

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.

Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 31st October 2017 – Hewett Academy

PRESENT: K Belton (Finance Officer), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records/County Colours), C Galer (Past President), L Harvey (Championships Secretary), P Kendall (Open Water), C Maloney (Norwich Swan), Miss C Markwell (City of Norwich), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), S Murray (East Region Representative), Mrs C Rose (Team Manager), K Rumsey (Chairman), C Searle (Dereham Otters), A Smith (Officials Co-ordinator), Mrs T Spinner (Assistant Secretary), Mrs J Thompson (President), Ms S Vanderloo (West Norfolk), Mrs K Woodhouse (Norwich Swan)

APOLOGIES G Applin (Officials Liaison), Mrs E Bowen (County Junior League Secretary), A Crafer (North Norfolk Vikings), J Digby (County Coach), Mrs C Fasey (Thetford Dolphins), Miss L Goodswen (Harleston Stingrays), D Peck (Development)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11th September 2017

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

KR reporting on meeting between NCASA and Co Norwich reps (AP and ID). Discussion around the NCASA team selection and request from Co Norwich to have swimmers excluded. KR indicated that Club Constitution followed East Region template and did not indicate affiliation to County Rules. Request has gone via Chris Galer to ask that East Region legal team confirm difference between membership (which all county clubs pay) and affiliation. Await response from ASA Legal working group.

REPORTS ON NATIONAL INTER-COUNTY GALA – 8TH OCTOBER - SHEFFIELD

Norfolk finished 14th out of 17 teams in Division 2 (12th place 2016; 14th 2015). Team Manager commented on need to send the A team to get better results. All swimmers commended for good behaviour. Gala booked for next year – 7th October 2018. Hotel booked.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

New dates were confirmed for early January (and have been communicated back to Suffolk – no change to distance events). Request from Sportspark to confirm start and end times (TS had amended booking but had no knowledge of previous timings). LH confirmed 8.30 warmup and 9.30 start. TS to communicate with Sportspark. Long Course format confirmed.

KB concerned that QTs had changed despite committee agreeing clear areas of concern (15/o boys, etc). LH and TS confirmed that QTs had been amended using pragmatic approach and agreed that some were incredibly slow and would result in far more entries. Adjusted appropriately and distributed. Concern that full committee had not been engaged. LH confirmed that all details were emailed to clubs and available via drop box. Issue due to some committee members not being communicated to individually and Clubs not distributing updates to all members.

TS confirmed that in future all times would be distributed to NCASA committee members and LH would distribute to Clubs as per norm. Likely that championships will still be oversubscribed as times were still fairly slow. Deadline for entry confirmed as 9th December 2017.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WARWICK THOMPSON DEVELOPMENT GALA 2018

LH to explore how to let swimmers in who may have qualified for County Champs – and hence be deemed too fast for Warwick Thompson. Cut off times to be circulated. Confirmed that Thetford pool booked, pack almost ready to go, anticipate being same as last year. Note that 100IM cut off will remain same as 2017. DB recommended booking small hall at Thetford along with pool, and need to book food early. Closing date to be 27 January 2018.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORFOLK JUNIOR LEAGUE

Dates have been confirmed, entry information distributed and entries received. Await further report from League Secretary at next NCASA competitions committee meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Report re Officials Training – JL1 course held 21/10 – 24 candidates and only 12 turned up. Hope that County Conference will scoop up those missing. Starter course proposed as 6-8 candidates ready. JL2 – only 2 applicants so far. General comment from NCASA that there appear to be more and more hurdles to qualification and list of things officials have to undertake before being eligible for assessment. Challenge as to why it is necessary for JL1 to attend mentoring at L1 gala. In general committee felt that prospect of exams and assessment was becoming more daunting for new swim parents. AS confirmed decision to resign from officials course co-ordination and exams/assessment – asked for new representative to stand at AGM.
- It was noted that Mens 800m Fr and Womens 1500m Fr would be included as events at the next Olympics. Most Clubs already aware and Basildon opportunity to trial next year made visible. Will not be requirement for meets until 2019.
- TS repeated request from East Region for local volunteers for ER Winter Champs taking place at Sportspark UEA – all clubs asked to encourage volunteers to step forwards.
- Request for clarity re 3-4 County Gala proposed for 14th April 2018 – pool is booked – will clubs support. SV asked that since April was in National Qualifying window it would not be a good time for swimmers to be competing in relays. Encouraged move to later in year and explore interest for next year. Confirmed the gala would not take place in April 2018.
- Open Water – PK confirmed that event was on 22/7 and would reflect National Open Water format, ie 2k for 12-13 yr olds, 3k for 14-15 yr olds, and 5k for all others. There would still be the 800m novice event. Further request for more open water trainee officials. Confirmed that 1st 3 would qualify for nationals, but pool qualification guidance to be confirmed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 30th January 2018**, venue to be booked and confirmed, 7.30pm.