

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 12 May 2015 – Hewett School

PRESENT P Kendall (President/Open Water), A Smith (Assistant Secretary), G Applin (Officials Liaison), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records/County Colours), Mrs E Bowen (County Junior League Secretary), J Digby (County Coach), C Galer (Referee Tutor), L Harvey (Championships Secretary), E Lavelle (Dereham Otters), T Moore (Disability Swimming), S Murray (East Region Rep), G Smith (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), D Peck (Development), C Searle (North Norfolk Vikings), Mrs K Woodhouse (President Elect/Norwich Swan)

APOLOGIES K Belton (Treasurer), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), J Macdonald (UEA City of Norwich SC)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 MARCH 2015

Agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Gary Smith will contact the Treasurer this week to arrange for the payment of a deposit for the booking of The Holiday Express Hotel in Sheffield for the National Inter Counties Championships in October 2015. The hotel has been booked. **(Action: Competitions Secretary/Team Manager).**

No further action has yet been taken on the purchase of a new County Polo Shirt as a small supply of the present polo shirts is still available.

The Swimability Gala has been booked at Norwich Riverside Pool on Saturday 4 July from 6.00 pm Entry details will be posted on the Norfolk website and entry packs have been sent to likely participating clubs. Tony Moore will organise officials and helpers but asked anyone who is interested to contact him please. The net cost to Norfolk County ASA should be in the region of £200. **(Action: Disability Swimming Liaison Officer).**

The final round galas of the County Junior League took place on Saturday 25 April. Results have been published. UEA City of Norwich SC won the Copeman Cup at Wymondham. Dereham Otters won the Christine Clark Cup at Thetford. It was agreed that the League AGM should again be held as part of the next Competitions Sub Committee Meeting. It was mentioned that the warm up time for future evening galas at Thetford needed to be later than 6.00 pm as the pool is still open for public swimming until that time; also the need for extra seating need to be made clearer to the pool.

The future of the Three Counties Gala which, currently, Norfolk is due to host in December has yet to be agreed. Both Suffolk and Cambridgeshire have indicated that they are keen to continue with the gala but the format and date of the gala has still to be agreed. **(Action: Competitions Secretary/Team Manager to follow up with Suffolk & Cambridgeshire).**

A Junior Inter Counties Gala has been held successfully, organised by Bedfordshire, in February 2014 and 2015 but Norfolk has so far been unable to fit the galas into its calendar at that time. Bedfordshire now proposes to move the gala to September in 2016 and has announced that it will take place at Luton on **Sunday 18 September 2016** in 50m mode from 3 – 6 pm. It was agreed that Norfolk should participate in 2016 and the Assistant Secretary will let Bedfordshire know accordingly. **(Action: Assistant Secretary).**

The County Masters Championships are due to take place at the UEA Sportpark on Saturday 16 May but, disappointingly, the number of officials that have volunteered to help with the event is less than is needed to run this level of gala. There are several other conflicting events that day but any late offers would be gratefully received.

It had been suggested that County Championship qualifying times should, in future, only be obtained at a licensed meet (level 1 to level 4). Currently this is optional and ultimately up to each county to decide. Some of the smaller clubs' championship galas are not, and cannot be, licensed. It had been suggested at the previous meeting that lower level, county championship gala might be held at which all club swimmers could attempt to reach a qualifying time. As level 4 galas are restricted to eight clubs, it would need to be run as a level 3 licensed meet (as is the County Challenge Gala). It was suggested that the format should be similar to the County Challenge Gala but, possibly, restricted to those swimmers still requiring qualifying times. The gala would probably have to run over two days. It would need to take place in the calendar in good time before entries need to be made for the County Championship & Age Group galas. It was suggested that the UEA Sportpark be used in 25 metre mode if available. For 2015, the weekend of 28 and 29 November was suggested (as all other weekends seemed to clash with other events). However this would conflict with the Norfolk County ASA AGM which might need to be moved to another location and/or date. Liam Harvey will make enquiries and, if possible, book the pool for the 2015 gala. **(Action: Championships Secretary).**

