

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 18 October 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), Mrs J Bowyer (North Norfolk Vikings), J Digby (Norwich Swan), J MacDonald (UEA City of Norwich)

APOLOGIES Mrs J Blackwell (Secretary), G Garner (Officials Liaison), Mrs E Bowen (Norfolk Junior League)

Also, apologies were received after the meeting from Jane Blackwell for failing to distribute the agenda.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2011

Agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Cambridgeshire had now notified Norfolk and Suffolk that the venue for The Three Counties Gala, to be held on Sunday 11 December, is Peterborough.

There was one change to the 2012 Fixture List: the first round County Junior League galas will take place on Saturday 17 March at Thetford and Dereham. Elaine Bowen has confirmed that pools have been booked for all the junior league gala venues and that application letters will be sent to participating clubs in November.

There is one addition to the 2012 Fixture List: the County Masters Championships will take place on Saturday 19 May at the UEA Sportspark.

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

REPORT ON NATIONAL INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS - SHEFFIELD – SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

The County Coach apologised for not being able to organise a team building day due to other commitments.

Norfolk had finished in 8th place in the Division 2 gala – a good improvement on the past few years. Well done. Two reserve swimmers had had to be called up at short notice.

Alex Pinnegar (UEA City of Norwich SC head coach) had reported that two of his swimmers had returned home sick and that a third swimmer had been distressed: he was investigating. Garry Jarvis confirmed that two swimmers had become unwell during the weekend, though one had still insisted on competing. He had no information about problems with any of the other swimmers.

The Lion Hotel, Worksop, had once again served the team well and Keith Belton will book the hotel again for 2012. A request was made that the itinerary passed to swimmers should include full details of the overnight accommodation in future years.

**TEAM SELECTION AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THREE COUNTIES GALA –
PETERBOROUGH – SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER**

Each county has two lanes. Two swimmers from each county swim in individual events and each county has two relay teams. They are not separate teams: both swimmers or teams in each event score points for their county (and realisation of this fact had apparently caused a late alteration to the team selection process). Swimmers are each allowed a maximum of two individual events plus relays in 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under and 16 & under age groups. Age is as at the date of the gala. Teams were selected using the latest ranking list together with a few updated times from those club representatives that attended the meeting. A lot of the UEA City of Norwich swimmers had been declared 'unavailable for selection' by their coach hence the fact that there were so few swimmers from the club in the selected team. Invitations will be sent to swimmers via their clubs later in the week and replies to the Team Manager, Garry Jarvis, were required by 12 November latest please.

Garry Jarvis will book two coaches to take the swimmers and accompanying adults to the gala. The coaches will take two different routes to pick up swimmers as near to their homes as possible. Garry Jarvis will advise swimmers of the pick-up arrangements. Provisionally the warm up commences at 1.30 pm for a 2.15 pm start, so pick-up times will be set to get the swimmers to the pool by around 1.00 pm. Stewart Park will be invited to attend as County Coach, and Jackie Snell and Lyn Marzolini will be invited to be team chaperones. Two judges (JL2) and two timekeepers (JL1) are required from each county. Suitably qualified officials with swimmers in the team were suggested and Garry Jarvis will organise officials to travel with the team (possibly in liaison with Graham Garner?). The incoming Norfolk President,

Stewart Murray, was also invited and he agreed to attend. Dianne Barrett needs good notice of requirements for county 'hoodies' and T-shirts please.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE GROUPS

UEA City of Norwich SC was invited to host the long distance galas on Saturdays 11 and 18 February 2012 at the UEA Sportspark and to provide poolside and door assistants (other than gala officials). Dianne Barrett will liaise with the club over the requirements.

Robin Barrett confirmed that all of the county galas will be licensed at Levels 1 or 2 as appropriate. Tony Smith volunteered to act as lead referee.

Qualifying times remain unaltered but, as previously discussed, some changes will be made to the Thetford programme to avoid commencing each weekend with 50m backstrokes for the youngest swimmers. Also the order of events for the finals will be switch round to start with the championship final followed by the age group finals in order of youngest to oldest. Amendments to the warm-up arrangements had been suggested but coaches have yet to advise Robin Barrett what changes they want made. Consideration will be given to providing results that can connect to i-phones (easier at the UEA Sportspark than at Thetford, where the AOE and recording systems are not connected, apparently). Clubs are asked to volunteer helpers to marshal and carry out other off-pool duties at the Thetford sessions please.

It was noted that a single programme covering all eight of the Thetford sessions will be produced and will be on sale for £2 per copy.

Entry forms will be sent to clubs at or prior to the county AGM (on 27 November). Entries need to be sent to Robin Barrett in electronic format with club cheques, so individuals should make cheques payable to their clubs and not to the county please.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Congratulations to UEA City of Norwich which, having won the Eastern Junior League, went on to finish in 3rd place in the Southern Junior Inter League Gala at Stetchford on 2 October and so qualified for the National Junior Inter League Final at Corby on 27 November.

Advance notice that the Thetford Open Gala will take place on Sunday 5 February 2012.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24 January 2011 at Hewett School in Room A17 at 7.30pm. The main purposes will be to finalise the arrangements for the County Championships & Age Groups and to organise the County Relay Gala and the County Challenge Galas.