

MINUTES OF THE CRUSADER LEAGUE MEETING HELD ON THE 5 JULY 2002

PRESENT: Biddulph, Dane Valley, Leek, Saracens, Whitchurch, Winsford.
Chairman, Secretary, Results Secretary,

APOLOGIES: Crewe, Treasurer

2002 SEASON: The league worked well due to the pre-arranged dates remaining unchanged during the season. It is hoped that this arrangement will continue. Clubs are asked to keep the following dates free so that the 2003 programme can be agreed at the AGM:
18 January, 1 February, 12 April, 26 April, 10 May and 14 June.

RESULTS FOR 2002:	DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III
	1. Saracens	1. Market Drayton	1. Leek
	2. Crewe	2. Alsager	2. COSACSS
	3. Whitchurch	3. Dane Valley	3. Biddulph B
	4. Biddulph A	4. Buxton	
	5. Winsford		

The untimely withdrawal of Satellites from the League resulted in only 3 teams in Division 3. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Satellites to suggest that they consider compensating the 3 remaining teams.

2003 SEASON: It was agreed that the 2003 season would comprise 3 divisions of 4 teams as follows:

DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III
Saracens	Biddulph A	Dane Valley
Crewe	Winsford	Buxton
Whitchurch	Alsager	COSACSS
Market Drayton	Leek	Biddulph B

MATTERS FOR AGM:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The positions of Chairman and Results Secretary will become vacant at the AGM 2002. Clubs are asked to send nominations for their replacements to the Secretary before the AGM.
New officers will receive help and guidance.

POSSIBLE RULE CHANGES: Galas should use the one start rule to comply with current ASA Law. With this in mind, Biddulph raised a concern re the use of spare lanes in galas. There is a possibility that league swimmers could false start due to movement (intentional or unintentional) of a non league swimmer in a spare lane. This would result in the disqualification of a league swimmer under the one start rule.
Clubs should consider this and bring their views to the AGM.

Because of the late submission of the list of registered swimmers by

some clubs, a penalty point system was discussed. It was agreed that all lists should be with the Results Secretary by 15 December. A club would receive 20 penalty points for every week/part week overdue. Clubs are reminded to complete registration forms in duplicate and in the correct format i.e. by age and sex with names in alphabetical order. Performa's will be available at the AGM.

Amendment to rule 17.

Each club shall, before **15 December in the year prior to the** year of competition, supply to the Results Secretary 3 copies of all the registered swimmers, giving name, date of birth and any other club(s) of which the swimmer is a member (if known). **Clubs failing to submit the list by this date will receive 20 penalty points for every week/part week overdue.** The Results Secretary is to sign one copy and return this to the club at least TWO weeks before the first gala. Each club is to ensure that they receive this signed copy prior to the first gala.

Proposed by Winsford, seconded by Biddulph.

Clubs are asked to ensure that dual club swimmers know who they are going to swim for. The Results Secretary has had to spend a lot of time on swimmers agreeing to swim for more than one club.

Point carried over from AGM 2001.

Biddulph raised the issue of point's allocation when an inconsistent number of teams are present in the divisions.

Current funding / bank balance to be discussed at AGM

AGM 2002, 7.30pm on 20 September, THE SWAN HOTEL, EDWARD STREET, LEEK.