REPORT ON COUNTY RELAY GALA 2015

There had been a great atmosphere at the gala which had been watched by a good number of Past Presidents. Unfortunately the scoreboard had not been working (but it has since been repaired) and the finish pads at the turn end had not been working due to a broken cable. The BAGCATS and other awards were made in the Town Close Room before the

gala and this event went smoothly. A suggestion that they be made on the poolside before the gala had been rejected as the process takes too long and holds up the gala.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY CHALLENGE GALAS – DEREHAM

– SUNDAYS 21 & 28 JUNE

As previously announced, Dereham Otters will host the galas with session warm ups at 8.30am and 12.45pm. A Level 3 licence had been applied for. Entry forms with the revised format agreed at the previous meeting had been distributed to clubs on 26 April. Entries are due for return by 31 May. Dianne Barrett (Helper Liaison) has arranged a meet with Jane Weston (Dereham Otters) to run through all the final organisational details.

TEAM SELECTION & ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EAST REGION INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

– BOREHAMWOOD – SUNDAY 5 JULY

Thankfully the gala details had arrived just a few days before this meeting! Swimmers can enter two individual events plus relays in their own age group which are 11/12, 13/14, 15/16 and 17 & Over. Age is on the date of the competition. A draft team selection was made using times taken from the current rankings and a list was distributed at the meeting. Invitations will now be sent out and replies need to be back to the Team Manager by Sunday 7 June. The gala times are 1.15 pm warm up for a 2.00 pm start. A coach will be booked to start from Norwich and call in at Thetford to pick up West Norfolk swimmers. Once the final team, is confirmed Gary Smith will select two chaperones (who will need CRB/DBS certificates) to accompany himself and the County Coach on the poolside, and he will also invite two licensed officials: (their names and qualifications need to be notified to the host county seven days before the gala). Gary Smith will advise the host county (by 22 May latest) that Norfolk intends to participate and provide them with a team sheet by 28 June. The County President will attend but will not require transport. Any requirements for hats or polo shirts need to be ordered from Dianne Barrett in good time please. Any queries to Gary Smith or John Digby please. **(Action: Competitions Secretary/Team Manager).**

FIXTURE LIST 2016

Following discussions at the previous meeting followed by a meeting of club coaches before the County Relay Gala, the fixture list set out below was agreed. (It had not been possible to book Dereham pool for a whole single weekend).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat 30 Jan*	County Championship/Age Group 800/1500m events	UEA Sportspark
Sun 31 Jan	County Championship/Age Group 400m free	Wymondham
Sat13/Sun 14/Sat20/Sun 21 Feb	County Championship/Age Group other events	Thetford
Sat 19 Mar	County Junior League First Round Galas	Wymondham/Dereham
Sat 23 Apr	County Junior League Final Round Galas	Wymondham/Thetford
Sat 14 May	County Masters Championships	UEA Sportspark
Suns 19 & 26 Jun	County Challenge Gala	Dereham
Sat 16 Jul	County Relay Gala	UEA Sportspark
Sun 17 Jul	County & East Region Open Water Championships	Whitlingham
Sat 26/Sun 27 Nov	County Qualifying Gala	UEA Sportspark

- (Action: 1 Championship Secretary to agree date with Suffolk for the 800/1500m events* as soon as possible;
2. Championship Secretary to liaise with Treasurer over pool bookings (exc. Jun league);
3. County Junior League Secretary to book pools for the junior league galas; and
4. Club Secretaries to note dates to ensure that club galas are not then booked which conflict with them).**

The arrangements for the presentation of BAGCATS and other awards in 2016 will need to be reviewed.
(Action: Trophies Secretary)

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP & AGE GROUP RECORDS

Discussions about records took place following the move back from age at date of gala to age at the end of the year. For age group records, it was agreed that the present records should remain but future records are with age as at 31 December. Junior and senior championship records remain as at present.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Norfolk Open Water training starts again on 24 May at Fritton Lake. Open Water trophies need to be returned in good time for the championships in July please.

It was agreed County Championships qualifying times to be tightened up by 1% for 2016 and reviewed again for 2017.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21 July in Room A17 at Hewett School at 7.30pm to make the arrangements and select the team for the National Inter Counties Gala and to hold the County Junior League AGM.