

BRISTOL & WEST WATER POLO LEAGUE
COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday 1st April 2019 - 7.30pm
AGENDA

The Bristol Concorde, Filton, Bristol

Apologies of absence had been received from the following:

John Sissons – Prem Rep
Simon Tomlinson – Div 1 Rep
Harriet Tod – Hon Treasurer (report submitted)

Daryl Ward – Junior Div Rep was not present

Attendees:

Mike Coles – Match Sec., Ref Co-ord
Phil Whitting – Chair
Darren Nash – Hon. Sec.
Paula Manning – Ladies Div Rep
Nick Tod – Div 2 Rep

1. Matters arising from meeting on 28th Jan 2019

(not covered elsewhere on agenda)

The minutes of committee meeting held on the 28-01-19 were agreed to be a true record and approved by all attendees.

Review of on-going actions

2019/01 – HT - *Monitor status of 2019 subscription payment from CWM Draig and contact the club if no payment is received by the end of Jan 2019.*

Details provided in report to the committee prepared by HT and attached at **attachment 3** to these minutes.

Action complete

2019/02 – MC - *Amend wording of league rules in line with changes agreed at 2019 AGM.*

Action on-going – DN agreed to provide full text of revised wording to MC – see also **Action 2019/12**

2019/04 – MC – Liaise with Rob Coleman to agree dates for U13 tournament at Plymouth Life Centre.

Details of tournament dates addressed in agenda Item 3.

Action complete

2019/06 – Committee - *Set date and venue for final of 2019 Presidents Cup competition (once 2019 BWPL fixture list is set).*

Still awaiting BWPL fixture lists

Action on-going

2019/07 – MC - *Source new Junior Div 2 winners shield*

Action on-going

2019/08 – MC - *Source new supplier of better quality winners medals for use in the 2019 competition.*

Action on-going

2. League Accounts

Report to the committee provided by HT and delivered by NT – attached at **attachment 3** to these minutes.

HT reported that all clubs had paid their annual subscriptions but that Cwm Draig had been very late in making their payment.

NT explained that in line with approach agreed at the last committee mtg, HT contacted Cwm Draig a further time before the closing date for payment of annual subscriptions (end of Jan) and three further times thereafter before payment was finally received in early March.

Noting the need for repeated requests and very late settlement of the subscriptions, in accordance with rule 11.1:

“Failure to pay the annual subscription by the due date [31st Jan] may result in a fine not exceeding £50.”

The committee took the decision to fine Cwm Draig £30, which HT was actioned to advise.

Action 2019/09 – HT – To write to Cwm Draig Club Sec and advise of the imposing of a £30 fine for contravention of Rule 11.1 and requiring acknowledgement within 28 days of the letter.

3. League Tournaments

U13 Tournament – Confirmed as being held on Sat 28th Sept 2019, 12:30-20:00 @ Plymouth Life Centre

U15 Tournament – Confirmed as being held on Sat 7th Sept 2019, 14:00-20:00 @ Newport International Pool

DN was asked to advise club secretaries of these dates.

Action 2019/10 – DN – Contact all club secretaries to advise of dates/venue for junior tournaments.

Masters Tournament (Action from AGM – R Tamlyn)

The committee agreed that it should seek to establish a Masters age-group tournament to be run in the 2019 season.

Competition would be a mens tournament for over 35yrs.
Will ideally be held in an outdoor venue – Sandford Lido (Cheltenham) was identified as first choice venue.
Tournament would be run on a weekend in August.
Should aim to be run on a cost neutral basis.

DN was asked to contact Martyn Thomas at Cheltenham Water Polo with a view to enquiring on availability of Sandford Lido to host the event and establish preliminary costs. Also it was suggested that DN should contact Rhys Tamlyn to seek assistance in making contact with prospective entrants.

Action 2019/11 – DN – Contact Martyn Thomas to enquire about use of Sandford Lido as a venue for the Masters Tournament.

4. Presidents Cup

2018 Cup Final - It was confirmed that South Gloucestershire Water Polo Club beat Swansea Water Polo club 14-11, with SGWPC having been awarded a 2 goal head start. The new Presidents cup trophy, donated by Phil Whitting was presented to the SGWPC team captain at the event.

2019 Competition - [post meeting note] – a handicap for the fixture between Swansea and Cwm Draig was set @ 15 goal head start for Swansea.

5. Instances of Notification and Postponement (Rule 14) and Unplayed Fixtures (Rule 21)

A number of instances were reported by MC and confirmed as first postponements.

Div 2 - SG v BoA – postponement accepted as being due to circumstances outside the control of SG – no postponement accredited to SG.

6. Any Other Business

DN raised a query wrt wording in rule 16.4 – See attachment 2 to these minutes.

This was discussed and it was agreed that having chosen to retain rules that provided flexibility for players to play water polo in different teams across divisions, as enacted by the wording of rule 16.4, the apparent limitation within the same wording, to be applied solely to clubs operating with a side in the Premier league and other divisions was not proportionate or consistent and should therefore be removed. DN offered to revise the wording accordingly.

ACTION 2019/12 – DN – Review and revise wording of rule 16.4 to remove limitations applied to clubs with premier league sides. Revision to be passed to MC along with all new rule wording to enable him to update rules on the BWWPL web site.

Player registration – MC advised that several league registration applications have been for players who are not Swim England registered.

It was agreed that approval to register players with the BWWPL will only be granted where MC can confirm Swim England registration in advance.

