

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.

Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 7 March 2017 – Hewett Academy

PRESENT: Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records/County Colours), K Belton (Treasurer), Mrs E Bowen (County Junior League Secretary), A Crafer (North Norfolk Vikings), J Digby (County Coach), C Galer (Officials Tutor), Miss L Goodswen (Harleston Stingrays), L Harvey (Championships Secretary/Great Yarmouth), Miss C Markwell (UEA City of Norwich), D Peck (Development), Mrs C Rose (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), K Rumsey (Chairman), C Searle (Dereham Otters), A Smith (Officials Exams), Mrs T Spinner (Assistant Secretary), Mrs K Woodhouse (Norwich Swan)

APOLOGIES G Applin (Officials Liaison Mrs C Fasey (Thetford Dolphins),), P Kendall (Open Water), C Maloney (Norwich Swan), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), S Vanderloo (West Norfolk), Mrs J Thompson (President),

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY 2017

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was noted that the East Region Inter-Counties Relay Gala would take place on 2 July 2017 – Level 1. Also the Junior Inter-Counties Relay Gala would take place on 2 September 2017 – Level 1 – for those aged 13/u. It was agreed that Norfolk would attend both galas.

REPORTS ON COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP AND COUNTY AGE GROUP GALAS HELD JANUARY 2017

The availability of the warmup/swimdown pool was very popular – though recommended that thought be given to lane allocation (ie younger swimmers may not need as long). Timing was tight on some sessions but overall it went smoothly. Items to be considered for next year included: session timing – need for breaks – maybe work on 2 sessions per day – move from 6 lane to 8 lane pool without revisiting event order and qualifiers (some sessions very short, officials training challenging due to lack of variety of strokes in some sessions); qualification times – cannot keep adding 1%, need to assess each age group individually (13/14/15 year old boys particular issue) – should aim for 3 heats of each age group per event; should not cyclically seed on HDW. General comment on incomplete lineups for some finals (particularly 13yr old boys breaststroke). It was noted that Suffolk will not attend if distance events held SC again. Need to decide whether to move to LC and remove warmup/swimdown. Options include running joint Norfolk/Suffolk County Championships; also option to run SC for age group swimmers, LC for youth, with 100IM, 800Fr and 1500Fr held separately for all. Feedback on medals – need to review 1st – 8th place. Agreed to have working group to look at format for 2018 – to include input from coach's forum. J Digby/L Harvey to invite other coaches, lead referees and event organisers from other clubs to have working group to discuss. L Harvey to provide date and venue.

REPORT ON COUNTY RELAY GALA: SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2017

The gala had been won by UEA City of Norwich SC. Gala start delayed due to issues with pool – false start rope and exposed lane rope wires again. Though C Galer has met with the Assistant Director of the Sportspark and lodged a complaint, Mrs D McRoberts to draft formal letter of complaint regarding conditions. Pool setup – timing pads at one end only – standard requirements to be included in letter. Rules to be reviewed next year: ASA law states no less than 3 swimmers in a heat – we had 2 in some heats. Promoter to reserve right to reject C teams or B teams to avoid 2 lane heats – to be considered – we have over 8 strong clubs in the county, no need for B teams. Special relay does not specify that freestyle must not include fly – should this be clarified; age groups for swimming up to be clarified to reflect age groups. Discussion on awards ceremonies. Need for volunteer resource to manage presentation process next year and ensure swimmers were ready.

REPORT ON THREE COUNTIES GALA: SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2017

Decision made not to schedule team building session due to late team selection. Cambridgeshire withdrew from gala – Suffolk won the gala beating Norfolk by approx. 60 points (final placing to be confirmed). Apart from 1 incident swimmers were generally well behaved. Hope to have 4 counties next year. J Digby/C Rose to confirm who is promoting next year.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHALLENGE AND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT GALAS – 17-18 & 24-25 JUNE 2017

Considerable debate on format and QTs for the galas took place, due to the comments already made regarding QTs for County Championships. Forms and conditions almost ready, closing date 19th May 2017 proposed, age as at 31/12/17. Noted that certain events would struggle if county QT used, and top 6 in county excluded. Option to use consideration times proposed. Both galas to be licensed L3, Entry fee £5 agreed. L Harvey to work on numbers and assess most appropriate QTs and Cut Off times to ensure both galas are adequately attended – circulate to clubs before finalising. All clubs to encourage and support the galas.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- County Development Camps for talented younger (e.g. 11 year old) swimmers. Development Committee have discussed from budget perspective and are keen to support. Opportunity to invite younger coaches - development opportunity. J Digby to pull together proposal. Aim to run at Sportspark, invite approx. 12 boys and 12 girls, target May/June.
- Officials Training – need for JL1 course before County Development/Challenge galas. Variety of meets suggested, dates to be circulated once decided.
- County Team selection – Mrs C Rose confirmed that selection is based on LC times, but SC times taken into consideration.
- Confirmation that Stuart Murray has been nominated as the East Region President Elect.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd May 2017 at Hewett Academy at 7.30pm mainly to make any final arrangements for the forthcoming County Challenge & County Development Galas. This will include the County Junior League AGM as the first item on the agenda.