

NORFOLK COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2014 AT HEWETT SCHOOL, NORWICH

PRESENT

OFFICERS: Mrs M Tallowin (President/Synchro), P Kendall (President Elect/Open Water), K Rumsey (Chairman), K Belton (Treasurer), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), A Smith (Asst. Secretary)

PAST PRESIDENTS: Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (County Records & Colours), Mrs B Belson, R Belson, G Garner (Officials Liaison), A Lelean (Handbook/Website), Mrs S Lelean (Masters), S Murray (East Region Rep), J Peggall (Facilities), J Toll

OTHER ATTENDEES: A Bird (Dereham), K Hall (Water Polo), J Macdonald (UEA City of Norwich), A Moore (Great Yarmouth), Mrs P Moore (Great Yarmouth), L Pavey (Norwich & Thetford Water Polo), S Rice (Diss Otters), Mrs K Woodhouse (Norwich Swan)

1. APOLOGIES: Mrs J Andrews (Past President), M Bateman (UEA City of Norwich), Mrs J Boyd (Dereham), G Clark (Past President/Auditor), J Digby (County Coach), Mrs E Bowen (County Junior League), C Galer (Past President/Emergency Committee), L Harvey (Championships Secretary), Mrs A Martin (EAST/Kingfishers), I McKenzie (Past President), D Peck (Development), R Proctor (Past President), G Smith (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), Miss K Starling (Past President), M Watkins (Past President)

2. MINUTES OF 2013 AGM

It was proposed by Kevin Rumsey, seconded by Paul Kendall and agreed unanimously that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

3. ANNUAL REPORTS

President Madeline Tallowin reported an enjoyable year and thanked all those who supported her given her synchro rather than competitive swimming background. She mentioned several notable events and especially the open water event where a sudden change in the weather made it particularly memorable! She had enjoyed watching galas at all levels, meeting presidents from other areas and attending several social events.

Hon. Secretary Four Executive Meetings, four Competitions Sub Committee Meetings (which do, perhaps, need to be held slightly later to ensure that details of forthcoming inter-county galas are received) and one Finance Sub Committee meeting had taken place, but there had been no Development Sub Committee meetings.

Facilities No new facilities to report but the pools at Fakenham had closed.

Competitions Secretary&Team Manager/County Coach Norfolk had finished in 2nd place in the Three Counties Gala at Ipswich in December 2013 and in 5th place at the East Region Inter Counties Championships at Basildon in July 2014: both results were an improvement on the previous year. However, disappointingly, the County had finished in a lowly 16th place in the Division 2 gala at the Inter Counties Championships in Sheffield in October 2014.

Championship Secretary In the County Championships & Age Groups, Suffolk had again joined Norfolk at the UEA SportsPark for the 800m and 1500m events. The County had also held a separate 400m gala at Wymondham. The main galas at Thetford had suffered from some particularly long sessions and a number of changes have been proposed for 2015. The County Relay Gala had again been well supported and had been attended by a number of the Past Presidents. The County Challenge galas at Dereham had run well but had also suffered from some overlong sessions.

County Records & County Colours Individual records had been broken on 29 occasions and there had been one new county relay record. Several county colours and awards were earned and these will be presented at the County Relay Gala.

Trophies, Gala Helpers & Stock Thanks to those who helped with the sorting out of trophies which made life easier. Several trophies had been re-dedicated so that open water championship winners will receive a perpetual trophy. County 'hoodies' continue to be popular.

Norfolk Junior League Only ten teams had participated in 2014 including two 'B' teams. UEA City of Norwich 'A' had won the Copeman Cup. Diss Otters had won the Christine Clark Cup. Some rule changes and some additional events in the gala programme have been agreed for 2015.

Masters Swimming The Norfolk Masters Championships & Open Meet had again taken place successfully at the UEA in May. A number of competitions were successfully attended by the swimmers during the year including the World Masters at Montreal and the British Masters at Sheffield at both of which Pat Jackson achieved gold medals. Earlier this month, Norfolk had finished in 2nd place in the East Region heat of the National Masters competition in Newmarket, and 12th out of 29 counties nationally, an improvement on the previous year.

Synchronised Swimming There is still only one synchro club in Norfolk: it is full and has a waiting list. Several competitions have been attended with notable successes and the swimmers attended a development day. Several swimmers were selected for the East Region Talent Development Squad.

Water Polo The water polo club swims on Wednesdays and Sundays at Wymondham.. A junior section has been successfully established on Sundays and it participated in a competition in Suffolk, but some more young players would be welcome. The club represented Norfolk in the East Region Championships at the beginning of the year, performing well against stronger counties, and the club had some successes at other competitions.

Open Water The East Region Open Water Championships again incorporated the Norfolk County Championships which had a 50% increase in entries. The championships had again been run successfully at Whitlingham Broad although some sudden severe weather had caused the early termination of one event. Medals were awarded by the County to the top Norfolk swimmers. County open water training was inaugurated and has been taking place regularly at Fritton Lake, partly funded by the County: it has been well supported and has led to some successes by the swimmers at open water competitions.

Disability Swimming No report: the post holder had recently resigned.

County Handbook Handbooks were produced, with the rule changes incorporated, and had been distributed to officers and clubs in March.

County Website The results from the County Championship and County Challenge galas were again quickly available on the website. Accessibility issues were addressed.

