

MINUTES of the South East Water Polo Meeting at Guildford Leisure Centre on 11th February 2008 starting at 7.00pm

7.57 Present: Mike Clark (Rural Surrey Chairman)
Roger Edmondson (Secretary)
Natalie Cunningham (RDO)
Fred Holehouse (Rural Kent)
Alastair Roberts (Sussex)

7.58 Apologies: Nicholas Buller
Trevor Jones
Reg Koster (Oxfordshire)
Chris Gurney
Gerry Lay

7.59. Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting (3rd December) had been circulated and signed as a true record with the following alterations:

7.44 Alan Lewis was present

7.47 Fred Holehouse had asked the Chairman to ask the following question at the ASA Meeting this coming Friday (7th Dec)
“ What is the policy of the ASA supporting water polo for the 2012 Olympics”

7.56 Fred Holehouse had shown an interest in the Treasurer’s job. The Secretary agreed to send a job description.

7.60 Matters Arising

7.51 Natalie had sent an e-mail to Sue Lanford but had no reply. Tried a month later but still no reply. Due to have a meeting with Sue Langford in the near future and would raise the matter with her.

7.55.2 Mike Clark reported back that there had been a heated debate at the ASA Meeting on the 7th December. The minutes of the meeting did not reflect the statements made by the the Chief Executive.

Women are likely to qualify for 2012 since there are a smaller pool of Countries involved. The men had to attain a certain position in the international rankings before GB could nominate them. What criteria was not stated. The BOA has the final decision on entry and would not endorse or nominate an unsuccessful team.

7.61 Budget

The Budget for 2008-09 had been circulated, approved and will be discussed by the Full Committee later in the month.

The accounts to date for 07-08 had also been circulated. Water Polo is well-within budget

7.62 The Regional Aquatic Strategy document had been circulated. Discussion took place and it was decided that members can send their comments to the Secretary

by the 25th February who will tabulate them to the Regional Director.
The Working Party was praised for their efforts.

7.63 Water Polo Referees.

The Chairman had received an assurance that we do not have to have licensed Premises. It was agreed to hold a Referees Course in October/November 2008 – Mike will confirm dates. (23rd November; Last weekend in October or 1st in Nov)

7.64 Table Officials Course to be run at Crowborough when National League 4 matches are played.

7.65 Competition Dates

1. Club Finals at K2 Crawley on Sunday 6th April 2008 starting at 2pm.
Alastair asked to look at the possibility of a ladies/girls match during the interval.
2. East League Play Off on 29th March at Swanley 1st and 2nd in Kent and Sussex Leagues to compete – If a player plays for both a Sussex Club and a Kent Club, he can decide which player he plays for – if his team gets knocked out, he cannot then play for the other team.
3. U19 Joint SE/London U19 Tournament – 30th March 2008 (90)
4. U16 Joint SE/London U16 Tournament - 12th October (93)
5. East League Tournament played at Basingstoke - well organised by Gerry – well done. Results and Referee's expenses submitted.

7.66 Coaching Course- 19th/20th January – run by Hayden Howard.
The question paper was multiple choice and too easy was a comment made.

7.67 Coaching

Nick Buller had sent an e-mail offering to stand down from his position on the committee and he was thanked for his efforts.

The Secretary will e-mail Dave Clifford to see whether he was interested in the post.

The Secretary will investigate the names of the qualified coaches in the region.

7.68 Development Plan – Natalie reported on the progress being made.

7.69 CRB Clearance – the Secretary reported on the document received from Gerry with proposals from the ASA Legal Affairs Department. All coaches should be crb checked as a norm but there are interesting proposals of players crb checks etc in the document. Comments please by 25th February to the Secretary.

7.70 Secretary – The Secretary unformed the meeting that he will be stepping down after the next meeting. Clubs should be circulated asking for nominations.

7.71 A.O.B.

1. Fred Holehouse agreed to take up the post of Treasurer on the 1st April 2008
2. Fred Holehouse and Alastair Roberts expressed their disgust at the organisation of the ASA Club Championships 2008.
 - A. No Senior Mens ASA Club Championships 2008 due to lack of finance.
 - B. The ASA website contains severe inaccuracies in which Age Groups are being allowed to compete in the Junior and Youth Club Championships (B boys and Girls).
 - C. No venues yet the tournaments are due to be played in the next four weeks.

At grass routes level, the Clubs do not have a clue at what is going on. Natalie agreed to ask her Regional Manager to express her disgust to the ASA on the way water polo clubs were being treated in the South East.

7.72 **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 19th May 2008

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm.