

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.

Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 20 April 2010 – Hewett School

PRESENT Mrs J Andrews (President), M Watkins (Chairman/Secretary), K Belton (Treasurer), A Smith (Assistant Secretary), A Lelean (President Elect), Miss K Bull (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), R Barrett (Championship Secretary), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies/Thetford Dolphins), J Toll (Norfolk Junior League), D Adams (UEA City of Norwich), M Bateman (UEA City of Norwich), J Digby (Norwich Swan), G Jarvis (Great Yarmouth), J MacDonald (UEA City of Norwich), S Murray (West Norfolk), J Rush (Diss Otters), Mrs J Snell (Dereham Otters), Mrs K Woodhouse (North Norfolk)

APOLOGIES G Garner (Officials Liaison)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2010

Agreed as a true record (except as * below).

MATTERS ARISING

The course on officiating at disability events and at events that include disabled swimmers is being held at Chippenham, Cambs, on Saturday 15 May (and not as stated in the previous minutes*). Anyone interested in attending the course should contact Dave Metcalf.

REPORT ON THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE GROUPS – FEBRUARY & MARCH 2010

It was felt that the days had run well and that sessions were about the right length. The length of the warm-ups seemed to be appropriate. The new signing out system went well. There was a suggestion of some judging inconsistencies but these needed to be sorted out during the galas, not later. Thanks were expressed to the officials who worked hard throughout the gala sessions. Concern was expressed about an increasing number of spectators who try to find ways of getting in without paying. The joint long distance galas with Suffolk worked well but still made a loss of £975 (before adding the cost of medals): however it was thought that the inclusion of a third county might make the sessions too long. A number of administrative matters were also discussed including having a single programme for each weekend, making provision for disability swimmers and getting more poolside helpers.

REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE GROUPS IN 2011

A working party meeting had taken place on 13 April comprising coaches and other club representatives to consider possible format revisions. Minutes of the meeting were distributed to those present. Most felt that the main events should remain in age groups as at present. The possible use of the UEA Sportspark rather than Thetford was being explored though, at present, Keith Nicholls (Sportspark Director) seems unlikely to give up the pool for further weekends of competitive swimming. (The situation might alter in future years if East Region Championship galas are taken to other pools). The possibility of moving the Challenge Gala to the Autumn term was explored - but it could lead to clashes with league galas. There had been discussion about alternative awards for 4th – 6th placed swimmers (e.g. certificates, rosettes) but it was felt that swimmers prefer medals. Rather than bring presentations back onto the poolside, it was suggested that successful swimmers might be invited to do a lap of honour round the pool with presentations away from the poolside later. The running commentary and the introduction of finalists should continue.

REPORT ON COUNTY RELAY GALA – UEA SPORTSPARK – SATURDAY 27 MARCH 2010

UEA City of Norwich SC had won the team trophy. There had been some 240 entries. It was good to see Harleston Piranhas and Little Fish competing. Entry forms had been distributed very late, and therefore returned very late and some entry money had not accompanied the entries (this latter point also applied to some of the County Championship entries).

Around 16 Past Presidents of Norfolk ASA had attended and several letters of thanks had since been received.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHALLENGE GALAS – DEREHAM – SUNDAYS 20 & 27 JUNE 2010

Dereham Otters will host these galas with two sessions on each date. Warm ups are 8.30am (for a 9.30am start) and 12.45pm (for a 1.45pm start). Door admission is £2 per session with separate programmes for each (and Kevin Rumsey to produce them?). Graham Garner will organise officials and he had invited Tony Smith to be lead referee. Diane Barrett has booked the Swim Shop and she will liaise with John Cox (Dereham Otters) about the provision of non-poolside helpers. Jackie Snell will follow up about the catering arrangements.

Entry forms will be issued by Robin Barrett at the beginning of May and are due back by 29 May. Age is as at 14 March (the same as for the County Age Groups). It will be run as a cardless gala (with swimmers having to notify if not swimming by a cut off time). Entry criteria will be based, as previously, on the time of the 6th fastest swimmer at the County Age Group with some exceptions (e.g. where there were less than 6 swimmers in the event). There have been some anomalies in the past where odd swimmers have found themselves to be ineligible for both the County Age Groups and the Challenge Gala. It was agreed they should be able to get into at least one of these events. It was agreed that the 6th fastest time or the age groups qualifying time if faster would be used. However swimmers who have achieved a faster time than the Challenge Gala cut off time since the Age Groups would not then be eligible.

FIXTURE LIST FOR 2011

The provisional fixture list below is subject to pool availability and dates/locations will be confirmed at the next meeting. **Club secretaries are asked to note dates please to avoid clashes with other events.** Robin Barrett will provisionally book pools as appropriate except for the County Junior League which John Toll will book after the League AGM in June. The dates for the Long Distance galas are subject to agreement with Suffolk ASA.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Sat 12 & Sat 19 Feb	County Championship 800/1500m events	UEA Sportspark
Sat 5/Sun 6/Sat 12/Sun 13 Mar	County Championship other individual events	Thetford
Sat 19 Mar	County Junior League Round 1 (2 or 3 galas?)	To be decided at AGM
Sat 26 Mar	County Relay Gala	UEA Sportspark
Sat 9 Apr	County Junior League Final Round (2 galas)	Wymondham/Thetford
Sat 21 May	County Masters Championships	UEA Sportspark
Sun 19 & Sun 26 Jun	County Challenge galas	Dereham
Sat 2 <u>or</u> Sun 3 Jul	East Region Inter Counties Championships	(Cambs to host)
Sun 16 Oct	National Inter Counties Championships	Sheffield
Sat 3 <u>or</u> Sun 4 Dec	Three Counties Gala	(Cambs to host)

TEAM SELECTION & ARRANGEMENTS FOR EAST REGION INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS - IPSWICH – SUNDAY 4 JULY

Age is as at the date of the gala. Age groups are 11/12, 13/14, 15/16 and 17 & Over. Swimmers can only enter two individual events (incl. the open 200m IM event) plus relays in their own age groups. Prior to the meeting UEA City of Norwich had notified the names of a few swimmers already committed to an open meet that weekend. Katie Bull had then prepared a draft list taken from current rankings and the most recent county galas. Some suggested changes were made by those club representatives present. A team was selected and Katie Bull will circulate the revised list by email then send invitations via clubs. Replies must be back to her by 1 June.

Swimmers must get to Crown Pools, Ipswich, by their own transport and report to the Team Manager by 1.15pm at the latest. Warm up is at 1.30pm (for a 2.15pm start). Katie Bull will attempt to get details of car parking arrangements from Team Ipswich SC. Stewart Park, County Coach, is invited to attend (and Jackie Snell will invite him). One judge and two timekeepers are required and Katie Bull will appoint them along with poolside marshals. Diane Barrett will check the availability and cost of county polo shirts which swimmers can order when replying. She also needs to know the number of county hats required for 'first time' swimmers.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

First round galas for the County Junior League took place on Saturday 20 March at Dereham (where there were only 4 teams due to a very late withdrawal by North Norfolk Vikings) and at Diss (where, with 6 teams, there were some chronic overcrowding problems). The Final Round galas took place on Saturday 17 April at Wymondham and Thetford. UEA City of Norwich 'B' had won the Copeman Cup and West Norfolk SC had won the Christine Clark Cup.

Graham Garner is seeking officials for the County Masters Championships at UEA Sportspark on Saturday 22 May.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13 July 2010 at Hewett School in Room A17 at 7.30pm. The main purposes will be to select a team for the National Inter Counties Championships and to finalise the fixture list for 2011.