

NORFOLK COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2019 AT HEWETT ACADEMY, NORWICH

PRESENT

OFFICERS: Mr G Applin (President), K Belton (Treasurer), Mrs C Rose (President Elect), K Rumsey (Chairman), Mrs K Woodhouse (Hon. Secretary).

PAST PRESIDENTS: Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (County Records & Colours), Mrs J Banham, C Galer (Officials Training), P Kendall (Open Water), A Lelean (Website), Mrs S Lelean (Masters), S Murray, D Peck (Development), A Smith, Mrs M Tallowin.

OTHER ATTENDEES: J Ashley (Synchro), B Banham (Great Yarmouth), Mrs J Grimes (Diss Otters), A Moore (Disability Swimming), Mrs P Moore (Great Yarmouth), Mrs E Peck (West Norfolk), S Riches (Norwich Swan), S Rose (Press & PR), Mrs T Spinner (CO Norwich), Mrs J Weston (Dereham).

APOLOGIES: Mrs B Belson (Past President), R Belson (Past President), Mrs E Bowen (Norfolk Inter-Club Gala), R. Every (County Coach), L Harvey (Championship Secretary), J Salmon (Norwich Swan).

2. MINUTES OF 2018 AGM

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. ANNUAL REPORTS

President D Peck read out his report in which he thanked the County for an enjoyable and eventful year. He attended awards events at Great Yarmouth and Norwich Swan. He attended a surprise party hosted by Norwich Synchro in honour of Madeline Tallowin who was retiring after 25 years of service. He enjoyed three very different evenings and thanked those clubs for their hospitality. At the County Champs in January he had the honour of hosting SE President, Chris Vinter and his wife on one of the very busy days. It was great to see all clubs well represented over a wide range of events and in many finals too. There was a new structure to the Junior League which was repackaged successfully as the Junior Inter-Club Gala and it was a pleasure to meet members of the Copeman and Clark families who attended to present the trophies. He attended a variety of regional events including the Age Group and Youth Championships in May, the Open Water in July (doubling also as the Norfolk Championships) and the Winter Short Course Championships in October. He travelled with the County Team to Sheffield for the National Inter-Counties. The swimmers were a credit to Norfolk and finished 11th in Division 2. The East Region have decided to no longer allow the County Presidents to parade on at regional events, which he felt was short-sighted and hoped would not affect the attendance of County Presidents at regional events. He welcomed G Applin as President and wished him an enjoyable term of office. K Rumsey thanked D Peck for his service to the County throughout his presidential year.

Hon. Secretary There had been four Executive Committee meetings plus four Competitions Sub Committee meetings.

Championship Secretary No written report submitted.

Competitions Secretary Norfolk won the East Region Inter-Counties Gala in July. Norfolk placed 6th in the Junior Inter-Counties gala hosted by Bedfordshire in September. In a very close fought competition, Norfolk came 11th in the National Inter Counties in Sheffield in October.

County Records & County Colours Report submitted. Twenty swimmers have earned County Colours and will receive their badges at the County Champs in 2020. Seven Bronze Awards and two Silver Awards will also be presented. A rule change will be required to reflect the reduced number of County galas. This will be discussed at the next Executive meeting with a view to holding an SGM on March 4th 2020 immediately prior to the Executive Meeting on that date. The County Record list has been updated to reflect unclaimed records resulting in 10 new records from 2017, 27 from 2018 and 20 so far for 2019.

Trophies, Gala Helpers & Stock Report submitted. The County continues to award medals to the 3 top placed competitors. Overall Top swimmer awards are presented in each age category (FINA point) at the County Championships. Thanks to everyone who has assisted at County events but volunteers are always required it would be greatly appreciated if all clubs could help for County galas, with volunteers contacting the respective host club.

Norfolk Junior Inter Club Gala Report submitted. CO Norwich won the Copeman Cup, with Norwich Swan winning the Christine Clark Cup. Members of both families attended to present the trophies. This was the first time that this event had been swum as one round rather than as a league. The gala over ran mainly due to the number of trainee officials in

attendance and the need to make sure all infractions and conditions were communicated effectively. The new format was judged a success and will continue. Consideration is being given to a senior inter club gala for 2020.

