

MINUTES OF THE CRUSADER LEAGUE MEETING HELD ON THE 24 JULY 2006

PRESENT: Biddulph, COSACSS, Dane Valley, Market Drayton, Newcastle, Winsford.
Chairman (Alsager), Secretary, Results Secretary, Treasurer.

APOLOGIES: Buxton, Newport, Oakengates

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (AGM 2005)

- Division Trophies. The cost of a new trophy to replace the missing division III trophy will be approx. £100.
Action: Secretary to write to Leek to ask for a contribution to the cost given that the trophy was last with them.
Leek had been requested to bring the division II trophy to the meeting so that the replacement could be made to match (the division I trophy having already been made available, by Biddulph, for this purpose). No Leek representative attended the meeting.

Leek is now believed to hold all 3 trophies.

Action: Secretary to discuss with Leek.

- New bank account has been created. There was a small discrepancy of £29.66 that had occurred due to no bank statements being available for cross checking for some considerable time. Balance at 30 May 2006 was £181.26. Alsager still to pay subscription. **Action: Alsager.**

2006 SEASON:

- The lists of registered club swimmers were submitted on time and mostly in the correct format. Quality of team sheets much improved. All clubs requested to maintain this standard.
- Team sheets and results sheets are not being passed on to the results secretary quickly enough and in one instance, not at all. This has prompted a proposal to amend the rules (see below).
- Co-ordination of Officials by Phil Matthews has been good and well received. The League thanks Phil and the officials.
- There has been poor communication between some clubs particularly with respect to timing of galas. Late changes of dates and venues have occurred and caused problems. Clubs are asked to avoid changes if at all possible. If unavoidable, clubs must inform the referee via Phil Matthews as well as results secretary and relevant clubs.
- A number of issues were raised with respect to the gala at Buxton. In particular, the gala was held at the same time as a pool party. This was considered to be unacceptable.
Action: Secretary to inform Buxton.
- A different issue was raised with respect to the gala at Leek. Phil Matthews had had lengthy discussions with the ASA legal department about the depth of the water at the shallow end of Leek pool which prompted him to send a letter to the league (enclosed). Concerns were raised at the meeting about safety and insurance liability and since then a formal letter of complaint has been received from Market Drayton.
- **Action: Chairman to speak to Leek re the use of this pool.**
- There has been no 'come back' on programme change. It is therefore assumed that all clubs are happy with the revisions.

RESULTS FOR 2006:

DIVISION I

1. Leek
2. Winsford
3. Market Drayton
4. Biddulph A

DIVISION II

1. Buxton
2. Alsager
3. COSACSS
4. Crewe

DIVISION III

1. Dane Valley
2. Whitchurch
3. Newport
4. Biddulph

2007SEASON:

Newcastle and Oakengates had applied to join the league and their applications were accepted. Newcastle has a 33 yard pool.

Action: Secretary to send letter of acceptance.

There will be no Biddulph B team for 2007.

The divisions for 2007 will therefore be:

DIVISION I

- Leek
Biddulph
Market Drayton
Winsford
Buxton

DIVISION II

- COSACSS
Dane Valley
Alsager
Crewe

DIVISION III

- Newport
Whitchurch
Newcastle
Oakengates

**MATTERS FOR AGM:
ELECTION OF
OFFICERS:**

Current officers are available for re-election except the Secretary.

Action: Clubs are requested to provide nominations for this position.

The Treasurer is willing to continue although he no longer represents a club participating in the league.

Action: If clubs have any objection to the Treasurer continuing on this basis they should notify the league at the AGM.

**PROPOSED NEW
RULE**

A new rule is proposed to encourage the prompt return of the results sheets to the results secretary. New rule to be inserted between rules 20 and 21. 'The host club for each gala must return the results to the Results Secretary within 7 days of the gala. Failure to do so will incur FIFTY penalty points'.

Action: All clubs to vote at AGM.

**PROPOSED
CHANGE TO GALA
PROCEDURES**

It was requested that the procedures should specify the arrangement for the cannon relays i.e. girl/boy, youngest to oldest.

Action: Secretary to update.

AOB:

- There was a discussion re the possible amendment to rule 19 to change the age of the swimmers from 31 December to 15 July. This was generally felt to disadvantage 8 year olds. Further discussion to be held at the AGM. **Action: All clubs to present their views.**
- Andy White requested that a new independent website be created. The costs will be £8.50 for 2 years for www.CrusaderLeague.org.uk and £30 for 2 years web space. Andy was given the go ahead to proceed.
- It is clear that not all league representatives are communicating league information to their clubs. In addition, changes to league representatives are not being communicated to the Secretary or to other Division clubs. **Action: League representatives are reminded to fulfil their role to ensure the smooth running of the galas and league.**

All clubs should note the change of venue for subsequent meetings. The membership fee of £10 will be due at the AGM.

AGM 2006, 7.45pm on 25 September, ALSAGER LEISURE CENTRE.