

NORFOLK COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2012 AT HEWETT SCHOOL, NORWICH

PRESENT

OFFICERS: S Murray (President), K Rumsey (Chairman), K Belton (Treasurer), A Smith (Asst. Secretary), Mrs S Lelean (President Elect)

PAST PRESIDENTS: Mrs B Belson, R Belson, G Garner (Officials Liaison), A Lelean (Handbooks), S McCormack, Mrs A B McKenzie, I McKenzie, J Peggall (Facilities), Miss K Starling, J Toll

OTHER ATTENDEES: Mrs N Ansell (Little Fish), B Banham (Disability), Mrs J Banham (Great Yarmouth), Mrs E Bowen (Norfolk Junior League), L Harvey (Diss Otters), P Kendall (Open Water), J Macdonald (Development), Mrs D McRoberts (Norwich Swan), D Peck (Little Fish), Mrs M Tallwin (Synchro)

1. APOLOGIES: Mrs J Blackwell (Secretary), Mrs L Addis (West Norfolk), Mrs J Andrews (Past President), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Championships), M Bateman (UEA City of Norwich), G Clark (Auditor), D England (Past President), Mrs E Fox (UEA City of Norwich), Mrs P Hollis (Past President), G Jarvis (Competitions), Mrs O Jennison (Loddon White Dolphins), Mrs A Martin (EAST & Kingfishers), M Watkins (Past President)

2. MINUTES OF 2011 AGM

It was noted that Mrs E Bowen and G Garner had been omitted from the list of those sending apologies. Otherwise, it was proposed by B Banham, seconded by J Macdonald and agreed unanimously that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

3. ANNUAL REPORTS

President The President mentioned the large number of events that he had attended during the year, sometimes having to balance the role with those of swimming official and assessor. He had visited a number of clubs particularly to present Open Water awards to their swimmers. He mentioned the team spirit and friendship of the swimmers especially at the National Inter Counties Championships where they had performed well and were a credit to their county. He thanked the meeting for having given him the opportunity to represent Norfolk as its President in 2012.

Hon. Secretary In the absence of the outgoing Secretary, the Assistant Secretary apologised for the fact that some Past Presidents and at least one club had not received invitations to the AGM and that no voting cards had been issued. A further batch of county documents needed to be lodged with the Norfolk Record Office and J Peggall offered to assist the incoming Secretary in getting this done.

Facilities The Facilities Officer outlined the progress with new and replacement pools in Norfolk over the past 21 years that he had held the post. However, sadly, there have been difficulties in recent years with the lack of proper support from East Region and Active Norfolk and the disbanding of the Norwich Sports Council and other bodies. There are no known plans for any new pools at present though the UEA Sportspark plans to update its AOE equipment next year.

Competitions Secretary/Team Manager Norfolk finished in 3rd place in the Three Counties Gala at Peterborough in December 2011. The East Region Inter Counties Championships were not held in 2012 being too close to the Olympic Games. The County had finished in 15th place in the Division 2 gala at the Inter Counties Championships in Sheffield in October.

Championship Secretary In the County Championships & Age Groups, Suffolk had again joined Norfolk at the UEA Sportspark for the 800m and 1500m events. The first weekend of the County Championship galas at Thetford had been beset with technical problems, but they were resolved in time for the second weekend. The County Relay Gala had again been well supported and had been attended by a number of enthusiastic Past Presidents. The County Challenge galas at Dereham had run well with a high entry. Thanks were expressed to all those who helped, especially the swimmers.

County Records & County Colours Seven individual records were claimed during the year. County colours 6, bronze awards 2 and silver awards 3.

Trophies, Gala Helpers & Stock

Thanks for helpers around and off the poolside from several clubs and particularly in sorting out the large number of trophies required: for the top six places in the championship, age group and challenge gala events; individual first place age group trophies; and top three awards for BAGCATS, and the open water and masters galas. County 'hoodies' continue to be popular but there remains a stock of white Norfolk officials shirts which may be purchased.

