

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 19 October 2010 – Hewett School

PRESENT M Watkins (Chairman/Secretary), K Belton (Treasurer), A Smith (Assistant Secretary), A Lelean (President Elect/Diss Otters), Miss K Bull (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), R Barrett (Championship Secretary), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), G Garner (Officials Liaison), Mrs J Bowyer (North Norfolk), J Digby (Norwich Swan), Mrs N Hobson (Dereham Otters), G Jarvis (Great Yarmouth), T Ketland (Little Fish), M Kleinau (Thetford), J MacDonald (UEA City of Norwich), Mrs J Snell (Dereham Otters), Mrs C Sykes (West Norfolk)

APOLOGIES Mrs J Andrews (President)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2010

Agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

All pools have been booked for 2011 as per the fixtures list.

REPORT ON NATIONAL INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS – SHEFFIELD – SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

Norfolk had finished in 13th place in the Division 2 gala. There were two good wins and some excellent performances from the swimmers. All the arrangements went smoothly. A report is being prepared for the local newspapers. The Lion Hotel, Worksop, has been booked again for 2011.

**ARRANGEMENTS & TEAM SELECTION FOR THREE COUNTIES GALA – IPSWICH –
SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2010**

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 ranking lists together with updated information from club representatives present at the meeting. Invitations will be sent to the selected swimmers very shortly and replies need to be back to the Team Manager by 14 November.

Swimmers must make their own way to Crown Pools, Ipswich, and report to the Team Manager by 12.45pm latest. Warm up is 1.30pm for a 2.15pm start. Stewart Park is county coach. Jackie Snell will join the Team Manager on the poolside. Two judges (JL2) and two timekeepers are required from each county: some suggestions were made and the Team Manager will invite appropriate officials to attend. The incoming President, Adam Lelean, will also attend. Dianne Barrett will need to know the numbers of hoodies, T-shirts and hats required.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS AND AGE GROUPS 2011

The joint Norfolk & Suffolk Long Distance events, 800m and 1500m for both girls and boys, will go ahead as planned on Saturdays 12 and 19 February at the UEA Sportspark. Robin Barrett will co-ordinate the arrangements (as David Adams has declined to continue to take over the role). Suffolk are aware of these arrangements. A proposal was made at the September Executive meeting that entries to the long distance events should be increased from £4 to £5 as this is a more costly gala (and it was noted that Suffolk charge their swimmers £7). The increase was agreed.

The other individual events will take place, as planned, over two weekends (Sat 5/Sun6/Sat 12/Sun 13 March) at Thetford. The gala will again be card-less. It was agreed to retain the same qualifying times as in 2010. Provision needs to be made for disability swimmers who, whilst not necessarily meeting the qualifying times, must provide consideration times on their entry forms. This needs to be clearly stated in the entry form conditions. It was proposed and agreed that there should be a 16 & over age group category with finals and trophies (but not perpetual trophies on this occasion – the requirement for perpetual trophies will be reviewed after the 2011 galas).

After some discussion it was agreed to try out the idea of a single programme covering all eight sessions to be sold at £1 per copy (so saving paper and printing costs). Gala event entries will remain at £4 and admission charges will remain at £2 per session. It looks as though British Gas will continue to sponsor county championships in 2011.

Entry forms will be prepared and sent out before or by the date of the County AGM (28 November) and entry forms need to be returned to Robin Barrett in electronic format with club (not individual) cheques.

Dianne Barrett asked about the numbers of officials candidates being mentored or assessed (in order to ensure sufficient refreshments). Tony Smith, invited to be lead referee again, thought that there would be rather less than in 2010 as there were currently less candidates on courses at present. A new announcer would be required as Warwick Thompson is standing down for next year.

Presentations would proceed as in 2010 but there could be parades of medallists around the poolside during warm up periods.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A course on officiating at disability galas or at events that include disability swimmers is being held in Newmarket on Sunday 12 December (9.00am – 2.00pm). Any officials interested in attending the course and, if possible, officiating at the East Region Disability Championships immediately afterwards, should contact Elizabeth Christian (disability@eastswimming.org or 07906 652511).

It is hoped to start new Judge Level 1 courses shortly, possibly in Norwich and North Walsham – though full details of candidates are slow in coming forward from those clubs that have expressed an interest!

A reminder that all licensed 1 & 2 meets (including county championships) must have licensed judges and above now. And, from September 2011, no unlicensed officials will be allowed to participate at all – the minimum qualification will then be JL1. Can clubs please get all judges to obtain licenses as quickly as possible if they have not already done so, and get timekeepers upgraded via the JL1 course if they are to continue to officiate at this level.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25 January 2011 at Hewett School in Room A17 at 7.30pm. The main purposes will be to finalise arrangements for the 2011 County Championship and Age Group Galas and to organise the County Relay Gala and the County Challenge Galas.