

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

**Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 20 October 2009 – Hewett School**

**PRESENT** K Rumsey (President/Dereham Otters), M Watkins (Chairman/Secretary), A Smith (Assistant Secretary), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies/Thetford Dolphins), R Barrett (Championship Secretary), J Digby (Norwich Swan), G Garner (Officials Liaison), Miss S Bull (Diss Otters), S Murray (West Norfolk), J Rose (West Norfolk), J Rush (Diss Otters)

**APOLOGIES** Mrs S Thompson (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), Mrs J Snell (Dereham Otters)

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2009**

Agreed as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Julie Andrews (President Elect) had presented medals to successful Norfolk swimmers at the East Region Open Water Championships at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 19 July. It was suggested that the Norfolk ASA banner ought to be on display at these championships in future years. It was also suggested that there should be a County Open Water Representative to organise such matters in future.

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

The proposed working group (comprising Sally Thompson, Robin Barrett, Roy Sheperdson and Garry Jarvis) had not yet met. (Its brief is to consider the possible formats of the proposed competitions, the likelihood of Suffolk joining in, the availability of the UEA Sportspark on appropriate dates and, particularly important, the net cost of the changes compared with the present arrangements). There was now insufficient time to convene the working group and to alter the arrangements for 2010. Therefore the arrangements for 2010 will remain as before.

Suffolk has again agreed to join with Norfolk for the long distance events. Pool bookings are as previously announced. Event fees (£4) and admission charges (£2) remain the same for 2010. Robin Barrett explained how qualifying times are deduced. Age for all sessions will be as at 14 March. Entry forms will now be prepared and distributed. Tony Smith was appointed as lead referee.

**REPORT ON THE NATIONAL INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS - SHEFFIELD – SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2009**

Norfolk had finished in 10th place in the Division 2 gala, the same as in 2008. Sally Thompson deserved high praise for her organisation of the weekend and the swimmers were a credit to their county. The AOE had failed and held up the gala for 45 minutes, as there was no manual back-up system available! The Lion Hotel at Worksop had been very accommodating and had been booked again for 2010.

**TEAM SELECTION AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THREE COUNTIES GALA – THETFORD – SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 2009**

The revised date (due to a double booking with an East Region gala at the pool) was noted. Details have been sent to Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. Each county has two lanes. Two swimmers from each county compete in each individual event and each county has two relay teams. Swimmers are allowed two individual swims plus relays in the 10&U, 12&U, 14&U and 16&U age groups. Age is as at the date of the gala.

Teams were selected using the latest rankings and information from the club representatives present at the meeting. The team was severely depleted by the non-availability of some 50 swimmers from UEA City of Norwich (who were already entered for an open meet on this date) and all eligible Great Yarmouth swimmers (as the date clashed with their club championships). Invitations will be sent out to selected swimmers shortly and replies are to be back with Sally Thompson (Team Manager) by 15 November.

No transport is provided as Norfolk is hosting the gala at Thetford. Swimmers need to report to the Team Manager by 5.45pm. The warm up starts at 6.10pm for a gala start at 6.40pm. Stewart Park and John Digby will be invited by the Team Manager to be the poolside coaches. Norfolk will provide three referees, a starter and 3 chief timekeepers plus a reserve official. Each county, including Norfolk, will also provide two judges and two timekeepers (one per lane). Graham Garner to appoint the officials. Dianne Barrett to arrange for marshals, door and raffle personnel, recorders, an

AOE operator and any other helpers needed. The incoming president, Julie Andrews, is invited to attend and host the other county presidents and guests. Robin Barrett will arrange for a small buffet to be provided.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A course on officiating at disability events and events that include disabled swimmers is being held at the Thetford pool on Sunday 6 December (9.00am – 2.00pm). Anyone interested in attending the course – and, if available, officiating at the East Region Disability Swimming Championships to be held at the pool that afternoon – should contact Elizabeth Christian ([disability@eastswimming.org](mailto:disability@eastswimming.org) or 07906 652511).

The Norfolk ASA website is out-of-date and doesn't have the forward dates of county galas. Adam Lelean was asked to update the website as a matter of urgency. For the record, the 2010 fixture list, now mostly firmed up, is set out below and clubs are asked to ensure that clashes with other galas do not take place please.

<b><u>Date(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Sat 13 & Sat 20 February	County Championships 800/1500m events	UEA Sportspark (50m)
Sat/Sun 6, 7, 13 & 14 March	County Championships other individual events	Thetford
Sat 20 March	Norfolk County Junior League Round 1 galas	Diss & Dereham
Sat 27 March	County Relay Gala	UEA Sportspark (50m)
Sat 17 April	Norfolk County Junior League Final Round galas	Wymondham & Thetford
Sat 22 May	County Masters Championships	UEA Sportspark
Sun 20 & Sun 27 June	County Challenge Gala	Dereham
Sat 3 <u>or</u> Sun 4 July	East Region Inter Counties Championship	(Suffolk to host)
Sun 17 October	National Inter Counties Championships	Sheffield
Sat 4 <u>or</u> Sun 5 December	Three Counties Gala	(Suffolk to host)

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 26 January 2010** at Hewett School in Room A17. The main purposes will be to finalise the arrangements for the County Championships & Age Groups galas and to organise the County Relay Gala.