

NW & C Canoe Polo

NWC Annual General Meeting

AGM to be held on 12 June 2016

Venue: Collingwood Dock, Liverpool, L3 OAN

Time: 13:00 - 14:00.

1. **Attendances and Apologies**

Attendance

Matthew Carter – Chair (MC), Heather Carter – Treasurer (HC), Mike Moffitt – Development Officer (MM), Chris Tighe – Secretary (CT), Penny Taylor (PT).

Apologies

Rob Holdway – League Organiser, Dylan Tomlinson.

2. **Chairman's Address**

a. **Regional summary**

Single red card in Division 1 which was settled within the tournament and requires no follow up.

It was highlighted that a main issue in the league was regarding some teams not turning up to tournaments with only 2 days' notice or less.

MM suggested getting in touch with the teams and making a point of how much of a negative impact they have on the tournaments they miss (especially when regularly missing tournaments).

Pointed out that the majority of teams not turning up are the university teams, not area teams.

MC – We could contact Student Unions of the universities that don't turn up as they are generally funding the team's entries – i.e. the teams have no financial impact if they choose not to turn up therefore are less likely to show.

b. **Call for Volunteers**

In need of everything/anyone!

Division organisers (set up and running).

MM – If we continue with a lack of volunteers for the region it may be required to ask teams who present more than one team in the league to provide some sort of support for the running of the league, whether that be a divisional organiser or a representative to take a spot on the committee.

Currently a Webmaster for the NWC site is severely needed to keep things up to date.

c. Grants

£750 has been awarded to the region, aimed at developing players through pathways towards GB development. The money comes from the national committee and has been added to the pot currently in place for the region as development funding for referees, coaches etc. (£1000).

Forms to apply for this funding can be found on the NWC website.

MM suggested that FOA could move around the area with polo set-ups to clubs that may not have the structure to play but are keen to introduce their players to polo. This could be funded through the grants system.

HC – Examples of potential successful grants could be collated and provided on the website.

d. Future Plans

Next season there will be an expansion in the league – two div 4's, one midlands (Stoke) based and one northern (Liverpool) based.

This could end up as two division 3's dependent on ability of entrants.

MC – We will be much stricter on the minimum number of people at the initial tournaments to prevent only 3 games being played per team at tournaments later.

3. Treasurers Report

Approximately £5.5k in the bank.

Division 3 entrants have all paid.

£15,600 has been spent on pools this year – a good proportion was for national league.

Much more has been spent on outdoor venues this year to keep cost down.

Purchased medals, stopwatches, balls.

£6k spent on Cheadle pool (both national and regional).

Contingency of £10k to cover committee not reached currently but is planned to be kept in case of financial issues.

MM to add 20 whistles for NWC league to his order to be reimbursed.

4. League Report

5. Community Q & A

6. Constitution Update Review/Vote

Unanimous in favour of the constitution update.

7. Committee Position Nomination & Votes (Secretary & Treasurer)

Chris Tighe and Heather Carter to continue with roles of Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

8. AOB

MM – Development – applied for grant to LJMU and City College (LIV) for providing the facility of FOA at Collingwood on a Wednesday afternoon. Which should provide potential for development in the area.