

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 21 July 2015 – Hewett School

PRESENT P Kendall (President/Open Water), K Belton (Treasurer), A Smith (Assistant Secretary), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records/County Colours), Mrs E Bowen (County Junior League Secretary), J Digby (County Coach), L Harvey (Championships Secretary), T Moore (Disability Swimming), S Murray (East Region Rep), G Smith (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), C Searle (North Norfolk Vikings)

APOLOGIES Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), Mrs K Woodhouse (President Elect/Norwich Swan)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2015

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Swimability Gala took place at Norwich Riverside Pool on Saturday 4 July and was well received by the participants and their supporters. They were all keen to see the event take place again next year. It was agreed to run the gala again on Saturday 2 July 2016 and that Norfolk ASA would fund it again. There had been a problem with spectators not being allowed on the poolside, though as many as possible had been admitted as helpers. However it now seems that the management at the pool have since rescinded this policy.

The Assistant Secretary had advised Bedfordshire that Norfolk would like to participate in the Junior Inter Counties Gala at Luton (in 50m mode) on **Sunday 18 September 2016**

At the January meeting, it had been reported that, amongst the changes to licensing conditions for 2016, was a condition that pools must be measured. Rob Barrett has asked the pool manager at Thetford and is awaiting a response which he will hasten. Keith Belton will ask that Wymondham pool be measured as part of the current refurbishment. (Do any other pools need to be measured?).

The East Region Open Water Championships (incorporating the Norfolk Championships) had once again successfully taken place at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 19 July. As a result of the Fritton Lake training sessions (thanks to John Digby and the Development Committee), some of the participants had done exceptionally well in the championships. There was a larger entry than previously from Norfolk and good volunteer support. Once again it was mentioned that Norfolk needed a proper medals table at the event.

NORFOLK COUNTY JUNIOR LEAGUE AGM

In 2015 10 teams (including two 'B' teams) had competed in the league with two galas of five teams in each round. UEA City of Norwich had won the Copeman Cup and Dereham Otters had won the Christine Clark Cup. There was a discussion about possible alternative formats if there are only 8 clubs competing but two clubs were keen to retain 'B' teams to give more young swimmers experience. No rule changes were proposed. For 2016 first round galas will take place at Wymondham and Dereham on **Saturday 19 March** and the final round galas will take place at Wymondham and Thetford on **Saturday 23 April**. The League Secretary will book the pools accordingly. The provisional draw for the first round was made as follows:

Wymondham: Norwich Swan, Thetford Dolphins, Great Yarmouth, Diss Otters, AN Other 2

Dereham: Dereham Otters, North Norfolk Vikings, UEA City of Norwich, West Norfolk, AN Other 1

REPORT ON THE COUNTY CHALLENGE GALAS – DEREHAM – SUNDAYS 21 & 28 JUNE 2015

The galas ran well with no particular problems. The warm up for younger swimmers was very busy so some changes to the warm up arrangements need to be made in 2016. Marshalling of the changing area is also needed as some parents were coming through the area.

REPORT ON THE EAST REGION INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

– BOREHAMWOOD – SUNDAY 5 JULY 2015

Norfolk came fourth out of five teams (Cambridgeshire having declined to attend). Although several of the selected swimmers had been unable to attend, replacements were found and there were some good swims with several first places in both individual and relay events. There was a good team spirit and two letters of thanks had been received from parents.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY QUALIFYING GALA – THETFORD – 28 & 29 NOVEMBER 2015

This is a new licensed gala designed for swimmers to obtain qualifying times for County Championships. The programme format will be similar to the County Challenge gala with two sessions each day. Individual age groups will be 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & over. Cut off times will be based on 2016 qualifying times. Age will be as at 29 November 2015. Entry times, however achieved, must be submitted for all events. No medals will be awarded. Details will be sent to clubs shortly and closing date for entries will be Friday 6 November. Entry fee of £3 per event agreed. Rejections will be at the discretion of the promoter if the gala is over-subscribed.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT THREE COUNTIES GALA

