

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 16 October 2012 – Hewett School

PRESENT S Murray (President/West Norfolk), K Belton (Treasurer), A Smith (Assistant Secretary), G Jarvis (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager/Great Yarmouth), R Barrett (Championship Secretary), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies/Thetford), J MacDonald (Development Secretary), J Digby (Norwich Swan), L Harvey (Diss Otters), A Lelean (Diss Otters), Mrs K Pinniger (UEA City of Norwich SC)

APOLOGIES Mrs J Blackwell (Secretary), Mrs E Bowen (Norfolk Junior League), Mrs J Bowyer (North Norfolk Vikings), Mrs O Jennison (Loddon)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 JULY 2012

Agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

UEA City of Norwich has now replaced the second unreturned trophy. It will be known as the Ron Berryman Trophy, in memory of the popular late county coach, and used for a 100m fly event.

Following the acquisition of a new printer, the 2012 BAGCAT certificates will now be produced and distributed.

Most of the county open water championship trophies have now been awarded: just two clubs remain to be visited. The President was thanked for personally bringing the trophies round to the clubs.

**FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONAL INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS -
- SHEFFIELD – SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER**

Everything is now in hand. The team list was finalised though there were a number of changes made to the original selection partly due to swimmers not replying to their invitations. Following the resignation of Stewart Park (who has left Dereham Otters to take up the role of Head Coach at Harrow SC), John Digby will travel to Sheffield as the team coach. Nigel Utting and Celina Taylor had agreed to be gala officials. Lots of discussions had taken place with the hotel to ensure everything goes smoothly this time.

**TEAM SELECTION & ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THREE COUNTIES GALA –
DEREHAM – SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER**

Dereham Otters will host the gala on behalf of Norfolk and provide a promoter/organiser, door staff, changing room marshal, announcer, recorders and an AOE operator. The gala warm up is at 1.45 pm for a 2.30 pm start. No transport will be required for Norfolk swimmers who should report to the Team Manager by 1.15 pm. Each county has two lanes. Two swimmers from each county swim in individual events and each county will have two relay teams. They are not separate teams: both swimmers or relay teams in each event score points for their county. Swimmers are each allowed two individual events plus relays in their age groups (10 & U, 12 & U, 14 & U, 16 & U). Age is as at date of gala.

A team list had been prepared using the latest county rankings. However Karen Pinniger announced that many of the UEA City of Norwich SC swimmers will not be made available by the club's coaches and pointed out that the club had made its position on this gala clear previously. This necessitated quite a few changes to the list which could not be completed at the meeting. Garry Jarvis will liaise with Karen Pinniger (during the coming weekend in Sheffield) to produce a revised list. The Team Manager felt that Norfolk would have an extremely weak team. The Treasurer opined that the County should always put out its strongest team to support Norfolk (especially as there are now only three inter-county galas a year). Karen Pinniger was asked to ensure that parents are aware that it is the club's coaches and not the county that has omitted the swimmers from the team to avoid any misunderstanding or criticism. Invitations will be sent out to swimmers via their clubs by the end of October and replies to the Team Manager are required by Friday 16 November latest. **Clubs are asked to make sure that their swimmers do reply (whether 'yes' or 'no') by this date.**

A new county coach will be appointed at the forthcoming AGM. Norfolk need to appoint senior officials (3 referees, a starter and 3 chief timekeepers) as well as two judges and two timekeepers (i.e. one set for each team) plus, it was suggested, a reserve official. Graham Garner (not at the meeting) will be asked to make these appointments.

Presidents of the visiting counties are to be invited to join the Norfolk President (by then, Sally Lelean) for who appropriate seating and light refreshments would be welcome. Stewart Murray will send out invitations.

Dianne Barrett needs to know of any requirements for county T-shirts and 'hoodies' as soon as possible.

Robin Barrett will prepare the programmes for the gala.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE GROUPS 2013

After further deliberations about reducing the length of some of the sessions at Thetford, it was once again proposed and this time agreed that the 400m freestyle events should be 'lifted' out and held as a separate evening gala. **It was agreed to hold this 400m freestyle gala at Wymondham Pool on Saturday 9 February: (clubs to note please).** Karen Pinniger suggested that it might be better in future years to hold the 800/1500m gala before the 400m gala but accepted that it was too late to change dates and booking for 2013. Robin Barrett will revise the programme for the Thetford galas to get shorter sessions.

The AOE at Thetford is now working again (having suffered recent problems) but a temporary scoreboard is still in place pending the outcome of funding decisions.

Although, it was pointed out, the qualifying times for the County Age Groups had remained unchanged for several years, Karen Pinniger requested that these times should be confirmed or amended and then published as soon as possible after the completion of the previous year's competition (e.g. at the April meeting of the sub-committee). The times for the 2013 competition will be published, as previously, in November, shortly before the AGM.

The trophies for the Thetford galas need to be back with Dianne Barrett by Saturday 9 February please (**clubs please note**). Those for the distance galas, now including the 400m freestyle events, need to be returned earlier please.

There was a discussion about the provision of lunches at the Thetford all day galas. The meals had originally only been provided for poolside officials and appointed helpers though, subsequently, some coaches had been offered meals where spare tickets became available (where officials or helpers had declined the offer). It is not possible to guarantee meals for all those coaches and helpers who accompany the swimmers on the poolside. Apart from any funding issues, the limited eating space and the size of the pool kitchen facilities needed to be taken into account. However further thought will be given to the matter to see if a limited number of coaches might be accommodated.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The final of the County Junior League Final Round gala at Thetford in April has now been booked for a 6.00 pm warm-up (and not 5.30 pm as previously reported) following comments at a recent meeting. The other gala times remain as previously published.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22 January 2013 at Hewett School in Room A17 at 7.30pm. The main purposes of the meeting will be to finalise arrangements for the County Championship & Age Group galas and to organise the County Relay Gala and the County Challenge Galas.