Norfolk Junior League Twelve teams had entered in 2012 including three 'B' teams. UEA City of Norwich had won the Copeman Cup. Thetford Dolphins had won the Christine Clark Cup. There had been a low turnout for the AGM.

Masters Swimming The Norfolk Masters Championships & Open Meet had again taken place at the UEA in May though the number of entries was disappointing. Swimmers from Norfolk had competed in the GB Masters & Senior Long Course Championships in Sheffield, at the FINA World Masters at Riccione in Italy and at the ASA British National Masters back in Sheffield. Special mention was made of the great successes achieved by Pat Jackson in all three competitions. Norfolk had finished in 2nd place in the East Region heat of the ASA National Masters & Seniors Inter Counties Competition at Newmarket in November. Norfolk's position in the national table for 2012 is still awaited.

Synchronised Swimming There is still only one synchro club in Norfolk but record numbers of swimmers have been competing this year and they have won medals in all the events entered including two East Region competitions. Norwich Synchro hosted a successful and enjoyable East Region Synchro Development Day and demonstrated synchro swimmers in Norwich (on film and with live 'walk-throughs') on the occasion of the Olympic torch passing through the city.

Water Polo No report.

Open Water The attraction of Open Water swimming increases year-on-year. East Region again ran successful open water championships at Whitlingham Broad. Medals were awarded by the county to the top Norfolk swimmers (45 swimmers from 7 different Norfolk clubs entered). Congratulations to Paul Kendall, who had officiated at the London Olympic Games, and to Jacqui Kendall who had qualified as an open water referee. Several other swimming officials have participated in open water officials' courses.

Disability Swimming There has been increased interest in disability swimming in the county this year particularly following the success of Norfolk's Jessica-Jane Applegate who won the gold medal in the S14 200m freestyle at the Paralympics. With funding and support personnel no longer available from Norwich City Council, Norfolk ASA took over the organisation and running of the annual Norwich Swimability gala at Riverside Pool in September (using some funding available from the now closed Norwich & District Disabled Persons SC).

County Handbook 75 handbooks were produced and distributed to clubs but they were late going out this year due to data protection problems that needed to be resolved.

County Website For the first time results from the County Championship and County Challenge galas were available live on the website.

Officials Liaison Thanks to all those officials who had worked at County galas this year. There were no shortages of officials at any of the galas, even at the masters, and there were sufficient licensed officials where needed.

Officials Examinations Congratulations to Jo Banham who passed the Referee exam at the end of last year. Two JL2(S) Starter courses took place in Great Yarmouth and Kings Lynn in June 2012. Four JL2(S) candidates completed their poolside duties and passed the final assessment during the past year. Two JL2 (Stroke & Finish Judging) courses took place in Norwich and Dereham in May 2012. Eighteen candidates from these and previous courses have since completed their poolside duties and passed the final assessment. Four Judge Level 1 courses (Timekeeping and Turn Judging) took place in Norwich (3) and Thetford during 2012 (including one which formed one of the three modules of the Young Volunteers Course). Twenty nine candidates from these and previous courses completed their poolside duties and passed the final assessment. Thanks to Chris Galer, Keith Belton, Stewart Murray and Kevin Rumsey who assisted with the courses and practical assessments.

Development Details of coaching courses, officials training, a young aquatic volunteers course (comprising aquatic organiser, team manager and judge level 1 modules with 28 young candidates participating), swimming development camps and disability training were reported.

Child Protection & Welfare No report.

East Region A lot of discussions but, seemingly, little progress during the year! However changes were made to the Swim 21 structure, plans for a new Club Development Officer were announced and regional fees were increased.

Emergency No meetings of the committee were needed in 2012.

Press & PR No one had come forward to take on these duties and so press reports on county swimming remained disappointingly sparse.

Membership Sadly Kings Lynn Adult SC and Norwich & District Disabled Persons SC had both formally closed.

The Chairman thanked the officers for the preparation of their reports. The adoption of the reports was proposed by Kevin Rumsey, seconded by Nicola Ansell, and accepted unanimously by those present.

