

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 23 July 2013 – Hewett School

PRESENT Mrs S Lelean (President/Diss Otters), K Belton (Treasurer), A Smith (Assistant Secretary), G Jarvis (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager/Great Yarmouth), Mrs E Bowen (Norfolk Junior League), J Digby (County Coach/Norwich Swan), J Macdonald (UEA City of Norwich), S Murray (West Norfolk)

APOLOGIES R Barrett (Records/County Colours), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies/Thetford Dolphins), L Harvey (Championships Secretary), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2013

Agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

The final round galas of the County Junior League had taken place on Saturday 27 April at Wymondham and Thetford. UEA City of Norwich 'A' had won the Copeman Cup and Dereham Otters had won the Christine Clark Cup. The league AGM took place on 25 June. There were no rule changes. The draw for the first round in 2014 was made and details have been distributed to clubs.

REPORT ON THE COUNTY CHALLENGE GALAS – DEREHAM – SUNDAYS 23 & 30 JUNE 2013

There was another big entry. No significant problems were reported.

REPORT ON EAST REGION INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS –LUTON – SUNDAY 7 JULY 2013

Several of the swimmers selected were unavailable – some gave a reason, others did not do so and two swimmers did not reply at all, also one swimmer accepted but then failed to turn up on the day without letting anyone know! Replacement swimmers had to be found – thanks, in particular, to West Norfolk for finding some replacement swimmers at very short notice. Furthermore, some of the swimmers that did attend swam well below their personal best times and didn't seem to care. This is totally unfair and lets down their fellow swimmers and lets down Norfolk. Whilst there was a good atmosphere at Luton with other counties taking the gala seriously, Norfolk finished in 6th and last place.

REPORT ON OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS – WHITLINGHAM BROAD – SUNDAY 14 JULY 2013

The East Region Championships incorporate the Norfolk Championships. No report was submitted to the meeting. However results are now on the East Region website. Presentations of Norfolk Championship medals were made at the event by the Norfolk President and the East Region President. Those East Region medals that were not awarded on the day have since been distributed to clubs by the Treasurer. It would be useful in future years for Norfolk to have a medals table at the event (as do the other five counties).

CONFIRMATION OF FIXTURE LIST FOR 2014

An updated list is set out below. The Masters gala has been booked. The County Championship galas are being booked by the Treasurer (subject still to confirmation from Suffolk of the date for the long distance gala*, also the Treasurer will try to get the start time brought forward one hour to avoid another late finish). The County Junior League Galas are being booked by the League Secretary. The date for the Open Water Championships for 2014 has yet to be confirmed.** **Club secretaries are asked to note the dates please and copy them to coaches to avoid clashes with club and other galas in 2014.**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Sat 15 February*	County Championships/Age Groups 800/1500m events	UEA Sportspark
Sat 22 February	County Championships/Age Groups 400m events	Wymondham
Sat 1/Sun 2/Sat8/Sun 9 March	County Championships/Age Groups other individual events	Thetford
Saturday 22 March	County Junior League Round 1 (2 galas)	Dereham & Wymondham
Saturday 29 March	County Relay Gala	UEA Sportspark
Saturday 26 April	County Junior League Final Round (2 galas)	Thetford & Wymondham
Saturday 17 May	County Masters and Open Championships	UEA Sportspark
Sundays 22 & 29 June	County Challenge Galas	Dereham
To be advised**	County Open Water Championships	Whitlingham

TEAM SELECTION & ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONAL INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS – SHEFFIELD – SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2013

Swimmers are permitted two individual events and relays in their own age group (12/13, 14/15, 16/17). Age is as at the date of the gala. A team was selected using the latest rankings. The Team Manager will distribute invitations along with code of conduct and medical forms for each swimmer. Replies need to be back with the Team Manager by 31 August.

The Team Manager will arrange transport. The coach will leave Great Yarmouth at 1.30 pm, Norwich Hewett School at 2.00 pm, Dereham Tesco at 2.20 pm and Kings Lynn Tesco at 3.00 pm on Saturday 19 October. The coach is scheduled to return to Norwich at 7.30 pm on Sunday 20 October. The Lion Hotel, Worksop, has been booked for Saturday night including an evening meal on arrival with choices and breakfast with choices in the morning. As last year, suitable menus will be agreed in advance with the hotel, which will also be asked to provide packed lunches for Sunday which the county will fund. A stop will be made for tea at the swimmers' expense during the return journey. Any swimmers already in Sheffield on Saturday for the Lincoln Vulcan's Open Meet there, will not require coach transport on Saturday but will need to be transported to Workshop to join the team on Saturday evening and may need coach transport home on Sunday.

Several adults will be travelling with the party and need to be accommodated. The Team Manager and the County Coach will attend along with the County President and a female chaperone (Team Manager to arrange). Two qualified and licensed JL2 officials also need to accompany the team. (Adam Lelean will be there accompanying the Norfolk President and so will be available. The Team Manager will invite Celina Taylor as the second official or, if she is not available, seek an alternative). The coach driver will also need accommodation. The Team Manager will issue invitations and provide other information to adults as appropriate and will finalise a list of those travelling and needing accommodation and then confirm the requirements to the hotel. The Team Manager will provisionally book the hotel again for 2014.

The Team Manager will take the team banner and let the Trophies Secretary know of any requirements for hats, T-shirts and 'hoodies' in good time. The Team Manager will circulate a full itinerary and list of contact telephone numbers to parents before the departure date.

DATE & VENUE FOR THREE COUNTIES GALA 2013

The Three Counties (Norfolk, Suffolk & Cambridgeshire) Gala will take place at the Crown Pools, Ipswich, on Sunday 15 December 2013. The warm up will be at 1.30 pm for a 2.20 pm start. The Team Manager has confirmed with Suffolk (as the host county) that Norfolk will be competing. Details are to be passed by the Team Manager to Suffolk of the incoming Norfolk President (i.e. the current President Elect) so that an invitation can be sent to her nearer the time.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22 October 2013 at Hewett School in Room A17 at 7.30 pm. The main purpose of the meeting will be to select teams for the Three Counties Gala.