

# North West & Central Canoe Polo Committee

## Committee Meeting

Minutes for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014, 20:00 – 21:30

**Attendance:** Niall Evans, Robert Holdway, Matt Carter, Heather Carter, Pete Mitchell

### **1. Apologies**

Mike Moffitt – Busy setting up for Liv International.

Alex Jones – Unavailable.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Previous minutes were assumed to be approved although no copy was circulated at the meeting.

### **3. New Chairman Handover to Committee from Niall Evans**

- NE Suggests splitting the role in two. Chairman & League Organiser – Attendees agree this is a good plan
  - Chairman to oversee committee, contact with national league, development, also act as secretary until one can be appointed. – No-one at the meeting willing/able to take on the role. Could other Committee members be interested (Darren Bohanna)
  - League Organiser to oversee general running of the league, pool contacts, team contacts, entries, first point of contact for division organiser. **Robert Holdway to take on role.**

### **4. Treasurers Report/Financial Matters**

- HC to continue as Treasurer
- All pool fees for 2013/2014 year have now been paid.
- After receipt of National League invoice from Fenton pool we will have more than £2,000 in the bank.
- Welsh Warriors still owe £30.
- Pools currently cost around £9,500 per annum.
- A treasurers report needs to be submitted to the National Committee annually.
- RH to take over signatory position from NE

### **5. Other Committee Positions, Secretary & Webmaster**

- Still no-one to take on the role of secretary – do we need someone....?
- MC to take over Webmaster role from AJ. Keep the website simple but informative and most importantly up to date.

### **6. Divisional Reports Season End**

- Thanks to this year's divisional organisers for your hard work

- Nothing else to report that isn't already known.

#### **7. Regional League Structure/ Next Seasons League, (Medals?)**

- Entry form currently in-correct, needs to be updated and re-issued.
- 12 Team split Div 1 structure agreed to be trialled 2014/2015 season, top teams from Div 2 and some expected new entering teams will make up the remaining div 1 teams. (Welsh Warriors & maybe Lakeland or Loughborough)
- Div 2 to stay the same with extra 'promotions' from div 3 to make up the numbers, div 2 will therefore become a slightly easier division but hopefully more even.
- Div 3/4 set for Gala days, otherwise unchanged.
- Medals to be ordered for at least next two seasons again, does it make sense to drop the date off the medals (Just have div/position) or even order just blank and then they can be engraved closer to the time of use to save changes in the league structure wasting medals.
- The league is not specifically designed for promotion/demotion, every year clubs enter a team and the organisers will try to place them as requested/as they feel is fitting.
- Entry form to be added to the website

#### **8. Divisional Organisers**

- To change things up and try to bring more people into the volunteer side of the League we are looking for 4 new Divisional organisers for next season. Therefore we would also like the boxes returned from the current organisers to be re-filled and re-issued.
- Organisers are to maintain their own boxes in future, they will be provided with the basic necessities to run a tournament but if replacements or sensible upgrades to equipment are required they should purchase them and then invoice the Treasurer. Balls, rule books and whistle sets will be purchased and kept in stock so these can be requested directly from the league.

#### **9. Development**

- To be discussed at the next meeting when more of the committee are available.

#### **10. Refereeing and Disciplinary Procedure**

- First weekend of the National League will be outdoor tournaments in Liverpool, alongside these there will be a Theory Course on the Saturday and then chances to get assessed on the Sunday.
- Red Cards in Div 1 need to be reported up to National Committee, Red Card report forms to be provided to Div 1 Organiser. All other divisions; Red Cards to be reported up to League Organiser who will decide next course of action.

#### **11. Wider Role of the Committee**

- NWD is a Sub-Committee of the National Committee
- It is there to develop polo on a regional basis in Cumbria, NW, W Mids, and NE Wales where appropriate.

## **12. Any other Business**

- Online/publicity/website improvement points:
  - Create a Widget or similar for the Google Groups to make access and visibility easier.
  - Setup email addresses for the various positions, Chairman, League Organiser, Treasurer, Secretary and Division Organisers. With forwarding to personal emails so that individual's personal emails are not publicised and contact addresses don't change as positions change.
- Shot Clocks, more of a medium to long term development, when national league start to filter down the divisions then look to begin to implement in Div 1 to start.