

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 25 January 2011 – Hewett School

PRESENT A Lelean (President), K Belton (Treasurer), A Smith (Assistant Secretary), G Jarvis (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), R Barrett (Championship Secretary), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), G Garner (Officials Liaison), J MacDonald (UEA City of Norwich), S Murray (President Elect/West Norfolk), A Pinniger (UEA City of Norwich)

APOLOGIES K Rumsey (Chairman), Mrs J Blackwell (Secretary), Mrs N Hobson (Dereham Otters), M Kleinau (Thetford Dolphins), J Rush (Diss Otters)

Alex Pinniger, the new UEA City of Norwich Head Coach, was welcomed to the meeting.

CO-OPTION OF OFFICERS TO THE COMPETITIONS SUB COMMITTEE

Membership of the Sub Committee is restricted to the County Officers, the Sub Committee Secretary, the County Coach and representatives of affiliated clubs (with only one from each club entitled to vote). It was proposed and agreed that the following should be co-opted with voting rights: Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Championship Secretary), Mrs E Bowen (County Junior League), G Garner (Officials Liaison) and Mrs J Snell (County Chaperone). The Press & PR Officer would normally also be co-opted but the post is currently vacant.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2010

Agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Two new Judge Level 1 courses commenced in November and January respectively. Candidates came from Norwich Swan, Little Fish, UEA City of Norwich and North Norfolk Vikings.

REPORT ON THE THREE COUNTIES GALA – IPSWICH – SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2010

Norfolk, which had 69 swimmers competing, finished in second place behind Suffolk. Norfolk achieved 10 first places in the events and there were many personal bests.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS AND AGE GROUPS 2011

Entry forms were distributed in November and are to be returned to Robin Barrett by 22 January for the distance events being held on Sat 12 and 19 February at the UEA Sportspark and by 4 February for the other events at Thetford on Sat 5/Sun6/Sat 12/Sun 13 March.

UEA City of Norwich SC has been invited to host the distance galas at the UEA Sportspark and provide marshals, door staff, recorders and an announcer. A new announcer is still required for the Thetford galas.

Dianne Barrett asked about the numbers of officials candidates being assessed (in order to ensure sufficient lunches). It was thought that there would be rather less than in 2010 as many assessments will have taken place during the Thetford Open Meet in February. However it is expected that quite a few candidates, particularly from the new JL1 courses, will ask to be mentored. Tony Smith will co-ordinate the mentoring arrangements but those being mentored will not be offered lunch.

Trophies must be returned to Dianne Barrett by 6 February latest please. Some need to be valued for insurance purposes but this will be done after the galas.

Presentations would proceed as in 2010. The proposal made at the previous meeting that there should be parades of medallists around the poolside during warm up periods was discussed at some length but several problems were identified and, in the end, it was decided not to organise medallist parades.

Clubs were reminded that any of them that have not paid the county affiliation fees (due by 31 January) will not be able to participate in the County Championship galas. At the date of the meeting several clubs had yet to pay and the Treasurer will issue a reminder to them.

British Gas will sponsor the County Championships with £500 plus shirts and pens. It was agreed that personalised T-shirts and hoodies could be sold at the Thetford galas (as had been done at the County Challenge Galas in 2010).

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY RELAY GALA – UEA SPORTSPARK – SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2011

UEA City of Norwich SC has been invited to host this gala. Warm up is 5.00pm. Entry forms will be distributed in mid-February and need to be returned to Robin Barrett by Sunday 13 March. Entry is £5 per event. Trophies are to be returned to Dianne Barrett by 13 March please.

The BAGCATS awards will take place in the room overlooking the pool from 4.00pm and it is important that all the swimmers involved are made aware of these arrangements following the disappointing swimmer attendance last year.

Once again all of the county's surviving Past Presidents and the East Region President (John Toll, who is himself a Norfolk Past President) are to be invited to attend for the BAGCATS awards at 4.00pm followed by a reception in the room overlooking the pool at 5.00pm and then to watch the gala. The County President will host the reception and Robin Barrett will book a simple buffet. As previously, the County Secretary will be asked to send out the invitations.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHALLENGE GALAS – DEREHAM – SUNDAYS 19 & 26 JUNE 2011

Dereham Otters were invited to host these galas with two sessions (am and pm) on each date. Entry criteria will be determined, as usual, after the completion of the County Age Groups. This will be done at the next Competitions Sub Committee meeting when more detailed arrangements will also be discussed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

James Macdonald volunteered to take on the vacant Development Sub Committee Secretary role. He will call a meeting shortly.

Details of the forthcoming County Junior League galas have been distributed to clubs. Affiliations are to be sent to Elaine Bowen by 31 January along with expressions of interest from clubs wishing to enter a 'B' team. UEA City of Norwich SC will be unable to enter a 'B' team this time as the date of the final round clashes with the club's Easter Open Meet.

UEA City of Norwich will again be running a Development Camp during the Easter period. Alex Pinneger will send details to all county clubs and their coaches are also invited.

The East Region Inter Counties Championships will take place at Peterborough on Sunday 3 July (warm up 1.30pm). The Team Manager suggested that there might be a team building day for swimmers going to the East Region Inter Counties Championships (as already happens for the National Inter Counties Championships). He will make a proposal to the next meeting.

The East Region Open Water Championships are scheduled to take place at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 17 July. The County President will attend and present medals to the most successful Norfolk swimmers.

The National Inter Counties Championships will take place at Sheffield on Sunday 16 October. Accommodation has been booked once again at the Lion Hotel, Worksop.

No details have yet been received from Cambridgeshire (the 2011 hosts) for the Three Counties Gala in December.

A reminder that all licensed 1 & 2 meets (including county championships) must have licensed judges and above now. And, as from September 2011, no unlicensed officials will be allowed to participate at all – the minimum qualification will then be JL1. Can clubs please get all judges to obtain licenses as quickly as possible if they have not already done so, and get timekeepers upgraded via the JL1 course if they are to continue to officiate at this level.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 19 April 2011 at Hewett School in Room A17 at 7.30pm. The main purposes will be to select a team for the East Region Inter Counties Championship, to agree a Fixture List for 2012 (**please bring diaries and details of club fixtures**) and to finalise arrangements for the County Challenge Galas.