

## NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.

### Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Hewett Academy

**PRESENT:** K Belton (Treasurer), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records/County Colours), L Harvey (Championships Secretary), P Kendall (Open Water), Miss C Markwell (City of Norwich), 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 K Woodhouse (Norwich Swan).

**1. 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), C Galer (Past President), Miss L Goodswen (Harleston Stingrays), Mrs R Horne (North Norfolk Vikings), Mrs S Lelean (Masters), D Peck (Development), Ms S Vanderloo (West Norfolk).

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

The minutes were agreed with minor amends – T Spinner to redistribute.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None unrelated to existing agenda items.

**4. REPORT ON WARWICK THOMPSON DEVELOPMENT GALA 2018**

The Championship Secretary highlighted the following:

- Entries almost double those of 2017. Sufficient to run effective meet.
- Timings were OK – coaches enjoyed early finish.
- Event ran smoothly, good swims from competitors, no complaints raised.
- It was noted that Warwick would have taken great pleasure from the gala.

There was discussion about a trophy. K Woodhouse to contact J Thompson to gain agreement for trophy to be purchased. K Belton and D Barrett to ensure there is a Warwick Thompson Memorial Trophy or Shield.

**5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORFOLK JUNIOR LEAGUE**

All organised, pools sorted, 5 teams at each gala including 2 B teams.

**6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORFOLK MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018**

No change to arrangements discussed at Exec. Officials being gathered. Note to go to Clubs asking for more officials. Gala taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – clash with East Region Basildon event – unlikely to impact too many officials.

**7. ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHALLENGE GALA 2018**

Cut off times were based on times for 3<sup>rd</sup> place or regional qualifying time, whichever was lowest. Timings to be confirmed once entries in and QTs released. May have a large number of entries, T&Cs to be clear that slowest swimmers may be rejected. Times agreed, licence to be applied for (should take 2-3 weeks to confirm). Closing date will be 4 weeks before the gala. L Harvey to produce entry pack and distribute to Competitions Committee members. Food in same place as before – considered acceptable.

**8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019**

- **Gala Dates:** Norwich Swan and City of Norwich SC preferring first weekend on 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, West Norfolk and Dereham preferring 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Need to liaise with Suffolk on dates for distance events, it was felt that these could take place on 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, running the standard events on the Saturday and the reverse events on the Sunday. Proposal to have distance events 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, first full weekend on 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February. L Harvey to find out whether Sportspark will allow 3 full weekends and whether pool could be booked 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> February. Note that British Champs date was still not published and could influence attendance from some clubs. Suffolk to be asked to contribute pro rata for cost of pool – noting that more of their swimmers enter the distance events.

- **Course:** Discussion on whether to continue with Long Course or move to Short Course. It was agreed to continue with Long Course.
- **Schedule:** The new schedule was not confirmed. It was agreed to revert to the 2018 schedule, but swap Session 3 and Session 5, then re-number with S9 becoming S1. Coaches asked for 30m between sessions, not 1hr. There was also a request from S Vanderloo for 50s in Session 1, and 200m events in S7, swapping 50Fr and 200Fr. L Harvey to take 2018 and produce 2 versions, Option 1 with session 3 and session 5 swap, Option 2 with changes raised by S Vanderloo. S Murray or C Rose to forward email from S Vanderloo to L Harvey. Discussion continued re where to put the Skins competition. It was proposed to run these after the relay warmup, with time to recover being given by running presentations. There was a query re option to hold u/14 skins. Dismissed for 2019, but to be raised for consideration for 2020. Request from all to remove the lunch time forums.
- **Qualifying Times:**  
Once again agreed that we were looking for 24 qualifiers in 50s, but again had 48 in 50Fr. Adjusted QTs discussed. K Belton to model number of entries based on QTs tabled and alternative proposals. Include option of using 400QT as QT for reverse events.
- **Medals:** Agreed to stick with top 3. Query on use of pennants for finalists, or top 6 for age groups. K Belton to review this year's finalists and age group top 6 to see if any additional swimmers were missing out on awards.
- **Refreshments:** Easily resolved – numbers to be estimated in advance and provided to Sportspark.
- **Room Size:** John Jarrold to be booked next year, keeping the Town Close room for Past Presidents to view the relay gala.
- **Past Presidents:** Simple adjustment to organisation – Hon Secretary had not been informed of requirement to host until last minute. Can be resolved for 2019.
- **Resources:** Clear need to work on communication on officials. Clear guidance on number required, and clear tracking of number who have volunteered. C Galer and K Belton to work with G Applin to ensure we are not over-resourced and sending officials home.
- **Core Team:** County use a Championships team moving forwards – consisting of:
  - Promoter – L Harvey
  - Technical Director/Field of Play
  - Lead Ref
  - Jury of Appeal

It was also suggested that officials parade on (no music required) to encourage officials to gather in timely manner, and start championships with appropriate ceremony. The county were asked to fund shirts for volunteers. K Belton to explore.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Junior Inter-County Gala** – Discussion once again on whether or not to enter. City of Norwich have confirmed that this gala is not appropriate for their swimmers due to the Club's competition schedule. Discussion around push to enter team anyway, with a view that the aim is to compete and for swimmers to do their best, not always just about winning. Agreed to enter team, with early selection and communication. C Rose to publish team on website with clear sight of Clubs who have put swimmers forwards for selection. Junior Inter-County gala and National Inter-County gala to be discussed at meeting.
- **Trophies:** It was noted that the introduction of the reverse 800/1500 events would mean 4 new trophies. D Barrett to source.
- **Open Water:** Following the decision at the last NCASA Exec Committee meeting to provide unconditional funding for open water training at Fritton, comms to go out to publish details. P Kendall to produce flier for clubs by May.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018**, venue to be booked and confirmed, 7.30pm.