

**NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.**  
**Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 17 July 2012 – Hewett School**

**PRESENT** S Murray (President/West Norfolk), K Belton (Treasurer), A Smith (Assistant Secretary), G Jarvis (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager/Great Yarmouth), R Barrett (Championship Secretary), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), J MacDonald (Development Secretary/UEA City of Norwich SC)

**APOLOGIES** Mrs J Blackwell (Secretary), Mrs J Bowyer (North Norfolk Vikings), J Rush (Diss Otters)

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 APRIL 2012**

Agreed as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

At the final round galas of the Norfolk County Junior League on Saturday 28 April, UEA City of Norwich had won the Copeman Cup and Thetford Dolphins had won the Christine Clark Cup.

Suffolk had agreed with Norfolk to drop the Girls' 1500m and boys' 800m freestyle events from the County Championship Distance Gala 2013 programme and run the remaining events on one day (Sat 16 February). After some discussion it was agreed not to take up the option of booking the UEA Sportspark on Sat 9 February and to keep the 400m freestyle events at Thetford in March. However Robin Barrett and Gary Jarvis will discuss other ways of trying to reduce the length of the Thetford sessions.

One unreturned county trophy had now been replaced and UEA City of Norwich had offered to replace the second unreturned trophy.

There had been problems in producing the BAGCAT certificates due to the deteriorating state of the county printer. A new printer was needed but it was still necessary to produce the 2012 certificates in the meantime.

Following up previous suggestions about the County Relay Gala programme, and in the absence of any different club representatives, it was agreed to limit entries to a maximum of three teams (A, B & C) per event from each club and to limit each event to a maximum of three heats. It was also agreed that scoring (A) teams should all be in the same heat if possible. James MacDonald asked if other clubs might be invited to host county galas perhaps on a rota basis at the UEA Sportspark. It was agreed that Norwich Swan should be asked to host the County Relay Gala in 2013 with UEA City of Norwich hosting the County Championship Distance Gala there.

Alex Pinnegar's proposed County Team Development Programme, which went beyond the idea of a Team Building Day, still needed further discussion with Gary Jarvis (Team Manager) and Stewart Park (County Coach). It was suggested that the Development Sub Committee would need to be involved with this proposal and a detailed breakdown of the costs would also be needed before any decision could be made.

**REPORT ON COUNTY CHALLENGE GALAS – DEREHAM – SUNDAYS 17 & 24 JUNE**

Entries were slightly up on the previous year, possibly as the galas were being run as Licence Level 3. All went well apart from a short power failure. The order of events at the County Age Groups had been altered to avoid starting with 50m races: it was suggested and agreed that such a change should also be made at future County Challenge Galas.

**CONFIRMATION OF FIXTURE LIST 2013**

A revised list is set out below. The County Junior League AGM confirmed the dates for 2013 but the first round galas will now be held at Wymondham and Dereham (and not as previously shown). As reported above, there will be no gala on Sat 9 February. **Club secretaries are asked to note the dates please to avoid clashes with club or other galas in 2013.**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Sat 16 February	County Championship 800/1500 m events	UEA Sportspark
Sat 2/Sun 3/Sat 9/Sun 10 March	County Championships – other individual events	Thetford
Sat 16 March	County Junior League Round 1 (2 galas)	Wymondham & Dereham
Sat 23 March	County Relay Gala	UEA Sportspark
Sat 27 April	County Junior League Final Round (2 galas)	Wymondham & Thetford
Sat 18 May	County Masters & Open Championships	UEA Sportspark

The East Region Inter Counties Championships will retain the same format in 2013 and will provisionally take place on Sun 7 July at Luton. The National Inter Counties Championships will be held at Sheffield in October (date still to be notified) and the Three Counties Gala will be hosted by Suffolk in December (date and venue yet to be decided).

**TEAM SELECTION & ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONAL INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS  
- SHEFFIELD – SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER**

Swimmers are permitted two individual events plus relays in their own age groups (12/13, 14/15, 16/17). Teams were selected using the latest rankings. The Team Manager will distribute invitations along with Codes of Conduct and medical forms for each swimmer. Replies need to be back to him by Fri 31 August.

The Team Manager will arrange transport. The coach will leave Hewett School, Norwich, at 2.00 pm on Sat 20 October picking up at Tesco, Dereham, at 2.20 pm and Tesco, Kings Lynn, at 3.00 pm. The coach is scheduled to arrive back in Norwich at 7.30 pm on Sun 21 October. The Lion Hotel, Worksop, has been booked for Saturday night including an evening meal on arrival with choices and a full breakfast with choices in the morning. The hotel was content with the suggested evening meal menu and the suggested breakfast menu fits in with the hotel's normal fare. Arrangements for lunches and teas on Sunday were discussed. The hotel can provide a packed lunch in accordance with our suggested menu for £7.50 per person and it was agreed that the county would fund this. The hotel could also offer a meal (£8.50) or a packed tea (£9.50) for after the gala but, after further consideration, it was agreed to make a stop on the journey home (as previously) to save time and cost. Any swimmers already in Sheffield on the Saturday for the Lincoln Vulcan's Open Meet will not require coach transport on Saturday but will need to get to Worksop to join up with the county team and may need coach transport home after the gala on Sunday.

Several adults would be travelling with the party and would need to be accommodated. The Team Manager and the County Coach will attend along with a female chaperone. Karen Pinnegar had offered to travel as a chaperone (not as a coach). Two qualified and licensed officials (minimum JL2) were needed. Nigel Utting and Celina Taylor should be invited but, if unavailable, reserves suggested were Charlie Crafer and then Alex Murray (who will already be in Sheffield that weekend). The Norfolk President will also attend. The coach driver will require accommodation. The Team Manager will issue invitations to the adults as appropriate and finalise the list of those travelling and needing accommodation and then confirm all our requirements to the hotel. The Team Manager will provisionally book the hotel again for 2013.

The Team Manager will take the team banner and let the Trophies Secretary know of any requirements for hats, T-shirts and 'hoodies' for any new swimmers in good time.

The Team Manager will send out full details of the itinerary and contact numbers to parents (as agreed after last year's competition) before the departure date.

**INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE THREE COUNTIES GALA – DEREHAM – SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER**

Suffolk and Cambridgeshire County ASAs have agreed the date for the 2012 Three Counties Gala, to be hosted by Dereham Otters on behalf of Norfolk at the Dereham Pool. The gala will take place on Sunday 9 December with warm up at 1.45 pm for a 2.30 pm start. No transport will be required for Norfolk swimmers. Further details will be discussed at the next meeting.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The East Region Open Water Championships held at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 15 July had gone well overall and had been well organised. Most swimmers seemed to enjoy it despite the cold temperature. Trophies for the successful Norfolk swimmers will be taken to their clubs for presentation.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 16 October 2012 at Hewett School in Room A17 at 7.30pm. The main purpose of the meeting will be to select teams for the Three Counties Gala.