

**NORTHERN WAVE SWIMMING CLUB  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
5 December 2007 at 19:30 at Mike L's House**

Present

Trevor Burchick, Mike Felse, Edwin Lace, Mike Lane, Mikey Maxwell, Steve Tomkins

Apologies

Hana Kubakoav

Minutes of last meeting

Discussed and accepted. The follow items are carried forward as not yet finalised:

- Finalise welcome leaflet and introduce for new members – Mikey
- Join IGLA – Trevor
- Work on kit design and sourcing for 10 year anniversary limited edition – Trevor

Christmas dinner

Booked for 20 places at The Soup Kitchen. 19 places taken by members. Being held jointly with Manchester Sharks.

Equipment

Needs to be inventoried and located. Felt some gone missing. Steve thinks it is all still in his shed and will check.

Recognition of members' achievements

It has been suggested that we should recognise the achievements of members in a more formal manner. This can involve listing them on club website and having an annual awards event. Awards would be designed so as to appeal to all members, not just those who compete. We could also consider implementing member logins to the main database which is currently being redesigned. This would allow us to have a records page on the club website and give members the opportunity to record their competition results somewhere. Mike L will investigate holding our first Awards Dinner at Villagio in October 2008.

Constitution

This needs to be reviewed in line with recent information from Swim Northwest. Mikey will do this.

Free entry for 'refugees'

This was an initiative extended to two members at the request of John Casson. Committee are unsure if the two concerned are refugees in the Home Office sense. Further clarification will be sought with a view to reviewing the free entry.

Swim event 2008

Pride Games will be in 'lite' format on 12-14 September 2008. After that it will move to a regular slot in June. It is proposed that we hold a special 10 year anniversary gala aimed predominantly at local and national clubs, both straight and gay. It can be used to promote awareness and integration. Date Saturday 13 September. Venue possible Broughton Baths.

Training camp 2008

Investigated Chester but dates don't work. Remain with Lancaster. Get an external coach this year to make it different. Likely Rob and Lizzie will both be unavailable. Mike Lane is progressing this.

Any other business

Suggested that a group of members visit public pools in the Greater Manchester area during public sessions. Edwin will try to move this forward.

A bid has been submitted to Operation Fundraiser for £1000.

Proposed to submit bid to the Greater Manchester Authorities consortium for funds for 10 year Gala (up to £10000 can be bid for).

Proposed to submit bid to Sport Relief for £5000 towards kit.

Proposed to submit bid to Awards for All for inclusion and diversity (up to £10000 can be bid for).

Suggested we should hold a pool party at a licensed venue for a bit of fun!!

It is rumoured that some members are put off the training lanes as they are too busy. We are currently looking at getting a coach for the small pool for those who can't swim or want to improve stroke technique rather than just train.