

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Executive Committee Meeting – 2 March 2011 – Hewett School

PRESENT A Lelean (President), K Rumsey (Chairman), Mrs J Blackwell (Secretary), K Belton, (Hon. Treasurer), A.Smith (Hon. Asst. Secretary), S Murray (President Elect), Mrs D Applegate, B Banham, Mrs E Bowen, P Kendall, Mrs S Lelean, J Macdonald, J. Peggall, Mrs M Tallowin, J Toll, B Whitbourn and P Lown (Norfolk & Suffolk Aquatics Officer)

11.APOLOGIES Mrs J Andrews, Mrs D Barrett, R Barrett, G Garner, Mrs O Jennison, T Ketland, Mrs D Webster, Mrs K Woodhouse

12. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2010

Agreed as a true record.

13. MATTERS ARISING

James Macdonald had volunteered to be Secretary of the Development Sub Committee. The nomination was put to the meeting and agreed unanimously. No nomination has yet been received for Press & PR Officer. The Emergency Sub Committee will comprise Chris Galer (Secretary), Jane Blackwell and Tony Smith.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence of significance received.

15. TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts as at 28 February showed income of £8824.82 and expenditure of £8786.67 giving a surplus on the year to date of £38.15. Funds totalled £36587.96. The Treasurer reported that a low figure for gala entries (in respect of County Championship galas) was simply a timing issue and there should be some large amounts put into the account shortly.

Annual affiliation fees for 2011 were paid by all but three clubs at the closing date, 31 January. These three clubs were suspended but two clubs, Thetford Dolphins and Lynn Adult, paid a few days later and were unsuspended without affecting their eligibility to participate in the County Championships. The fees for Loddon White Dolphin remain unpaid as their pool is closed and they can offer no activities. However the Treasurer hoped that they would be able to pay a nominal sum (in respect of the club officers) shortly simply to retain their membership of the County ASA.

The valuation of trophies for insurance purposes had yet to be carried out and this will now be done immediately after the completion of the County Championships.

The Treasurer explained that two counties in the East Region (Herts & Suffolk) contribute 25% of the cost of courses in respect of Swim 21. East Region contributes 50% leaving clubs to fund the balance. The Treasurer proposed that, assuming East Region is prepared to run the administration of the courses, Norfolk should contribute 25% of the cost up to a maximum of £3000 subject to a review after the first year. This was agreed.

16. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Dereham Otters were congratulated on winning their Arena League Division II and gaining promotion to Division I.

Jane Asher (now King's Cormorants but still a founder member of EAST) had broken several world masters records having moved up into a new 5-year age group at the age of 80.

17. MINUTES TO NOTE

Competitions Sub Committee: 25 January 2011

Minutes noted.

The Dereham pool has been booked for the County Challenge galas in June. It is hoped that the current AOE problems will have been overcome in time for the forthcoming County Junior League gala there.

The Three Counties Gala 2011 will be hosted by Cambridgeshire and will take place on Sunday 11 December but the venue has yet to be decided.

Invitations are in the process of being sent out to Past Presidents to attend the County Relay Gala on Saturday 26 March.

Development Sub Committee: 8 February 2011

Minutes noted.

In view of the late distribution of the minutes, the Assistant Secretary explained the background and summarised the contents of the minutes.

18. REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League. The draw for Round 1 was circulated on 13 February. There will be five teams in each of the two galas at Dereham and Wymondham including a 'B' team from Norwich Swan. The host clubs have been asked to provide copies of programmes for their first round galas.

Facilities Nothing to report.

Officials Examinations. All four Norfolk candidates passed the Referee exam: congratulations to Bruce Faulkner, James Fox, Nick Hatton and Kevin Rumsey: also to their tutor, Chris Galer. One JL2(S) Starter and 10 JL1 candidates have successfully completed their respective courses since the last meeting. A new JL1 course commenced at the UEA Sportspark in January with further workshops for the two current courses continuing in Norwich (Hewett School) and North Walsham (Victory Pool).

Officials Liaison. A full complement of officials, most of them licensed, will be available for the forthcoming County Championship galas.

Masters. Entries are starting to come in for the Norfolk County Masters & Open Championships that take place on Saturday 21 May 2011 and details are on the website. The East Region Masters Open Age Group and Inter County competitions will again be held in Newmarket later in the year.

Synchro. A music licence (£98) has been obtained. A Development Day is being held on 12 March. It is estimated that 30 swimmers will participate and contribute £10 each (£300) towards the cost which includes the booking of a specialist speaker. The County agreed to contribute £300 towards the cost of the development day and the music licence.

Water Polo. East Region Senior Men's Inter Counties Championships were held in Watford on 12 February. Norfolk were defeated in their first round matches but performed better in the gallant losers' game against Suffolk, only losing 2 – 1.

Open Water. The East Region championships (incorporating the Norfolk championships) at Whitlingham Broad currently include 800, 1500, 3000 and 5000 metre events. However the ASA is pressing for standard 1500, 1750, 2000 and 3000 metre distances. It also wants to alter the present junior age bands. Also, whilst FINA rules specify age as at 31 December, the ASA wants to move to age at the date of the Nationals. Norfolk and East Region would prefer to keep the 800 metre distance especially for the development of younger swimmers. The disparity between when to wear and not to wear wet suits was also discussed. A Level 1 Development Course for Open Water Officials is to be run at Chippenham (Cambs) with practical work afterwards at a local event.

Disabled Swimming. Several Norfolk swimmers entered the East Region Disability Swimming Championships in Newmarket in December. A Norfolk Schools Disability Swimming Day is taking place at the UEA Sportspark on Thursday 31 March. It was suggested that organised groups of disability swimmers might like to attend the Paralympic World Cup in Manchester on 27 & 28 May: (details on the ASA website).

Education No report.

Records. No report.

Trophies. No report

East Region. Details were given of the recent Regional Conference, with a wide range of interesting subjects, and the budget meeting at which representatives of the various disciplines made presentations to obtain funding for the year. Any contributions for the next East Region board meeting, to be held on 10 April, should be sent by clubs to Stewart Murray.

County Development A Coaches' Forum will take place on Saturday 26 February at the UEA Sportspark.

Handbook & Website. The handbook should be published in time for the County Relay Gala. The County Championship results will be put onto the website as soon as possible after the event.

Child Protection & Welfare. No report.

Press & PR. No report

Membership No report.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Any matters previously referred to the County Swimming Development Officer should now be directed to Phil Lown.

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place on **Tuesday 7 June 2011** at Hewett School (Room A17).