out of four galas.</p> <p>AW the secretary pointed out that as the Protest was outside the 30-day limit set by the ASA, no retrospective rule change or action could be taken.</p> <p>The matter was discussed at some length, and it was agreed that new rules to prevent this re-occurring should be put to the AGM.</p> <p>GF mentioned that he might have a solution, which would be covered later in the Results Secretaries report.</p> <p>The discussion was ended</p>	

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	<p>Emails were received in the following weeks from the Oakengate chair who was insisting the following changes to the minutes:</p> <p><b>GB stated that our original protest was made within 30 days and Oakengate's had asked for the first result to be annulled and base the league result on the last three galas only.</b></p> <p><b>(I believe it was BJ) who stated that the league had done the same thing about 4 years ago, to which GF stated that in that case, it was for different reasons.</b></p> <p><b>The secretary replied by email see (<i>Email Trial at end of document</i>)</b></p>
<b>Chairman's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PC said as chair she had only been able to attend galas being attended by her own club. But apart from the Oakengate problem the season had passed without any other problems.</li></ul>
<b>Treasure's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AW presented a balance sheet, and the latest bank statement.</li><li>• AW explained that the accounts would not be audited and that any of the league clubs could inspect the accounts if they wanted to.</li><li>• AW also mentioned the website cost and that as the website was being shared by two other leagues, he would be asking each of the leagues for a ten pound contribution.</li><li>• AW also reminded everyone that the affiliation fee for each club in the league would be due at the AGM.</li><li>• AW also mentioned that if the missing division two trophies had not been found by the AGM a replacement would be purchased.</li></ul>

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## Results Secretaries report

<b>Team</b>	<b>Gala 1</b>	<b>Gala 2</b>	<b>Gala 3</b>	<b>Gala 4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pos</b>
Biddulph	232	242	205	228	907	2
Dane Valley	196	250	222	260	928	1
Leek	215	206	245	207	873	3
Market Drayton	134	130	133	112	509	5
Winsford	219	175	195	193	782	4

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Alsager	278	221	249	235	983	1
Buxton	231	218	122	705	705	4
Cosacss	221	259	232	266	978	3
Oakengate	222	242	261	257	982	2

Buxton gala 3. 50 points deducted from final score. Rule 20.b.

<b>Team</b>	<b>Gala 2</b>	<b>Gala 1</b>	<b>Gala 3</b>	<b>Gala 4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Pos</b>
Crewe	184	169	154	246	753	4
Dove Valley	227	221	225	214	887	2
Newcastle	291	293	281	283	1148	1
Whitchurch	182	265	236	196	879	3

GK explained that there had again been problems with Team sheets; Registration sheets, handwriting and adding up of scores at galas, and at times it had been very difficult to get the results worked out.

It was apparent that not all host teams were not following the correct scoring of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 and double points for relays. Apparently there was also a problem with the electronic recording; AW said he has fixed this.

GK requested that abbreviations should not be used either on Team sheets or Registration sheets.

GK also requested that Registration sheets should be typed and have the swimmers grouped by age at the 28<sup>th</sup> June, alphabetically and sex.

GK said that he had received a telephone call from Biddulph requesting to be moved from division one to division three.

This was discussed in principle and will be put to the AGM

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	<p>To accommodate this move, it was decided that division one should remain with five teams, so one team would move down as per the current Crusader Rule. And two teams would move up.</p> <p>GK also requested that all gala paperwork, team sheets and registration sheets be posted ASAP after any gala.</p> <p>So the proposed divisions for 2009 would be :</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 421 1139 692"> <thead> <tr> <th>Division One</th> <th>Division Two</th> <th>Divisions Three</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Alsager Dane Valley Leek Oakengate Winsford</td> <td>Market Drayton Cosaccs Newcastle Dove Valley</td> <td>Biddulph Buxton Crewe Whitchurch</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Division One	Division Two	Divisions Three	Alsager Dane Valley Leek Oakengate Winsford	Market Drayton Cosaccs Newcastle Dove Valley	Biddulph Buxton Crewe Whitchurch																		
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<p><b>Rule Changes for AGM</b></p>	<p>Whether these are rule changes or additions to the gala procedures will be discussed at the AGM.</p> <p>The secretary will check this before the AGM</p>																								
<p><b>1</b></p>	<p>Host clubs are to ensure they contact visiting clubs 14 days before a gala. If visiting clubs have not been contacted they are to contact the host club, this would be preferably by telephone.</p>																								
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<p><b>4</b></p>	<p>In the event of any team arriving at a gala late, then last place along with the relevant points will be awarded for each event missed.</p>																								
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p>It was decided that a rule would be put in place that covered the league trophies being returned to the league secretary, by the third gala of the season. This would ensure the trophies where available to be presented at the final of each division.</p>																								

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<p><b>6</b></p>	<p>GK suggested loosing the existing registration and rule 12.</p> <p>Changing the league registration rules to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each swimmer competing in the league will be a fully paid up member of both the club and the ASA</li> <li>• Each club competing in the league will supply to the host club, before the gala starts.</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="517 452 1307 689"> <tr> <td data-bbox="517 452 718 539">Gala 1:</td> <td data-bbox="718 452 1307 539">A paper team list, A paper registration list.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="517 539 718 689">Galas 2,3,4:</td> <td data-bbox="718 539 1307 689">A paper team list, A paper registration list of any additional swimmers, not already registered.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The paper registration list will show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Name and Surname (in full),</li> <li>• Date of birth,</li> <li>• Age at 28th June of the competing year.</li> <li>• The paper registration list will be grouped by age and sex.</li> </ul>	Gala 1:	A paper team list, A paper registration list.	Galas 2,3,4:	A paper team list, A paper registration list of any additional swimmers, not already registered.
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<p><b>Election Of Officers:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair for the 2009 season will pass to Dove Valley.</li> <li>• The Secretary is willing to continue</li> <li>• The Treasurer is willing to continue</li> <li>• The Results Secretary is willing to continue</li> </ul> <p>Any other nominations for office, in writing, duly seconded by another club, must reach the Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007</p>				
<p><b>Other AGM Items</b></p>	<p>Any other items form discussion at the AGM in writing, duly seconded by another club, must reach the Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007</p>				
<p><b>AGM</b></p>	<p>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 Starting at 8pm at the Beartown Tap pub 18, Willow St, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1RL</p>				

