

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 19 July 2011 – Hewett School

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

APOLOGIES K Rumsey (Chairman), Mrs J Blackwell (Secretary), Mrs J Bowyer (North Norfolk Vikings), J Digby (Norwich Swan), G Garner (Officials Liaison), M Kleinau (Thetford Dolphins), J Rush (Diss Otters)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2011

Agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Cambridgeshire had yet to notify Norfolk of the venue for The Three Counties Gala to be held on Sunday 11 December.

Suffolk had agreed the dates for the long distance galas and to continue with 800m and 1500m events for both boys and girls. Some alternative arrangements were discussed and the inclusion of Cambridgeshire was again mentioned, but it was agreed that no changes would be made for 2012 except that Robin Barrett will revisit qualifying times to prevent exceptionally slow swimmers from competing.

Several items that had arisen from the Coaches Forum were again discussed. The hire of a full scoreboard for Thetford would be very costly and was not agreed. (It was reported that, currently, the present one-line board at Thetford is not working, but it was hoped that it would be replaced sooner rather than later). An email had been circulated setting out the 'benefits' of Hytek software but most of these were available from the present Sport System software which is used regionally and nationally. There appeared to be no reason to incur expenditure on the Hytek software which has more restricted licensing. It was agreed that warm-up arrangements could be altered as long as the length of the warm-ups overall are not increased. It was suggested that coaches should submit their suggestions for changes to Robin Barrett.

At the East Region Open Water Championships at Whitlingham Broad, 19 first-place trophies and many medals were presented by the Norfolk President to Norfolk swimmers. There had been a large number of new swimmers from Norfolk competing particularly from the Dereham and Great Yarmouth clubs.

Minutes of the County Junior League AGM had been circulated with the draw and revised rules for 2012.

REPORT ON THE COUNTY CHALLENGE GALAS – DEREHAM – SUNDAYS 19 & 26 JUNE 2011

Entries were slightly up (c1700) on the previous year. The galas had run reasonably smoothly apart from some minor AOE problems. There had been difficulties with spectators trying to get into sessions without paying (including ladies hiding in the toilets!) and a system of wrist-banding was introduced during the second weekend. A question was raised about the possibility of licensing the meet at level 3. This would cost 25p per swim with no apparent benefit in this 'cut-off' gala for the vast majority of the swimmers who would have to meet the extra cost. Robin Barrett will investigate the possibility of licensing at level 4.

REPORT ON EAST REGION INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS -PETERBOROUGH – SUNDAY 3 JULY

Norfolk had finish in 5th place. There had been three very late withdrawals and replacements could not be found in time for the gala. The Team Manager expressed disappointment in the way certain swimmers had behaved towards the County Coach and some swimmers had swum well below their personal best times for no obvious reason.

FIXTURE LIST FOR 2012 (UPDATE)

The provisional fixture list remains unaltered except for the County Junior League final round galas. **Club secretaries are gain asked to note the dates to avoid clashes with club and other galas in 2012 please**. Robin Barrett will book pools (except for the County Junior League which Elaine Bowen will book).

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Sat 11 & Sat 18 February	County Championship 800m/1500m events	UEA Sportspark
Sat 3/Sun 4/Sat 10/Sun 11 March	County Championships: other individual events	Thetford
Sat 17 March	County Junior League Round 1 (2 Galas)	Wymondham/Dereham
Sat 24 March	County Relay Gala	UEA Sportspark
Sat 28 April	County Junior League Final Round (2 Galas)	Wymondham/Thetford
Sun 17 & Sun 24 June	County Challenge Galas	Dereham
Not yet decided	East Region Inter Counties Championships	Not yet decided
Sun 21 October (tbc)	National Inter Counties Championships	Sheffield

(*The date for the 2012 Three Counties Gala is still subject to agreement with Suffolk and Cambridgeshire County ASAs).

TEAM SELECTION AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONAL INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS – SHEFFIELD – SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

Swimmers are permitted two individual events plus relays in their own age groups (12/13, 14/15, 16/17). A team was selected using the current rankings and recently submitted times. The Team Manager will distribute invitations along with Codes of Conduct and Medical Forms for each swimmer. Replies to the invitation need to be back to the Team Manager by 31 August.

The Team Manager will arrange transport. The coach will leave Hewett School, Norwich, at 2.00pm on Saturday 15 October, picking up at Tesco, Kings Lynn, at 3.00pm. The coach is scheduled to arrive back in Norwich at 7.30pm on Sunday 16 October. The Lion Hotel, Worksop, has been booked (currently 21 rooms) for Saturday night including an evening meal (3 choices) and full breakfast in the morning. Swimmers will require sufficient cash for lunch on Sunday and tea on the return journey. (Any swimmers already in Sheffield for the Lincoln Vulcan's meet on Saturday will not require transport on Saturday but will need to get to Worksop after that gala and may need return coach transport on the Sunday).

Several adults are required to accompany the swimmers. The Team Manager and the County Coach will attend along with the County Chaperone, Jackie Snell, (if available, otherwise Sarah Vanderloo will be invited), a further female chaperone (e.g. Lynn Marzolini or Kelly Kirby) and two JL2 qualified and licensed officials (Stewart Murray volunteered and Candy Ingleson will be invited to provide another female chaperone). The Norfolk President and his wife (Adam and Sally Lelean) were also invited and will let the Team Manager know if both or just the President are attending. The coach driver will require accommodation. The Team Manager will finalise the list of adults accompanying the party and confirm the room requirements to the hotel. The Team Manager will liaise with the Treasurer over the financial arrangements and also, whilst there, book the Lion Hotel again for the 2012 championships.

The Team Manager will take the county banner (currently the poles appear to be missing and may need replacing) and organise other 'regalia', and will let Dianne Barrett know of the requirements for T-shirts for any new swimmers.

The County Coach was invited to organise an appropriate team building day.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Team Manager will email clubs requesting availability of their swimmers for the Three Counties Gala to be held in December.

At a recent Development Sub Committee meeting the question of the need for county coaching sessions was referred to the Competitions Sub Committee for its views. The aim was to develop swimmers on the fringe of the county squad. It was thought that Stewart Park (County Coach) was more likely to have ideas on whether 50m or 25m training was required and how often, otherwise the committee was unable to offer advice.

It was noted that an Open Water swim would be taking place at Sea Palling on Sunday 14 August. Adam Lelean has details.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 18 October 2011 at Hewett School in Room A17 at 7.30pm. The main purpose will be to select a team for the Three Counties Gala.