Officials Liaison A thank you to all those officials who had worked at County galas this year. Nearly all galas had had an adequate number (often more than an adequate number) of officials but the exception was the Masters Championships where it was a struggle to get even a viable minimum number of officials due to conflicting swimming and non-swimming events.

Officials Examinations. Congratulations to Nigel Utting and Kirsty McRoberts for having passed the Referee exam during 2014. Two further candidates sat the Referee exam this month and the result is awaited. One JL2(S) Starter course took place in Wymondham in July 2014. Three JL2(S) candidates completed their poolside duties and passed the final assessment during the year. One JL2 (Stroke & Finish Judging) course took place in Norwich in July 2014. Five JL2 candidates completed their poolside duties and passed the final assessment. Two Judge Level 1 courses (Timekeeping and Turn Judging) took place in Norwich in June and November 2014. Twenty candidates completed their poolside duties and passed the final assessment. Thanks to Chris Galer, Keith Belton, Stewart Murray, Kevin Rumsey and Jo Banham for assisting with courses and/or practical assessments.

Development. No report received.

Child Protection & Welfare No report: the post holder had suddenly resigned in the middle of the year.

East Region Development remains a current weakness in Norfolk. Elsewhere in the region three clubs have been awarded Beacon status. There has been an improvement in the number of courses available and details are published on the region's website.

Emergency One brief meeting was held to discuss a rule change.

Press & PR No one had come forward to take on the duties, so press reports on county swimming remained non-existent.

County Volunteer Co-ordinator A recently created post that remains vacant.

Membership Fakenham SC had converted to being a swim school and had then ceased to exist following the closure of local pools in the town. Little Fish SC has withdrawn from competitive swimming.

The Chairman thanked the officers for the preparation of their reports. The adoption of the reports was proposed by James Macdonald, seconded by Andrew Bird, and accepted unanimously by those present.

4.BALANCE SHEET

The Hon. Treasurer had prepared the annual report. Income for the year totalled £44360.54 against expenditure of £38807.17. After taking into account stock purchases and sales, the Balance Sheet showed a surplus of £5553.37. Current assets, including stock, had increased to £56387.99. There had again been an increase in gala entries. Most of the other items were similar to those in the previous year.

The Treasurer thanked the auditors, Geoff Clark and Tony Smith, for their work at the end of the year.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Karen Woodhouse, seconded by Adam Lelean and agreed unanimously.

5. AFFILIATION FEES

The Hon. Treasurer said that, in view of the surplus of funds in 2014, 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 2015 affiliation fees which must be paid to Norfolk ASA by 31 January 2015 latest.

6. RULE CHANGES

The Executive Committee had proposed changes to two rules and these had been sent out with the agenda. The first change sought to clarify further the eligibility of Past Presidents to remain Officers of the Association. The second rule change was simply to reflect the current arrangements for county colours and awards.

The changes were discussed and agreed as they are set out below:

Rule 6 Officers

Amend (c) to read: 'Past Presidents who are still members of a club affiliated to Norfolk ASA'

Rule 11 County Colours

Amend (a) to read: 'County clothing will be made available for purchase by a swimmer when competing in his first Inter-County Gala'.

Delete (b).

Amend (c) to (b) and to read: 'A swimmer will receive awards after he has been selected for a Norfolk ASA team and participated in Inter-County competitions as follows:

- i. after four competitions he will be awarded his County Colours
- ii. after eight competitions he will be awarded his Bronze Award
- iii. after twelve competitions he will be awarded his Silver Award
- iv. after sixteen competitions he will be awarded his Gold Award

The rule changes were proposed by Sally Lelean, seconded by Debbie McRoberts, and agreed unanimously.

7. DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT FOR 2015

Paul Kendall of Dereham Otters SC was welcomed as the new County President.

He thanked Madeline Tallowin for all her work during the past year and presented her with a Past Presidents' badge.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Elect	Karen Woodhouse
Hon. Chairman	Kevin Rumsey
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 James Macdonald, seconded by Adam Lelean, and approved unanimously.

9. ELECTION OF SUB COMMITTEE SECRETARIES

Competitions	Secretary	Gary Smith
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	Darren Peck
Diving (inactive)		

These appointments were proposed by Kevin Rumsey, seconded by Karen Woodhouse, and approved unanimously.

10. ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICIALS AND COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Trophies	Dianne Barrett
Records & County Colours	Robin Barrett
Officials Liaison	Gary Applin
Officials Examinations	Tony Smith
Child Protection & Welfare	(vacant)
East Region	Stewart Murray
Championship Secretary	Liam Harvey
Gala Helper Liaison	Dianne Barrett
Team Manager	Gary Smith
Press & PR	(vacant)
Disabled Liaison	Anthony Moore
County Coach	John Digby
County Membership Officer	Keith Belton
Open Water	Paul Kendall
County Website	Adam Lelean
East Region Swimming Committee Rep.	Elaine Bowen
County Volunteer Co-ordinator	(vacant)
Lifesaving (inactive)	

These appointments were proposed by Andrew Bird, seconded by Karen Woodhouse, and approved unanimously.

Posts that remained unfilled will be referred to the incoming Executive Committee at the December meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS

Executive Committee meetings during the coming year will take place on Tuesday 9 December 2014 and on Wednesday 4 March, Tuesday 2 June, and Wednesday 2 September 2015 all in Room A17 at the Hewett School at 7.30 pm. The AGM for 2015 is due to be held on Sunday 29 November at 2.30 pm.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.