In addition, the Committee should give consideration to increasing the charge made to the club for in-season registrations, to better reflect the cost to the Match Sec and League in administering the request, particularly where registrations had to be confirmed through direct contact by the Match Sec with Swim England.

It was agreed that this matter should be reviewed as a proposal ahead of the next AGM.

South West region is still awaiting Swim England sponsored seminars on new rules, to be delivered by Mike Jukes

MC noted that the South West region is one of the few regions yet to be provided with a brief on the application of the new FINA rules for water polo. It was noted that the BWWPL remained committed to attempting to

implement appropriate rule changes during the later part of the BWWPL season(Sept-Nov), as agreed at the last AGM. It is expected that the BWPL will apply the rules as appropriate during the forthcoming 2019/20 season and so for teams and officials from the BWWPL who are involved in BWPL this early awareness is considered essential.

In addition, MD explained that Referee and Table Official courses delivered through Swim England will not be available until the briefing have been delivered. MC agreed to chase Mike Jukes for a hard commitment to a briefing date and advise the league membership accordingly.

Action 2019/13 – MC – Secure firm date(s) for Swim England briefing on the application of new FINA rules for water polo.

NT advised that he was in possession of presentations from the Table Officials courses being delivered by Swim England in regions where briefings have taken place. He suggested releasing this information to BWWPL league clubs.

It was agreed that NT should check with Mike Hesketh of Swim England to confirm that there was no limitation on distribution of the information.

Action 2019/14 – NT to contact Mike Hesketh of Swim England to gain permission to distribute Table Official training course presentations and if permitted then circulate to BWWPL club Secs.

7. Dates of next meetings

Monday 1st July

Monday 7th October

Monday 2nd December

Attachment 1 – Actions

Action ID	Action On	Detail	Progress	Note
2019/01	HT	Monitor status of 2019 subscription payment from CWM Draig and contact the club if no payment is received by the end of Jan 2019.	Complete	See follow-up action 2019/09
2019/02	MC	Amend wording of league rules in line with changes agreed at 2019 AGM.	On-going	DN to forward draft text to MC
2019/04	MC	Liaise with Rob Coleman of Devonport royals to arrange dates/venue for 2019 U13 tournament	Complete	To be held on Sat 28 th Sept 2019, 12:30-20:00 @ Plymouth Life Centre
2019/06	Committee	Set date and venue for final of 2019 Presidents Cup competition (once 2019 BWPL fixture list is set).	On-going	Await BWPL fixture dates
2019/07	MC	Source new Junior Div 2 winners shield	On-going	
2019/08	MC	Source new supplier of better quality winners medals for use in the 2019 competition.	On-going	
2019/09	HT	write to Cwm Draig Club Sec and advise of the imposing of a £30 fine for contravention of Rule 11.1 and requiring acknowledgement within 28 days of the letter.	New	
2019/10	DN	Contact all club secretaries to advise of dates/venue for junior tournaments.	New	

2019/11	DN	Contact Martyn Thomas to enquire about use of Sandford Lido as a venue for the Masters Tournament.	New	
2019/12	DN	Review and revise wording of rule 16.4 to remove limitations applied to clubs with premier league sides.	New	Revision to be passed to MC along with all new rule wording to enable him to update rules on the BWWPL web site.
2019/13	MC	Secure firm date(s) for Swim England briefing on the application of new FINA rules for water polo.	New	
2019/14	NT	contact Mike Heskith of Swim England to gain permission to distribute Table Official training course presentations and if permitted then circulate to BWWPL club Secs.	New	

Attachment 2 – Rule 16.4

A player who is registered with a University team in a lower division and is a bona fide student at that university may also register as a player in a higher division for his home Club Association. A player from a team in a lower division may also register for a team in a higher division, except where his home Club Association has a team in the top Division. Any student or player registered for more than one Club Association may not be a starred player.

BWWPL Treasurers Report 1st April 2019**Bristol & West Water Polo
League
Income and Expenditure
Year End 31/12/2019**

<u>Income</u>	£	£
Subscriptions	1,935.00	
Referees Pool	86.91	
Rule 20	-	
Fines	186.50	
Junior Tournaments	450.00	
Interest Received	-	
Pool Hire	-	
Refs Course	-	
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		2,658.41
<u>Expenditure</u>	£	£
Referees Pool	- 86.91	
Trophies & Engraving	-	
KO Cup Final	229.77	
Junior Tournament	-	
Postage	-	
Website	23.42	
Printing	-	
Travel Expenses	119.00	
Affiliation fees	86.90	
Refs Shirts	-	
AGM Expenses	50.00	
Refs Course	-	
Match Secretary Allowance	450.00	
Refs Expenses	-	
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		872.18
Income/(Expenditure) For Year		1,786.23

Points on the Accounts

1. All of the Clubs have now settled the outstanding invoices.
 - a. University of Bath let me know that there would be a delay in their payment.
 - b. I chased Cwm Draig:
 - i. On 23rd January, and received no response.
 - ii. Again on the 31st January and received a reply on 4th February that payment was being organised that week.
 - iii. Again on the 18th February, to receive a response that Darryl would check with the Club Treasurer.
 - iv. Again on 28th February, and received a photograph of an envelope later that day.
 - v. Cheque was received on 3rd March, and cleared funds were in the account on 5th March.
2. I propose, in line with the League Rules, 11.1, that Cwm Draig be fined for late payment, given 30 days to settle the fine, or else, be suspended from the league.
3. Last year's President's KO Cup cost just under £230, which has been covered in this years accounts.
4. There are no other out of the ordinary notes to the accounts.
5. Presently, we have £5,648.62 in the Bank.