

Crusader Swimming League 2018 AGM  
Minutes

24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – 7.00 – 9.00 pm – Congleton Leisure Centre

Officers

Chairperson – Christine McFadden – Leek  
Secretary – Lance Davis – Buxton  
Treasurer – Martin Lane - Whitchurch

Members Present

Buxton  
Dane Valley  
Leek  
Newport  
Stoke  
Telford ,  
Whitchurch

Apologies received from  
Halton  
Winsford

Wellington have decided to withdraw from the league for 2019.

Invited to attend

Alsager - who have decided not to join the league for 2019  
Crewe – have decided to rejoin after not competing in 2018  
Newcastle – who have requested to join the league for 2019

1) Results from 2018

Div1 1st Winsford 2nd Halton 3rd Leek  
Div 2 1st Cosacss , 2nd Wellington , 3rd Dane Valley 4th Telford Aqua  
Div 3 1st Buxton , 2nd Whitchurch 3rd Newport

Trophies

Winsford hold the division 1 trophy.  
Crewe hold the division 2 trophy and will pass it on to Cosacss  
The division 3 trophy has been missing for a couple of years and will be replaced . Lance Davis to action  
– budget £40 - £50

2) League Structure for 2019

Newcastle ASC and Crewe Flyers were welcomed to membership of the league and will both start in division 3.

Whitchurch requested to remain in division 3 to make travel easier to galas.

The following divisions were agreed for 2019.

Div 1- Cosacss, Halton, Winsford  
Div 2- Buxton , Dane Valley , Leek  
Div 3 - Crewe Flyers, Newcastle , Newport , Telford Aqua , Whitchurch,

Dates for 2019 to be agreed with clubs with last date to be last weekend in June Use 30<sup>th</sup> June as age on date until advised of earlier date of last gala.

Clubs to agree dates and inform teams in own division 2 week before with venue -warm up time and any restrictions and spectator numbers if possible

### 3) Treasurers Report

The Treasurer had not managed to hand over to Lynne Wallis from Telford during the year. The treasurer presented the accounts for 2018. The league has a small surplus which means we will be able to reduce the annual fee for the coming year to £10 per club. Neither Crewe nor Knutsford had paid the fee for 2018 having withdrawn from the league. Crewe also owe for 2017 so need to pay £25 to be readmitted to the league for 2019.

We have not yet paid the ASA registration fee for 2018 as we have not received an invoice – the Secretary to contact SE North West to chase this up.

### 4) Rule changes

The Results Manager reported that in the main galas had run well using Hytek in 2018. The main issues were incorrect club short name (in Team Manager) and mis-spelt swimmers names. SE have an online check that clubs can upload their team manager database for checking :-

<https://www.swimmingresults.org/teammanagercheck/>

Halton swam one unregistered swimmer but penalising them would not affect the division results and it was an innocent oversight.

There was a complaint about Telford Aqua not submitting a Hytek entry file but submitting a spreadsheet printout without swimmers dates of birth or Swim England registration numbers meaning that a lot of work had to be done to enter their team into Hytek with made up dates of birth. Wellington ran the Hytek for Cosacss gala and had problems due to not starting with a clean database.

Winsford ran their gala without using Hytek – calculating the results on a spreadsheet – that did not contain swimmers names, dates of birth or registration numbers , making it impossible for the results manage to verify correct entries per the league rules.

The following rule changes were agreed :-

All Crusader league galas to be run using Hytek Meet Manager Software.

Penalty of 40 points for not submitting entries by team manager export file..

If a gala is cancelled due to bad weather etc then a majority of clubs involved can agree the rearranged date.

Teams arriving after twenty minutes will received zero points for races they have missed.

Competitors must be members of clubs on the date of competition not 1<sup>st</sup> January. The 1<sup>st</sup> club they swim for in the year will be taken to be their choice of club (if members of more than one club in the league)

Clubs to no longer be able to enter more than one team in the league.

More flexibility in the gala times rule. Saturday evening to finish by 9.00pm

Changes needed due to the agreement to license league galas.

Revised competition conditions are attached to these minutes.

## 5) Chairmans Report

The league had run well during the year without any serious problems and are all looking forward to 2019.

## 6) Election of officers

Secretary – Lance Davis - Buxton Proposed Christine McFadden, seconded Diane Leathem – elected unanimously

Chair - Liz Storey - Newport by rotation

Treasurer – Lynne Wallis - Telford – Proposed Lance Davis, seconded Martin Lane – elected unanimously

Results Manager – Lance Davis - Buxton

## 7) AOB

Arrangement of alternative dates following cancellation of galas

It was agreed that a majority of the clubs involved in a gala could agree a revised date for an enforced cancellation. That it was to the benefit of the swimmers for the gala to go ahead. No penalty (but no points) for clubs that do not take part.

Licensing of league galas

It was agreed that clubs will be able to choose to license the league galas that they run from 2019 as level 4 meets.

The league will need to comply with the Swim England Requirements for the licensing of leagues and open meet licensing criteria.

Licensed galas will need to run with the required number of officials and proper way of timekeepers checking swimmers names and any changes being recorded.

The secretary will register the league with the Swim North West regional licensing officer as there are an equal number of galas (4) in the North West and West Midlands regions but the league is registered with Swim North West (Cheshire County) .

Clubs will be responsible for licensing fees.

The Secretary to draft appropriate changes to the competition conditions to allow for the licensing of league galas.