

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 10 January 2017 – Hewett Academy

PRESENT Mrs J Thompson (President), Mrs K Woodhouse (Acting Chairman), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), K Belton (Treasurer), L Harvey (Championships Secretary/Great Yarmouth), Mrs C Rose (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records/County Colours), Mrs E Bowen (County Junior League Secretary), J Digby (County Coach), P Kendall (Open Water), C Maloney (Norwich Swan), Miss C Markwell (UEA City of Norwich), S Murray (West Norfolk), D Peck (Development), C Searle (Dereham Otters), A Smith (Officials Exams).

APOLOGIES K Rumsey (Chairman), G Applin (Officials Liaison), Mrs C Fasey (Thetford Dolphins), C Galer (Officials Tutor), Mrs T Spinner (Assistant Secretary), A Moore (Disability).

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2016

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Subsequent to the last meeting the venue for the County Challenge Gala in 2017 was altered to Thetford (as the Dereham Pool are unwilling to hire out the pool for the whole weekend). Also the date of the Three Counties Gala was fixed (see below).

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP & AGE GROUP GALAS 2017

The entries had all been received and had been published and were on the Norfolk website. Entries from Suffolk for the shared long distance events had also just been received. Suffolk usually provide around half of the officials for the long distance events. Keith Belton will organise the programme printing. Tracey Spinner (on behalf of the host club) had circulated a list of non-official helpers. Dianne Barrett had the names of a few other helpers if needed. There was a brief discussion on the meals required for officials, coaches and helpers. Some trophies had been received back but others were still awaited. Arrangements had been made to accommodate the Gogglebox and T-shirt shops. The East Region President and his wife will be attending on 22 January and our President will host them.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY RELAY GALA: SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2017

UEA City of Norwich SC are hosting the County Relay Gala this year. The warm up will be at 4.00 pm for a 4.45 pm start. Entry forms will be distributed by mid-January for return by 11 February latest. Presentations will take place during the gala as happened successfully in 2016. The Secretary will send out invitations to Past Presidents and arrange a buffet tea for them. The Town Close Room has been booked from 3.00 pm.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THREE COUNTIES GALA: SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2017

Suffolk are to host the gala at the UEA Sportspark in long course mode. Norfolk team selection will be made, as per the current policy, by the Team Manager and County Coach, and invitations will be sent out shortly. Age is on day of the gala. Age groups are 10&U/12&U/14&U/16&U. Conditions are still awaited but will probably be the same as for 2016. Orders needed as soon as possible for hats, T-shirts and hoodies for new county swimmers.

It was initially agreed that swimmers should report to the Team Manager at the pool by 1.30 pm for a 2.00 pm warm up and 2.30 pm start. However it was suggested that it might be possible to arrange a team-building session before lunch including relay take-over practice followed by lunch in one of the rooms at the UEA Sportspark. If so, details will be provided to the selected swimmers.

NORFOLK COUNTY JUNIOR LEAGUE

The final rounds are due to take place on Saturday 4 February. The Copeman Cup will be at Dereham where Dereham Otters will host the gala. The Christine Clark Cup will be at Wymondham where Norwich Swan will host the gala.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following East Region competition dates were reported:
29 & 30 April, & 1 May: Regional Long Course Championships, Luton
27, 28 & 29 May: Regional Long Course Championships, Norwich
Sunday 2 July: Regional Inter Counties Championships, Luton.
3, 4 & 5 November: Regional Winter Championships, Norwich.

Relatively few Norfolk officials seemed to support the regional galas held in Norwich. It was pointed out that, unlike other galas, they do not automatically get invitations but instead have to register their interest with East Region (Dave Metcalf) who will then circulate details of galas to them at the appropriate times.

The ASA National Open Water Championships may take place slightly earlier this year. Details to follow.

The ASA has recently sent details to clubs and counties encouraging the running of Development Camps for talented younger (e.g. 12 year old) swimmers. Training days for coaches willing to help run the camps are to be held in February. Some counties are already getting involved – but not Norfolk? The County Coach will look at the papers received and decide how to move forward with the proposals.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 7 March 2017 at Hewett Academy at 7.30pm mainly to make any final arrangements for the forthcoming County Challenge & County Development Galas (including such matters as cut-off times and the format of the new gala).