Masters Swimming Report submitted. Saturday 11th May saw the annual Norfolk Masters Championships & Open Meet take place at the SportsPark but the entry from Norfolk swimmers was slightly disappointing. Two British records were broken at the meet with Rikke Negal-Kleven breaking two ER records and Stuart Dyble one. Norfolk swimmers performed well at the GB Long Course Championships in Swansea in June. Pat Jackson won 4 golds, a silver and a bronze, Debbie Matless and Stuart Dyble both won a gold and a silver each. Katie Maloney, Catherine Markwell, Sophie Liddament, Sally Lelean and Chris Truman won a total of 9 silver and 4 bronze medals between them. Debbie Matless and David Borthwick attended the World Masters Games in Turin in July. Debbie won 3 golds. Sally and Adam Lelean flew the Norfolk flag at the FINA World Masters in Gwangju. At the National Open Water Champs in Peterborough on September 1st saw Harry Crisp winning gold medals in the 2k, 3k and 4k. At the National Short Course Masters Championships in Sheffield in October, Norfolk had 17 swimmers in attendance. Pat Jackson won gold in all 8 of the events she entered and Chris Truman collected 2 gold medals and a bronze. Other medallists were Catherine Markwell, Debbie Matless, Sam Watts and Katie Maloney. Finally, with a number of swimmers unavailable, Norfolk attained third place in the East Region heat of the National Masters Inter Counties competition in Bury St Edmunds. This meant that Norfolk were 15th out of 27 counties nationally, the same position as 2018.

Synchronised Swimming Report submitted. Membership of the only synchro club in Norfolk remains high. Madeline Tallowin has retired after 25 years involvement. The coaching team continues to grow and evolve. The club has been well represented at regional competitions with a variety of medals being won. The number of swimmers at grade 3 and above has increased. Four swimmers were selected for the regional development squad. Teams were entered for the national Combo Cup at the LAC, including a Division 2 team for the first time. All teams scored higher marks than the previous year. K Rumsey thanked M Tallowin for her hard work on and wished her well for the future.

Water Polo Nothing reported.

Open Water Report submitted. Another successful year for Open Water swimming in Norfolk, with participation rising and county representation at regional and national level continues to impress. Norfolk's Open Water training scheme continues at Whitlingham enabling swimmers to improve skills. At the SEER Championships this year Norfolk had an entry of 78 swimmers across all age groups and distances, successfully filling 7 of the 42 qualifying spaces available for the National Age groups Championships. Harry Crisp (25-29 yrs) won gold medals in 2k, 3k and 5k events. Norfolk always needs more open water officials and training courses may be run within the county if there is demand. openwater@eastswimming.org From next year open water officials will be included in Swim Mark for the first time.

Disability Swimming Report submitted. Norfolk continues to be well represented at Regional and National level with Jessica Jane Applegate and Jordan Catchpole selected for Team GB. The annual Swimability gala is open to all swimmers with a disability, with or without a category and is an important part of the Norfolk calendar of events. A Moore attended all but one of the East Region disability meetings, The East Region Gala at Newmarket was cancelled this year due to lack of entries but should run again next year.

County Website Report submitted. A new version of the website is underway on a test machine and should replace the old site soon. This will make new features possible. It is hoped to include job descriptions of county roles on the new website.

Officials Liaison No report.

Officials Training and Development Co-ordinator Report submitted. Training courses have taken place throughout the County. 2 candidates are on the British Swimming Referees course, working towards sitting an exam in May 2020. Stewart Murray is on the British Swimming advanced officials development programme. Thanks also to Tony Smith, Stewart Murray, Kevin Rumsey, Keith Belton, Darren Peck, Adam Lelean, Jo Banham & Rachael Hutchinson who carried out official assessments and helped enormously with the training and development of officials. From January 2020 Swim England has announced that all JL1 training will be via a new online process. As a consequence there has been an embargo on enrolment of new JL1 courses in the current format from 1 November 2019. There will be a cessation of old the JL1 qualification -31 July 2020 for those currently in training. All candidates currently on the JL1 course need to have completed their theory training, poolside mentoring and passed the assessment by this date. There will be no movement of this date. New candidates will now have to wait and enrol on the new online process which is scheduled to commence in January 2020

