

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 13 July 2010 – Hewett School

PRESENT Mrs J Andrews (President), M Watkins (Chairman/Secretary), K Belton (Treasurer), A Smith (Assistant Secretary), A Lelean (President Elect/Diss Otters), Miss K Bull (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), D Adams (for Championship Secretary), Mrs J Bowyer (North Norfolk), Mrs N Hobson (Dereham Otters), G Jarvis (Great Yarmouth), J MacDonald (UEA City of Norwich), Mrs J Snell (Dereham Otters), Mrs C Sykes (West Norfolk)

APOLOGIES R Barrett (Championship Secretary), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), G Garner (Officials Liaison), J Digby (Norwich Swan), S Murray (West Norfolk)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2010

Agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

No confirmation yet reported that Suffolk are content with the dates for the 800/1500m championship galas or that pools have been booked as per the fixture list agreed in April. At the AGM of the Norfolk Junior League it was agreed that the first round would comprise two galas to be held at Dereham and Wymondham. Other dates are unchanged from those provisionally agreed at the April meeting.

REPORT ON THE COUNTY CHALLENGE GALAS – DEREHAM - SUNDAYS 20 & 27 JUNE 2010

It was felt that the days had run smoothly. Thanks were expressed to Dereham Otters for hosting the galas and to the officials and other helpers.

A query was raised as to why 11 year old girls swim 100 metre events at the County Championships but are restricted to 50m events at the County Challenge galas. Can this be reviewed for 2011 please?

REPORT ON EAST REGION INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS -IPSWICH – SUNDAY 4 JULY

Suffolk had won the gala and Norfolk had finished in 5th place. Several of Norfolk's top swimmers were away at an open meet in Cardiff that weekend (affording an opportunity for other swimmers to compete at this level). Disappointingly three swimmers, one who had been selected and had accepted originally and two late replacements, had failed to turn up at the gala. Another swimmer had left the gala after her individual race even though she was listed to be in a later relay event. Some swimmers had told the team manager that they were unfit as they were not currently in training. Such swimmers should not be selected if their personal best times are out-of-date. In future, coaches or club representatives should notify the county team manager about such swimmers before the selections take place please.

TEAM SELECTION & ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONAL INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS – SHEFFIELD – SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

Swimmers are permitted two individual events plus relays in their own age groups (12/13, 14/15, 16/17). The team was selected from the current rankings and recent county gala times with a few late changes reported at the meeting by club representatives. The team manager will distribute invitations via clubs including a Code of Conduct and a Medical Form for each swimmer. Replies to invitations are to be back with the team manager by 31 August.

The team manager will arrange transport. The coach will leave Hewett School, Norwich, at 2.00pm on Saturday 16 October picking up at St James Pool, Kings Lynn, at 3.00pm. The coach is scheduled to arrive back in Norwich around 7.30pm on Sunday 17 October. The Lion Hotel, Worksop, has been booked for Saturday night (provisionally 17 twin rooms and 3 single rooms) including evening meal on arrival and full breakfast in the morning. Swimmers will require sufficient cash to purchase lunch before the gala and tea during the return journey. Any swimmers already in Sheffield (i.e. for the Lincoln Vulcan open meet on Saturday) will not require transport on the Saturday but will need to get to Worksop after the open meet, and some may need transport back to Norfolk by coach on Sunday.

Several adults will be required to accompany the swimmers. These include the team manager (Katie Bull), the team chaperone (Maria Daniel) and the county coach (Stewart Park) plus two other chaperones (Gary Jarvis and Amy Tucker) and two officials (it was suggested that Stewart Murray and Nigel Utting should be invited but some reserves were also nominated). The coach driver will also need to be accommodated at the hotel. The President (Julie Andrews) and her husband were invited and will require transport on the coach and accommodation too. The team manager will confirm the room requirements with the hotel, liaise with the county treasurer over payment of bills and also provisionally book the hotel again for 2011.

The team manager will take the county banner and organise other 'regalia'. The county coach will be invited to organise a team building day at Dereham

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The East Region Open Water Championships take place at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 18 July and the event is also used as the Norfolk Open Water Championships. The County President will attend and present medals to Norfolk's best placed swimmers. She will contact Dianne Barrett urgently to get sufficient medals before the event.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 19 October 2010 at Hewett School in Room A17 at 7.30pm. The main purposes will be to select a team for the Three Counties Gala and to finalise arrangements for the 2011 County Championship and Age Group Galas.