

NORFOLK COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2018 AT HEWETT ACADEMY, NORWICH

PRESENT

OFFICERS: Mr G Applin (President-Elect), K Belton (Treasurer), D Peck (President), Mrs T Spinner (Hon. Secretary).

PAST PRESIDENTS: Mrs J Banham (Past President), C Galer (Emergency Committee), P Kendall (Open Water), S Murray (Past President). Mr K Rumsey (Chairman), A Smith (Officials Examinations), Mrs M Tallwin (Synchro), Mrs K Woodhouse (Past President).

OTHER ATTENDEES: B Banham (Great Yarmouth), Mrs J Grimes (Diss Otters), Mrs R Horne (North Norfolk Vikings), S Rose (West Norfolk), Mrs N Warnes (West Norfolk).

APOLOGIES: Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (County Records & Colours), Mrs B Belson (Past President), R Belson (Past President), Mrs E Bowen (County Junior League), L Harvey (Championship Secretary), A Lelean (Website), Mrs S Lelean (Masters), A Moore (Disability Swimming), Mrs C Rose (Competitions/Team Manager).

2. MINUTES OF 2017 AGM

Subject to a number of minor amendments it was proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record.

3. ANNUAL REPORTS

President Mrs J Banham thanked the County for an enjoyable and eventful year. Due to illness and injury this was sometimes frustrating as she was unable to attend as many events as she would have liked. Did managed to attend the synchronised swimming awards, fantastic experience to observe so much ability across a wide range of ages. Was also invited to the Gt Yarmouth SC presentation evening to present awards and speak to swimmers, particularly special as her home club. Shocked members by wearing a dress! At County Champs in January had the honour of hosting SE President, Richard Whitehead, a very interesting man. Junior League gala in Dereham offered another exciting swimming event and the opportunity to award a trophy – which unfortunately had gone missing. Then, despite painful Achilles injury, still managed to attend a day of Regional Champs. Attending County Challenge and had the opportunity to present top girl award to a swimmer from home club. Also attended Norwich Swan presentation evening to present awards. Overall a great year. Wishing Darren Peck all the best for his year ahead.

Hon. Secretary There had been four Executive Committee meetings plus five Competitions Sub Committee meetings and a County Champs Working Group meeting.

Championship Secretary County Championships hosted at Sportspark in 50m mode. Warwick Thompson Gala and County Challenge held at Thetford and Dereham respectively. Relay gala was well supported and won by City of Norwich A Team. Report to follow.

Competitions Secretary Due to absence there was no formal report submitted, however it was noted that: Norfolk finished 5th in the East Region Inter-Counties gala in July 2018, 7th in the Junior Inter-Counties gala in September, and in October 2018 Norfolk came 10th in the National Inter Counties in Sheffield. All results are a matter of public record.

County Records & County Colours Full report submitted. There are 13 swimmers receiving Colours at County Champs in 2019. It was reported that a small number of record claims were made in 2018, but a check of rankings indicated there were a number of unclaimed records. R Barrett is working through these with a view to presenting a new list of records prior to the County Championships in 2019.

Trophies, Gala Helpers & Stock Report submitted. New trophies on order for reverse 800 and 1500 events.

Norfolk Junior League No report submitted, however it was noted that City of Norwich A team had won the league again, with Dereham winning the B Final. New format proposed for 2019 for discussion at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Masters Swimming Norfolk Masters have travelled far and wide this year, but started at home in April when our Masters swimmers attend the SEER Masters Development Day in Basildon. Saturday 19th May saw the annual Norfolk Masters Championships & Open Meet take place at the Sportspark – a clash with another Masters event and a Royal Wedding meant numbers were down, but one Welsh and two British records were broken. Norfolk swimmers performed well at the GB Long Course Championships in Plymouth in June with Stuart Dyble earning 3 golds, Pat Jackson coming back with 6 Golds and Debbie Matless bringing home 4 Golds. The SEER Open Water Champs in July had entries from 14 Masters swimmers, the biggest entry yet. In September 4 Norfolk swimmers from East Anglian Swallowtails went to Kranj in

Slovenia for the European Masters and Debbie Matless had great success winning 2 silvers and 2 bronze. The ASA National Short Course Masters Championships in Sheffield in October had 27 Norfolk representatives, with 12 coming back with medals, including 3 Gold for Pat Jackson, 3 Gold for Louise Bush, and Gold for Stuart Dyble. Finally Norfolk just lost to Essex in the East Region heat of the National Masters Inter Counties competition in Basildon, a very tight competition, with Norfolk finishing 15th out of 28 counties in the National result. Finally special mention to Clare Watkins and Mel Holland who successfully swam the English Channel.

Synchronised Swimming Membership of the only synchro club in Norfolk remains at full capacity, and have a newly qualified L2 Coach and another L1 Coach, along with more parents qualified as Judges. Changes to Hewett Pool management has impacted the club financially and has made training more difficult through lack of flexibility. The synchro swimmers have been actively involved in several competitions around the East Region. For the first time Norfolk had National Medalists with a team Gold in the 18-24 category, and an individual silver in the 30-39 category.

Water Polo Nothing reported.

Open Water: Another successful year for Open Water swimming in Norfolk, with participation rising and a shift away from minority sport status. Open Water training scheme continues to be popular with clubs encouraged to come along and try. Continue to need more volunteers and officials, but it was noted that many new officials were coming forwards. All clubs were asked to encourage more swimmers and volunteers to participate.

Disability Swimming Nothing to report as all activity at Regional or National level.