## Email trial between Oakengate Chair and Secretary

**Can I bring everyone's attention to the following emails below:**

Glen

- GB stated that our original protest was made within 30 days and Oakengates had asked for the first result to be annulled and base the league result on the last three galas only.

Can I have a copy of the protest letter you are claiming was sent to me within 30 days of the problem, as a formal protest it would have been agreed at an Oakengate committee meeting and signed by the officers of the club, this will of course be logged in your clubs minutes. Can I also have a copy of the minutes covering this matter?

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As far as I am aware I have never received any letter of protest from Oakengate apart from the one you emailed to me a couple of weeks back, All I have ever received is just an email from Sam saying Oakengate had arrived late, and appropriate action was taken.

This was one of the options votes on by all the clubs and was kicked back by the other clubs in the league.

- (I believe it was BJ) who stated that the league had done the same thing about 4 years ago, to which GF stated that in that case, it was for different reasons.

This was before my time, but as it was for different reasons then it has no bearing on the events that happened

I am getting totally fed up with this matter, and basically if it continues I will put a proposal to the next meeting to ask Oakengate to leave the league. Can I suggest you get a life as I have said before, it is like dealing with spoilt children who have lost their sweets.

Andy White  
Crusader League Secretary

Tele: 01606 55 85 31  
Mobile: 07929 553058  
Email: [a.white311@btinternet.com](mailto:a.white311@btinternet.com)

**From:** Glen bearman [mailto:gbd116733@blueyonder.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 21 July 2008 17:30  
**To:** a.white311@btinternet.com  
**Cc: Subject:** RE: Crusader Minutes

Andy,

I insist, as I only want what was said on behalf of my club recorded in accurate minutes.

Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Glen

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**From:** a.white311@btinternet.com [mailto:a.white311@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 18 July 2008 20:11  
**To:** gbd116733@blueyonder.co.uk  
**Cc:** 'Paula Clayton'; 'Sam Amery'  
**Subject:** RE: Crusader Minutes

Glen

**This is getting pathetic, it is like dealing with spoilt children who have lost their sweets, can we not grow up and put the matter behind us.** I am really getting fed up with the matter, and have better things to do.

Due to Biddulph moving, we have been able to arrange for Oakengate to be promoted as requested, this will be agreed at the AGM.

May I point out Oakengate, verified at the last meeting by your representatives, even though they had been no contact from the host club, made no attempt to contact the host club to verify the date etc. and actually

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took a team of children some distance basically blind. This puts the blame equally with Oakengate as with Alsager.

No team manager should never even consider taking a team of kids to a gala unless they have definite proof of date, location and start time Oakengate failed in this totally. This is a straight forward health and safety risk assessment matter, can I suggest you send your Team Manager on the Sport England Team Manager's course

If you insist I will amend the minutes but I will also have to add that Oakengate's themselves admitted they had failed to verify gala details, but as I said earlier I have better things to do with my life.

Thanks

Andy White

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**From:** Paula Clayton [mailto:paulaclayton64@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** 17 July 2008 18:14

**To:** Andy White

**Subject:** FW: Crusader Minutes

please tell me this has been settled,!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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From: [gbd116733@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:gbd116733@blueyonder.co.uk)

To: [Paulaclayton64@Hotmail.Com](mailto:Paulaclayton64@Hotmail.Com)

Subject: FW: Crusader Minutes

Date: Thu, 17 Jul 2008 17:45:42 +0100

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**From:** Glen bearman [mailto:gbd116733@blueyonder.co.uk]

**Sent:** 17 July 2008 17:44

**To:** 'a.white311@btinternet.com'

**Cc:** 'Sam Amery'; 'richiewalters42@yahoo.co.uk'; 'Dave Bevington'

**Subject:** Crusader Minutes

**Importance:** High

Hi Andy,

I have received the minutes from Sam and have asked for the following to be included;

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(I believe it was BJ) who stated that the league had done the same thing about 4 years ago, to which GF stated that in that case, it was for different reasons.

Having spoken to Sam, I believe you are unwilling to amend the minutes?

At the end of the meeting you said if anybody had any queries with the minutes to let you know.

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The reason I ask for these to be included is that I did state the above for the record, during the meeting in response to your statement about the appeal time limit, (which you have put in the minutes). It was also revealed during the discussion that our request to annul the first round and base the result on the last 3 rounds had happened previously.

We do want to move forward on this issue, but at the moment the minutes are inaccurate and read as if we were late appealing the first gala result, which wasn't the case.

I don't wish to be difficult about this! I purely want the above points putting in the minutes for accuracy and future reference. If you are still unwilling to amend the minutes, I will have to raise this at the AGM in September on a point of accuracy.

I would have copied the Chairperson in on this email, but I don't have her email address.

I look forward to your response.

Glen

Oakengates ASC

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