

**NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.**

**Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 12 May 2009 – Hewett School**

**PRESENT** M Watkins (Chairman/Hon Secretary), A Smith (Hon. Assistant Secretary), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies/Thetford Dolphins), R Barrett (Championship Secretary), Mrs S Thompson (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), J Digby (Norwich Swan), A Lelean (Diss Otters), G Jarvis (Great Yarmouth), Mrs J Snell (Dereham Otters), Mrs P Storie (Diss Otters), Mrs K Woodhouse (Aylsham Vikings)

**APOLOGIES** K Rumsey (President), G Garner (Officials Liaison), S Park (West Norfolk)

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 31 MARCH 2009**

Agreed as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

The meeting of club coaches has yet to be convened to discuss the arrangements and format of the County Championships & Age Groups 2010 (see below).

Affiliation fees have now been received from all the competitive clubs. As the problem was, in part, due to the Treasurer not alerting Officers and the Sub-Committee to unpaid fees and not chasing up clubs immediately after 31 January when fees were due, it was decided that clubs and swimmers should not be penalised at this very late stage.

There were no changes to the Fixtures List provisionally agreed at the previous meeting but Robin Barrett will ensure that pools are available before the dates are firmed up at the next meeting.

Eleven teams had competed in the Norfolk Junior League with two galas in each round. UEA City of Norwich had won the Copeman Cup at Wymondham. Thetford had won the Christine Clark Cup at Thetford though, disappointingly, Kings Lynn Warriors had failed to return the trophy (and it has still not been returned) for presentation to the winning team. The AGM of the Norfolk County Junior League will take place on Tuesday 23 June.

Graham Garner was still looking for officials for the County Masters Championships on Sat 16 May. Also Janet Baker (01603 259070) is seeking officials for the Disability Gala to be held at the Norwich Riverside pool on Sat 27 June. And Debbie McRoberts (01603 891136) is seeking officials for Schools Galas to be held at the UEA Sportspark on Wed 17 June pm, Thu 25 June am and Thu 1 Oct pm.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE GROUPS 2010**

Some leading Norfolk and Suffolk clubs had suggested that all events, not just the long distance ones, should take place at the UEA Sportspark in long course mode and be shared between the two counties. However several of the smaller clubs thought that this would discourage many less experienced swimmers from competing. In any case it seemed unlikely that the UEA Sportspark would allow further full weekends to be booked for competitive galas. Differing views were expressed on the length of warm-ups at the competition and the possible use of the leisure pool at Thetford for this purpose. Some concerns were also expressed about the qualifying times.

The views of the coaches were needed before any decisions on possible changes to the arrangements could be considered further. The Secretary will arrange a meeting of coaches – possibly during the forthcoming East Region BAGCATS Championships.

**FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY CHALLENGE GALAS – DEREHAM – SUNS 21 & 28 JUNE 2009**

Entry forms have been distributed but a corrected schedule of cut-off times has since been circulated to clubs. Other arrangements are as per the minutes of the previous meeting.

The Swim Shop will be in attendance on both dates whilst the Photographic Service will be present on the second date only.

**TEAM SELECTION & ARRANGEMENTS FOR EAST REGION INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS – THETFORD – SUNDAY 5 JULY**

Norfolk is hosting this Licence 3 meet. Details have been circulated to the other five counties. Age is as at the date of the gala. Age groups are 11/12, 13/14, 15/16 and 17 & over. Swimmers can only enter two individual events (incl. the 200 IM event) plus relays in their own age groups. A team was selected using the British Swimming Ranking List and results from recent County competitions with some updated times from those club representatives that attended the meeting. Seven UEA City of Norwich swimmers, who might have been selected, had been declared unavailable by their coach. Sally Thompson will send the team list and invitation letters to clubs for distribution to the swimmers. Replies to invitations to be back to Sally Thompson by Sunday 7 June latest.

Swimmers will need to make their own arrangements to get to Thetford and should report to Sally Thompson (Team Manager) by 1.45pm. Warm up is at 2.15pm and the start is 2.45pm.

Stewart Park is available as County Coach. Sally Thompson will appoint poolside marshals. Graham Garner was asked to appoint officials (i.e. 2 referees, starter and 2 chief timekeepers plus 2 judges and 3 timekeepers). Each county has been asked to provide 1 judge and 2 timekeepers. The extra two Norfolk officials are to allow for any other county not providing a full set but, if they do, we will have three turn judges and a reserve timekeeper. Diane Barrett will appoint an AOE operator, recorders and an announcer plus door and raffle personnel. Robin Barrett will arrange for programmes. The County President will be present to host a reception for the East Region President, other County Presidents and the Mayor of Thetford.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

An application from Loddon White Dolphin SC for affiliation to ASA East Region had been referred to Norfolk ASA and was considered by those present. The Assistant Secretary mentioned that the club had previously been affiliated to the ASA up to around 1990. The meeting agreed that this affiliation should be encouraged. The Secretary will notify East Region accordingly.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 7 July 2009** at Hewett School in Room A17. The main purposes will be to **select the team for the National Inter Counties Championships** and to discuss the **arrangements for the County Championships & Age Groups in 2010**.

**[SECRETARIES: Please note the date and ensure that your club is represented at the meeting in view of the important matter of changes to county championship formats that are to be discussed. Also to ensure that your swimmers are given every opportunity to be selected for the county team at the National Inter Counties Championships.]**