

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 31 March 2009 – Hewett School

PRESENT K Rumsey (President), M Watkins (Chairman/Hon Secretary), A Smith (Hon. Assistant Secretary), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies/Thetford Dolphins), R Barrett (Championship Secretary), G Garner (Officials Liaison), Mrs S Thompson (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), J Digby (Norwich Swan), A Lelean (Diss Otters), Mrs P Moore (Great Yarmouth), Mrs J Snell (Dereham Otters), J Toll (Norfolk Junior League), Mrs K Woodhouse (Aylsham Vikings)

APOLOGIES A Oakley (UEA City of Norwich), S Murray (West Norfolk)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2009

Agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

A meeting of club coaches has yet to be convened to discuss the arrangements and format of the County Championships & Age Groups 2010. This is to be held before the next Competitions Sub Committee meeting.

The Lion Hotel, Worksop has been booked for the Inter Counties Championships in October.

Bookings have been made for the Three Counties gala to take place on Sunday 6 December 2009 at Thetford

REPORT ON COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE GROUPS 2009

There had been 2520 entries and 32 records had been broken (c/w 19 in 2008). Thanks were expressed to all those who had helped make the series of galas a success. There had been a few technical AOE problems quickly resolved. Disappointingly a well-written report sent to the EDP had not been published (though a shorter report combined with a note about the County Relay Gala had appeared later). There had been some comments about the different qualifying times and age dates for the Norfolk and Suffolk swimmers in the 800/1500m events, but it was pointed out that these are essentially two separate county galas held for convenience at the same location at the same time. Unfortunately several unsavoury and totally unwarranted incidents, since dealt with, had occurred during the Thetford sessions.

A report had just been received from the Treasurer about payment of 2009 affiliation fees. This seemed to suggest that three competitive clubs had not paid their fees to the county at 31 March (even though county fees this year were due to be paid, following the rule change at the AGM, by 31 January). Two of the clubs had competed at the County Championships but, if they had not paid then, according to the rules, they would not have been eligible to enter. The third club had not entered the County Championships but had competed in a Norfolk Junior League first round gala. The Treasurer would be asked to investigate further with the clubs concerned in order to get the fees paid as a matter of urgency.

REPORT ON THE COUNTY RELAY GALA –UEA SPORTSPARK – SAT 28 MARCH 2009

There had been 230 entries but, disappointingly, Harleston Piranhas and Long Stratton did not compete. Aylsham Vikings entry had been accepted late and the seedings had had to be revised just before the start of the gala: thanks to David Adams for resolving this and other problems speedily. UEA City of Norwich SC had won the to team trophy. 5 championship records and one county record had been broken. Some trophies were only returned on the night and in a poor state. It was mentioned that, in Suffolk, clubs are fined for returning trophies late – so they all now come back in good time! Some of the older trophies need to be replaced (any offers please?). Individual medals are passed to clubs to present to their swimmers later – it would take far too long on the night. However it was disappointing that one club had not yet distributed the individual medals from the 2008 gala to its members! A query was raised about the number of teams that a club can enter for each event (e.g. A, B & C). It was pointed out that only A teams score points and the inclusion of additional teams allows more swimmers to compete in this exciting gala.

The East Region President, Dave Metcalf, had attended and he had presented the BAGCATs awards beforehand and the trophies at the end of the gala. Several Past Presidents had also attended.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY CHALLENGE GALAS – DEREHAM – SUNS 21 & 28 JUNE 2009

Dereham Otters will host this event at the Dereham pool with two morning and two afternoon sessions over consecutive Sundays. Warm ups are 8.30am (for 9.30am start) and 12.45pm (for 1.45pm start). Door admission is £2 per session with separate programmes for each session: (Kevin Rumsey will provide the programmes). It was agreed to run a cardless system this year. All registered entries will be put on a website and swimmers will sign in on arrival and before the warm up times. Entry forms will be issued to clubs over the coming week and are due back to Robin Barrett by 20 May. Age is as at 8 March (the same as for the County Age Groups). The entry criteria will, as previously, be based on the times of 6th place swimmers at the County Age Groups though with some exceptions as discussed during the meeting (e.g. where there were not 6 entries in an event).

The Swim Shop will be booked and the Photographic Service invited. The catering arrangements for the officials and helpers is in hand. Graham Garner will appoint officials. Tony Smith will be lead referee. Some JL1 and JL2 assessments will take place during the sessions. Diane Barrett and Julie Seamen will liaise over the appointment of other helpers. **The President was keen to encourage a large entry especially from smaller clubs to give younger and less experience swimmers a chance to compete with other county swimmers.**

FIXTURE LIST FOR 2010

The provisional fixture list (subject to pool availability and confirmation at the next meeting) is set out below. **Club Fixtures Secretaries should note these dates please** in order to avoid clashes with club and other league competitions. The Norfolk County Junior League dates and locations are subject to confirmation at the League's AGM (usually held in June) but every attempt has been made to avoid clashes with the Suffolk and Fenland Leagues.

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location(s)</u>
Sat 13 & Sat 20 February	County Championships 800/1500m events	UEA Sportspark (50m)
Sat/Sun 6,7,13 & 14 March	County Championships other individual events	Thetford
Sat 20 March	Norfolk County Junior League Round 1 galas	Diss & Dereham
Sat 27 March	County Relay Gala	UEA Sportspark (50m)
Sat 17 April	Norfolk County Junior League Final Round galas	Wymondham & Thetford
Sat 22 May	County Masters Championships	UEA Sportspark
Sun 20 & Sun 27 June	County Challenge Gala	Dereham
Sat 3 <u>or</u> Sun 4 July	East Region Inter Counties Championships	(Suffolk to host?)
Sun 17 October	National Inter Counties Championships	Sheffield
Sat 4 <u>or</u> Sun 5 Dec	Three Counties Gala	(Suffolk to host)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

One of the first round Norfolk County Junior League galas had been switched at the last minute to the Thetford pool due to refurbishment delays at Diss. The final round galas are scheduled to take place at Wymondham and Thetford on Sat 25 April.

Graham Garner was already looking for officials for the County Masters Championships on Sat 16 May. Also Janet Baker (01603 259070) is seeking officials for the Disability Gala to be held at the Norwich Riverside pool on Sat 27 June. And Debbie McRoberts (01603 891136) is seeking officials for Schools Galas to be held at the UEA Sportspark on Wed 17 June pm, Thu 25 June am and Thu 1 Oct pm.

A Norfolk Swimming Officials Seminar had taken place at the UEA Sportspark on Sat 28 March (10.30am – 4.00pm) covering contemporary issues and recent rules changes. 41 Norfolk officials had attended.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 12 May 2009** at Hewett School in Room A17. The main purposes will be to **select the team for the East Region Inter Counties Championships** and to discuss the **arrangements for the County Championships & Age Groups in 2010**.

[SECRETARIES: Please note the date and ensure that your club is represented at the meeting in view of the important matter of changes to county gala formats that are to be discussed. Also please ensure that the County Ranking List is up-

to-date before the meeting so that team
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selection can proceed smoothly at