

Notts ASA

**Minutes of the Water Polo Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2007 at Ellis Guildford School.**

Present; Mrs W Coles (Notts ASA Sec), T Taylor (WP Sec), A Cartledge (WP Recorder), C Freebury (WP Refs Co-ordinator), C Akers, K Mellors, M Beeson.

Apologies for absence had been received from B Barnet and Mrs M Horton.

Mrs Coles was elected to chair the meeting.

1. Minutes of the June meeting; C Freebury questioned the accuracy of item 9 but following discussion it was accepted that the minutes were a true record.

2. Matters arising.

2b; Mr A Johns had again been contacted regarding the trophies held by his family.

2e; Sec had raised the issue of ladies water polo at East Mids Water Polo committee where it was felt that, as most female interest was with the under 16s, any development could be accommodated within planned development activities which would be for both sexes.

2f; Sec reported he had asked several clubs how they were managing the ASA requirement for a safety announcement before games. All had said they were finding it difficult. Following discussion Sec was asked to send a circular to all clubs reminding them that this was an obligation upon them.

8a; Sec understood that Bramcote baths had not been able to appoint a water polo coach (2hrs).

9. Coach for Notts Junior Men's county team. Those suggested at June meeting were involved in national League when matches were likely to be played in November and did not have CRB cover. Further names were considered. Sec asked to approach F Endy and, if he was not able to do it, R Steel if CRB checked. Sec said he may be away for one of the mid Nov game so could not manage the event; A Cartledge agreed to stand in.

3. Match Matters.

- a) Hucknall vs Leicester, 12<sup>th</sup> July. Leicester had cancelled the game two days before. It was agreed that the match be awarded to Hucknall 5 – 0 and Leicester be fined £15 for failure to fulfil the fixture.
- b) Coventry vs Leicester; Leicester had re-arranged the match from 3<sup>rd</sup> June (when they turned up with 6 players) to 18<sup>th</sup> July. However on that day they had not turned up at all and only phoned to say they could not raise a team 15 minutes before the match was due to start with the referee already there. It was agreed that the match be awarded to Coventry 5 – 0 and that Leicester be fined £15 for failure to fulfil the fixture plus the referee's fee of £20. Sec asked to make clear to Leicester that cancellation at the last minute was particularly unacceptable and would incur a heavier penalty if repeated.
- c) Matlock vs Leander; re-arranged from 15<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> Sept by Matlock. Matlock to pay the £5 re-arrangement fee.
- d) Southwell vs Matlock; re-arranged from 19<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> Sept by Matlock. Matlock to pay the £5 re-arrangement fee.
- e) Several other games had been re-arranged due to bath closures or cup games taking precedence so were approved with no re-arrangement fees due.
- f) The following match sheets had been received more than 10 days after the game had been played so under rule 9s the home teams are fined £10;
  - i. South Derbys vs Leander, played 1<sup>st</sup> Aug (sheet received 17Aug),
  - ii. Leander vs Matlock, played 5<sup>th</sup> June (sheet received 19<sup>th</sup> July),
  - iii. Southwell vs Coventry, played 5<sup>th</sup> July (sheet received 26<sup>th</sup> July),
  - iv. Coventry vs Leander, played 11<sup>th</sup> July (sheet received 30<sup>th</sup> July).

- g) The sec reported that two teams had not paid the fines imposed at the last meeting within one month as required under rule 3f. Both had needed two reminders and had now paid. It was agreed to look at this again at the next meeting with a view to bringing an amendment to the rules to the AGM in 2008.

#### 4. Cup Results and arrangements.

In the Handicap Cup it was felt the handicaps had worked well in Round 1 but less so in the semi-finals.

It was confirmed that the Handicap Cup final would be between South Derbyshire and Leicester at Beechdale Baths on Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> November. T Taylor agreed to be the event manager.

The finalists in The KO Cup would also be South Derbyshire and Leicester, the match to be played at Hucknall pool on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> November. C Freebury agreed to be the event manager.

W Coles (as 2007 President of Notts ASA) agreed to present the trophies and medals at each event.

#### 5. East Midlands Region Water Polo Report.

Sec reported on the recent EM water Polo committee meeting.

ASA had given the Region had been given a three year grant to develop water polo with younger players younger players and coaching standards and a sachem had been developed for this. Notts had been asked to arrange a development clinic at Hucknall on 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2008. This weekend would clash with the Notts County championships so Sec to contact the Region to suggest an alternative date. W Coles emphasised the importance of making the 3yr scheme work or future funding would not be forthcoming.

Notts had also been asked to put on a Grade C referees course in the first part of 2008. C Freebury agreed to look into a suitable date and contact the Sec.

#### 6. Midlands Cup and Plate competitions.

The West-East Midlands Cup competition had been well supported by clubs in 2007 but only one Notts League club had entered the "Plate" competition (for clubs below Midland League level).

It was agreed that the Sec should circulate clubs and urge them to enter in 2008.

#### 7. Notts League Youth Events.

Sec presented a report on the 2007 Youth events. He suggested the competition should be run on a similar basis for the same age group in 2008. This was agreed.

Three clubs had so far expressed a wish to enter in 2008 but he expected 2 or 3 more would join in.

It was agreed that the Sec, C Freebury, and a Cartledge would be the organising committee for the competition.

#### 8. Notts Junior Men's Team (18 and under).

Sec said he had already sought nominations from clubs for this team to play in the East Midlands match against Derbyshire. If more than 13 or so names were received he would arrange a trials. This was accepted.

#### 9. Automatic Sanctions.

C Freebury outlined the new system of sanctions for brutality and disrespect. He agreed to circulate all clubs and referees with details.

#### 10. Bath side at Beechdale.

C Freebury said that the bath side at Beechdale was often slippery for referees. Sec agreed and said he would write to the pool.

The meeting ended at 9.35pm