Following the cancellation of the 2014 gala, consultations have taken place with Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. Both counties are keen to revive the gala but feel that it should be moved to earlier in the year after the county championships have taken place. Therefore it has been agreed that the Three Counties Gala will take place on Sunday 6 March at the UEA Sportspark in 50m mode with Norfolk County ASA hosting it. Provisionally the warm up will be 1.00 or 1.15 pm for a 2.00 pm start. It will be licensed level 3. As before each county will have two lanes with 10 & U, 12 & U, 14 & U and 16 & U age groups. Age will be as at the date of the gala. Gary Smith will confirm the final details with the other counties and firm up the pool booking (already reserved). A suggestion was made that a fourth, guest, county might be invited to fill the two empty lanes. This will need to be agreed by the other two counties. If they agree, it was suggested that Bedfordshire might be invited.

CONFIRMATION OF FIXTURE LIST FOR 2016

It was noted that the date for the Masters championship has been brought forward by one week. The location of the Qualifying Gala will be decided after the inaugural gala in November 2015. There was some doubt about the likelihood of Wymondham allowing the 400m gala to be held in the pool on a Sunday.

Norfolk County Galas

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat 30 Jan	County Championship/Age Group 800/1500m events	UEA Sportspark
Sun 31 Jan	County Championship/Age Group 400m free	Wymondham?
Sat13/Sun 14/Sat20/Sun 21 Feb	County Championship/Age Group other events	Thetford
Sat 19 Mar	County Junior League First Round Galas	Wymondham/Dereham
Sat 23 Apr	County Junior League Final Round Galas	Wymondham/Thetford
Sat 7 May	County Masters Championships	UEA Sportspark
Suns 19 & 26 Jun	County Challenge Gala	Dereham
Sat 16 Jul	County Relay Gala*	UEA Sportspark
Sun 17 Jul	County & East Region Open Water Championships	Whitlingham
Sat 26/Sun 27 Nov	County Qualifying Gala	TBA

Championship Secretary or County Junior League Secretary to book pools where not already done.

*The arrangements for the presentation of BAGCATS and other awards in 2016 will need to be reviewed.

Regional and Other Galas

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 6 March	Three Counties Gala	UEA Sportspark
Saturday 2 July	Swimability Gala	Norwich Riverside
TBA	East Region Inter Counties Championships	TBA
Sunday 18 September	Junior Inter Counties Gala	Luton
TBA	National Inter Counties Championships	Sheffield

Club Secretaries to note dates to ensure that club galas are not then booked which conflict with them.

TEAM SELECTION & ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONAL INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS - SHEFFIELD – SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2015

Swimmers are permitted two individual events plus relays in their own age groups (12/13, 14/15, 16/17). Age is as at 31 December 2015. The team was selected using the current ranking list. The Team Manager will distribute invitations along with code of conduct and medical forms for each swimmer. Replies back by the end of August. The Team Manager will book transport. The coach will start from Norwich on Saturday 17 October and pick up at Kings Lynn. The Holiday Express Hotel in Sheffield has been booked. The Team Manager will liaise with the hotel over menus. The hotel will provide an evening meal, breakfast and packed lunch. Any other food is to be funded by the swimmers. Several adults will need accommodation. These are the Team Manager, the County Coach, a female chaperone, two officials (JL2 minimum), the County President and the coach driver. The Team Manager was asked to book the hotel again for 2016 whilst there if he is satisfied with it. The Team Manager will circulate a full itinerary and contact details to parents and travelling adults before the departure date. The County Coach will take the team banner and organise face paint, etc. Any requirements for county hats or hoodies are to be passed to the Trophy Secretary in good time please. A possible team building event may be organised before or during the weekend.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20 October at Hewett School at 7.30pm to make final arrangements for the new Qualifying Gala and the 2016 county championships.