Development Report submitted. The top 30 performing 11 year old male and female Norfolk swimmers were invited to Swim England County Talent in the 11 year old age group. The camps ran on three different dates at Dereham Leisure Centre and were part of SE's long term athlete development pathway. The chosen athletes were required to attend all

three days. Chris Searle organised the days and was ably supported by other local coaches. The Norfolk open water training sessions continue to run in the summer months.

Thank to Chris Galer, Stewart Murray, Keith Belton and Chris Searle for their help and input to the development of Norfolk Swimmers.

Child Protection & Welfare Report submitted. There have only been a few incidents most of which are resolvable at a local level. Club welfare officers may appreciate some form of support forum. This may not be feasible, given the disparate geographical location of the clubs, but is something that could perhaps be borne in mind.

East Region No report.

Emergency No Emergency Committee meetings were needed this year.

Press & PR Nothing to report..

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 Mrs J Banham, seconded by A Smith and accepted by those present.

4. BALANCE SHEET

The Hon. Treasurer presented the annual report. Income for the year totalled £61 339.71 against expenditure of £49 294.51. After taking into account stock purchases and sales, the Balance Sheet showed a surplus of £12 045.20. Current assets, including stock, are £66 034.34. The Treasurer explained that pool hire for galas was basically unchanged as only one gala was held instead of four for the Junior Inter Club Gala this year (two rounds of two galas in the old Junior League format) but there was an additional day of hire of the Sportspark for the “reverse” distance events. 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 A Smith and agreed unanimously.

5. AFFILIATION FEES

The Hon. Treasurer said that it was proposed to keep the affiliation fee at £1.30 per member. The affiliation fee was proposed by K Belton, seconded by K Rumsey and agreed unanimously.

6. DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT FOR 2019

Gary Applin of Thetford Dolphins SC was welcomed as the new County President. He thanked D Peck for all his hard work during the past year and presented him with a Past Presidents’ badge.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Elect	Cheryl Rose
Hon. Chairman	Kevin Rumsey
Hon. Secretary	Karen Woodhouse
Hon. Treasurer	Keith Belton
Hon. Auditor	Kathryn Curtis
Hon. Solicitor	Bruce Faulkner
Hon. Medical Officer	Dr Martin Roberts

These appointments were proposed by C Galer, seconded by Mrs S Lelean and approved unanimously.

9. ELECTION OF SUB COMMITTEE SECRETARIES

Competitions	Secretary	Cheryl Rose
Masters	Secretary	Sally Lelean
Synchro Swimming	Secretary	Jessica Ashley
Water Polo	Secretary	John Dickson
Finance	Secretary	Keith Belton
Norfolk Junior League	Secretary	TBC
Emergency	Secretary	Chris Galer
Development	Secretary	Darren Peck

These appointments were proposed by Mrs K Woodhouse, seconded by S Rose 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	Shane Vasey
East Region	Darren Peck
Championship Secretary	Liam Harvey
Gala Helper Liaison	Dianne Barrett
Team Manager	Cheryl Rose
Press & PR	Simon Rose
Disabled Liaison	Tony Moore
County Coach	Richard Every
Open Water	Jacqui Kendall
County Website	Adam Lelean
East Region Swimming Committee Rep.	TBC
County Volunteer Co-ordinator	

These appointments were proposed by B Banham, seconded by K Belton and approved unanimously.

CLOSING REMARKS

Executive Committee meetings during the coming year will take place on Tuesday 3rd December 2019, Wednesday 4th March, Tuesday 2nd June, and Wednesday 2nd September 2020, all in The Base at the Hewett Academy at 7.30 pm. The date for the AGM in 2020 was set for Wednesday 25th November 2020. An SGM needed for rule changes concerning county colours will be held prior to the Executive meeting on March 4th (TBC).

The Chairman then closed the meeting.