

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Executive Committee Meeting – 2 March 2010 – Hewett School

PRESENT Mrs J Andrews (President), M Watkins (Chairman & Hon. Secretary), K Belton, (Hon. Treasurer), A. Smith (Hon. Asst. Secretary), A Lelean (President Elect), Mrs D Applegate, R Barrett, Ms D De Cruz, G Garner, P Kendall,
Mrs S Lelean, S Murray, J Rose, K Rumsey, Mrs M Tallwin, J Toll, Mrs D Webster

11. APOLOGIES Mrs D Barrett, C Galer, J Peggall, Miss K Starling

The Chairman welcomed Danielle De Cruz, the new Norfolk ASA Swimming Co-ordinator, to the meeting. Her contact details are Tel: 07825 511962 or Danielle.DeCruz@swimming.org. She works from the Active Norfolk offices.

12. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2009

Agreed as a true record.

13. MATTERS ARISING

The Secretary will contact Kevin Wray about him attending a Norfolk ASA meeting to discuss developments in East Region.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing significant reported.

15. TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts as at 28 February showed income of £19562 and expenditure of £11533 giving a surplus on the year to date of £8029. Funds totalled £37460. The accounts showed an improved position against the estimated budget at this time. The Treasurer has opened a new account to allow for on-line payment of some invoices.

The ASA has finally paid the £1000 subsidy relating to Norfolk's participation in the 2007 National Inter Counties Gala and has also settled the claim relating to the 2009 gala.

The list of valuable trophies still needed to be reviewed and updated. The delay is due to trophies not having been returned, as requested, by some of last year's trophy winners. The Treasurer will liaise with the Trophies Officer.

Affiliation fees totalling £4267 have been received from all clubs except Lynn Adult SC which is currently considering its position in respect of membership of the ASA.

A bill has been prepared and is being sent to Suffolk ASA in respect of their participation in the joint Long Distance Championship galas held in February.

Publicity items (programme covers, polo shirts and a banner) have been received for the County Championship galas from British Gas, which is also sponsoring each county (£500).

16. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

None reported.

17. MINUTES TO NOTE

Competitions Sub Committee: 26 January 2010

Minutes noted.

It was confirmed that the County Championship galas would be card-less. The onus is on the club or coach to notify the gala officials before each session of any entered swimmers who are no longer participating. David Adams and Keith Belton are producing the gala programmes.

Following a misunderstanding, Robin Barrett is belatedly sending out entry forms for the County Relay Gala this week.

Katie Bull has notified Dave Robinson of Norfolk's intention to participate in the East Region Inter County Championships.

18. REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League One new club (Little Fish) will participate but other new clubs had insufficient swimmers. Long Stratton has also withdrawn. UEA City of Norwich and Norwich Swan will enter 'B' teams but Great Yarmouth is unable to do so this time due to a clash with another gala. With only 11 entries, there will only be 5 teams in one of the galas in each round. Final details will be sent to clubs this week. All affiliation fees have been received. With Easter very late in 2011, there will be a need to avoid dates clashing with other leagues when the fixture list is drawn up.

Facilities No report.

Officials Examinations. Congratulations to Stewart Murray on passing the Referee exam. Also 5 officials have successfully completed the JL2(S) Starter course. Assessments for JL1 and JL2 judges courses will take place during the County Championships and Keith Belton is running a course there for Young Timekeepers. A request for entries to the 2010 JL1 course was sent to all clubs in January but only 3 applications have been received. A reminder that entries for courses (using the form on the web site) need to be submitted via the clubs to the Regional Organiser, Dave Metcalf, 3 Farsands, Oakley, Bedford, MK43 7SJ. (Tel: 01234 825289).

Officials Liaison Officials still needed for the first day of the County Championships and for the County Relay Gala. Please contact Graham Garner. Dave Metcalf is seeking further officials for forthcoming East Region Championships.

Masters Entry forms for the Norfolk County Masters & Open Championships to be held at the UEA Sportspark on Saturday 22 May are now available via the website. Sally Lelean has visited several clubs to promote the gala. The East Region Masters & Senior Age Group Championships are on 2 October and the East Region Inter County Team Gala is on 21 November. Both will take place at Newmarket.

Synchro A very successful display took place at Wymondham Leisure Centre in February.

Water Polo No report.

Open Water The British Open Water Swimming Development Camp took place at the UEA Sportspark in January. East Region's open water championships are at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 18 July and more helpers from Norfolk would be welcomed. As the event is also used as the Norfolk Open Water Championships, a small donation towards the cost (e.g. £25) was invited and the amount will be confirmed at the next meeting. British Masters and the Civil Service will both be using the event as their open water championships too this year. A sea swim is also being held in East Region at Southend-on-Sea on Sunday 25 July.

Disabled Swimming An effective pathway is required to take interested swimmers from local disability swimming clubs through competitive club swimming to East Region levels and beyond. Carl Cooper has offered to liaise with Danielle De Cruz to see how this might be put in place in Norfolk, which is so much behind other counties. The Youth Games for disability participants on Thursday 22 April might offer an opportunity to move this plan forward. A further course on officiating at disability events and events that include disabled swimmers will take place on Saturday 15 May at Chippenham, Cambs (details from Dave Metcalf).

Education Contact Danielle De Cruz if coaching and teaching courses are required.

Records County Championship records have been updated in time for this year's events. Only one claim so far in 2010.

Trophies No report.

East Region A report was distributed setting out the main matters emanating from two recent East Region board meetings and a training day. Norfolk has representation on most discipline committees. A very successful Coaches Training Day had been held in January but Norfolk was very poorly represented.

County Development The Swimming Action Group in January was poorly attended and no minutes were produced! The next meeting is on Monday 8 March at 7.00pm at Dereham Football Club. Kevin Rumsey and Tony Smith had convened a meeting in January with Danielle De Cruz to bring her up to speed with Norfolk ASA activities and plans.

Handbook & Web site The 2010 handbook will be published later in March once all revised details of club officers have been notified to Adam Lelean. The web site has been updated and gala results can now be loaded on as they happen.

Child Protection & Welfare East Region Welfare Officers' Day, at which all clubs should be represented, is taking place on Sunday 18 April. Any clubs that have not already done so should book a place via Pat Neate immediately.

Press & PR No report.

Membership Aylsham Viking SC has changed its name to North Norfolk Vikings SC. Breckland Water Polo Club has changed its name to Norwich & Thetford Water Polo Club.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A refresher training day has been arranged for all qualified swimming referees at Chippenham, Cambs, and this will be on Saturday 8 May (and not as stated in the minutes of the Competitions Sub Committee). (Bookings to Dave Metcalf).

It was agreed that minutes of county meetings should be put on the web site immediately they are published and not wait until they are approved at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place on **Wednesday 2 June 2010** at Hewett School (Room A17).