County Website Content continues to be kept up to date, thanks to contributors. Plans to upgrade structure and software to allow integration with FB and Twitter.

Officials Liaison Thanks to all support received to allow G Applin to perform the role, particularly K Belton. Thanks also to C Galer, S Murray, D Peck, J Smith and A Smith for continuing to train swimmers in the County.

Officials Training and Development Co-ordinator. There were no candidates registered for Ref exam in 2018. A Starter course took place in Wymondham, there were three JL2 (Stroke & Finish Judging) courses in Norwich, West Norfolk and Dereham, and five JL1 (Timekeeping and Turn Judging) courses in Norwich, Wymondham and West Norfolk. A further three timekeeper courses took place in West Norfolk, Wymondham and Dereham. Seven Starter candidates, eight JL2 candidates and fourteen JL1 candidates passed their final assessments during the year. Still struggling to get JL1 candidates through to assessment, clubs asked to support the journey. Thanks to Chris Galer, Keith Belton, Stewart Murray, Kevin Rumsey, Jo Banham, Darren Peck and Rachael Hutchinson for assisting with courses and assessments. In addition a number of FINA Rules update courses took place through 2018.

Development. Development group members have been visiting all the clubs to find out their requirements. No development day this year, instead the group have worked on the Pathway Development Programme, with sessions held at Dereham in May, September and November – general feedback has been positive – though could have been better supported. Thanks to Chris Searle for joining the group to represent the coaching fraternity.

Child Protection & Welfare No report.

East Region Nothing to add to report presented at last Executive Committee meeting.

Emergency No Emergency Committee meetings were needed this year, but continue to be available to support Norfolk Clubs. Thanks to A Smith and S Murray for supporting.

Press & PR Post unfilled, nothing reported.

County Volunteer Co-ordinator Post unfilled, nothing reported.

The officers were thanked for the preparation of their reports. The adoption of the reports was proposed by Mr A Smith, seconded by Mrs K Woodhouse and accepted by those present.

4. BALANCE SHEET

The Hon. Treasurer presented the annual report. Income for the year totalled £54,312.96 against expenditure of £53,003.96. After taking into account stock purchases and sales, the Balance Sheet showed a deficit of £1,309. Current assets, including stock was stable at £53,989.14. The Treasurer confirmed that the budget had been set at the for 2019 at the last Executive Committee Meeting – with an anticipated underspend. He thanked the auditor, Kathryn Curtis, for her work at the end of the year.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by K Belton, seconded by C Galer and agreed unanimously.

5. AFFILIATION FEES

The Hon. Treasurer said that it was proposed to keep the affiliation fee at £1.30 per member. There was discussion around removal of the fee completely should there continue to be underspend in 2019 – for further discussion at the Executive Committee. The affiliation fee was proposed by B Banham, seconded by Gary Applin and agreed unanimously.

6. RULE CHANGES

A change to the Officials Examination role, to be retitled “Officials Training and Development Co-ordinator”, to fit in line with Swim England and SEER terminology, was discussed and agreed. The rule change was proposed by C Galer, seconded by A Smith and agreed unanimously.

7. DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT FOR 2019

Darren Peck of West Norfolk SC was welcomed as the new County President. He thanked Mrs J Banham for all her hard work during the past year and presented her with a Past Presidents’ badge.

D Peck also presented A Smith with a gift to thank him for his long service as the Officials Examination Officer noting his decision to stand down after many years of continuous service.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Elect	Gary Applin
Hon. Chairman	Kevin Rumsey
Hon. Secretary	Tracey Spinner
Hon. Treasurer	Keith Belton
Hon. Auditor	Kathryn Curtis
Hon. Solicitor	Bruce Faulkner
Hon. Medical Officer	Dr Martin Roberts

These appointments were proposed by Mrs K Woodhouse, seconded by Mrs J Banham, and approved unanimously.

9. ELECTION OF SUB COMMITTEE SECRETARIES

Competitions	Secretary	Cheryl Rose
Masters	Secretary	Sally Lelean
Synchro Swimming	Secretary	Madeline Tallwin
Water Polo	Secretary	John Dickson
Finance	Secretary	Keith Belton
Norfolk Junior League	Secretary	Elaine Bowen
Emergency	Secretary	Chris Galer
Development	Secretary	Darren Peck

These appointments were proposed by B Banham, seconded by P Kendall, and approved unanimously.

10. ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICIALS AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Trophies	Dianne Barrett
Records & County Colours	Robin Barrett
Officials Liaison	Gary Applin
Officials Training & Development Co-ordinator	Chris Galer
Child Protection & Welfare	Nikki Miller
East Region	Stewart Murray
Championship Secretary	Liam Harvey
Gala Helper Liaison	Dianne Barrett

Team Manager	Cheryl Rose
Press & PR	Simon Rose
Disabled Liaison	Tony Moore
County Coach	Chris Searle
Open Water	Jaqui Kendall
County Website	Adam Lelean
East Region Swimming Committee Rep.	Elaine Bowen
County Volunteer Co-ordinator	Tracey Spinner

These appointments were proposed by J Banham, seconded by A Smith, and approved unanimously.

CLOSING REMARKS

Executive Committee meetings during the coming year will take place on Wednesday 5th December 2017, Tuesday 5th March, Wednesday 5th June, and Tuesday 3rd September 2018, all in Room A17 at the Hewett Academy at 7.30 pm. The date for the AGM in 2019 was set for Wednesday 27th November 2019.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.