4. BALANCE SHEET

The Hon. Treasurer had prepared the annual report. Income for the year totalled £38442.96 against expenditure of £37295.27. After taking into account stock purchases and sales, the Balance Sheet showed a surplus of £1147.69. Current assets, including stock, had increased to £40985.68. A development grant of £1000 was received from the ASA towards the running of the Young Aquatic Volunteers programme. Funds were provided towards Swim 21 course development with the county providing 25% of the cost. Increases in sundry income were due partly to commission on merchant sales at galas and the dissolution of the Norwich & District Disabled Persons SC. Affiliation fees showed an increase as Loddon White Dolphin had registered their swimmers this year having been unable to do so the previous year due to a long pool closure. Most of the other items were similar to those in the previous year.

The Treasurer thanked the auditors for their work at the end of the year.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Paul Kendall, seconded by James Macdonald and agreed unanimously.

5. AFFILIATION FEES

The Hon. Treasurer said that, in view of the surplus of funds in 2012, it was proposed to keep the affiliation fee at £1.30 per member. This proposal was agreed unanimously.

Forms would be going out to clubs after this meeting for 2013 affiliation fees which must be paid to Norfolk ASA by 31 January 2013 latest.

6. DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT FOR 2013

Sally Lelean of Diss Otters SC was welcomed as the new County President. She thanked Stewart Murray for his work during the past year and presented him with a Past Presidents' badge.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Elect	Madeline Tallowin
Hon. Chairman	Kevin Rumsey (elected in 2010 for a three-year term)
Hon. Secretary	Debbie McRoberts
Hon. Asst. Secretary	Tony Smith
Hon. Treasurer	Keith Belton
Hon. Auditors (2)	Geoff Clark & Tony Smith
Hon. Solicitor	Bruce Faulkner
Hon. Medical Officer	Dr Martin Roberts

These appointments were proposed by Steve McCormack, seconded by Adam Lelean, and approved unanimously.

9. ELECTION OF SUB COMMITTEE SECRETARIES

Competitions	Secretary	Garry Jarvis
Masters	Secretary	Sally Lelean
Synchro Swimming	Secretary	Madeline Tallowin
Water Polo	Secretary	Kevin Hall
Finance	Secretary	Tony Smith
County Handbook	Secretary	Adam Lelean
Norfolk Junior League	Secretary	Elaine Bowen
Facilities	Secretary	John Peggall
Emergency	Secretary	Chris Galer
Development	Secretary	James Macdonald
Diving (inactive)		

These appointments were proposed by Sally Lelean, seconded by Debbie McRoberts and approved unanimously.

10. ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICIALS AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Trophies	Dianne Barrett
Records & County Colours	Robin Barrett
Officials Liaison	Graham Garner
Officials Examinations	Tony Smith
Child Protection & Welfare	(vacant)
East Region	Stewart Murray

Championship Secretary	Liam Harvey
Gala Helper Liaison	Dianne Barrett
Team Manager	Garry Jarvis
Press & PR	(vacant)
Disabled Liaison	Ben Banham
County Coach	John Digby
County Membership Officer	Keith Belton
Open Water	Paul Kendall
County Website	Adam Lelean
East Region Swimming Committee Rep*.	(vacant)
Lifesaving (inactive)	

(*This is a new post previously filled unofficially, i.e. not elected by the Norfolk County ASA, up to about a year and a half ago by John Rushmer. The county has not been represented on the East Region Swimming Committee since then).

These appointments were proposed by Stewart Murray, seconded by Adam Lelean, and approved unanimously.

Those posts that remained unfilled will be referred to the incoming Executive Committee at its' December meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS

Executive Committee meetings during the coming year will take place on Tuesday 4 December, Wednesday 6 March, Tuesday 4 June, and Wednesday 4 September.

The AGM for 2013 is due to be held on Sunday 24 November. A proposal was made to move the AGM either to a Saturday or to a midweek evening. It was recognised that a Saturday meeting would be likely to clash with a gala. The incoming committee will consider to proposal to move the AGM to a midweek evening.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.