

## **NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.**

### **Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – Hewett Academy**

**PRESENT:** G Applin (Officials Liaison), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records/County Colours), K Belton (Treasurer), Mrs E Bowen (County Junior League Secretary), C Galer (Officials Tutor), Miss L Goodswen (Harleston Stingrays), Miss C Markwell (UEA City of Norwich), D Peck (Development), Mrs C Rose (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), K Rumsey (Chairman), C Searle (Dereham Otters), Mrs T Spinner (Assistant Secretary), Mrs K Woodhouse (Norwich Swan)

**APOLOGIES** A Crafer (North Norfolk Vikings), J Digby (County Coach), Mrs C Fasey (Thetford Dolphins), L Harvey (Championships Secretary/Great Yarmouth), P Kendall (Open Water), C Maloney (Norwich Swan), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), A Smith (Officials Exams), 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 meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May had a key objective - to discuss format and dates for the 2017/18 County Galas - but that this could not happen without the Championships Secretary. The Committee agreed to meet again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 aiming again to decide on dates and format. Invite to go to all Competitions Committee members. Those unable to attend to email T Spinner on [tbirdspinner@gmail.com](mailto:tbirdspinner@gmail.com) before 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 so input can be included. Coaches/officials asked to attend having considered a) Pool length – 25m or 50m; b) Number of heats desired. T Spinner to book room.

#### **NORFOLK JUNIOR LEAGUE AGM**

Dates and venues were agreed. Decision to use Dereham and Wymondham made unanimously. Draw for first round made – NJL Secretary to circulate to Clubs along with confirmation of rules. No major changes regarding rules, age up dates to be transparent as NJL will start in 2017 and finish in 2018. To encourage new and developing clubs it was agreed that smaller clubs unable to field a full team were welcome to enter as a club, or submit a joint entry to the NJL secretary. Such applications would be presented to the NCASA Competitions Committee for ratification.

#### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHALLENGE AND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT (WARWICK THOMPSON) GALAS – 17-18 & 24-25 JUNE 2017**

The late distribution of entry forms was noted. This may be impacting the entries, and the subsequent extension to closing dates had further complicated clarity in communication. Many clubs had swimmers eligible for both galas but reluctant to enter either for 1 or 2 events per day. This will need to be addressed for next year. Pools are booked. Final details re session times and programmes etc cannot be confirmed or circulated until after closing date and entries have been processed. Coaches asked that afternoon session should not be too late, recommended 12.30 rather than 13.30. D Barrett asked whether there would be assessments at either Gala. T Smith to confirm – numbers required for meals. Noted that 2 meals per club would be provided. Swimshop to attend County Challenge but may only attend 1 day at Warwick Thompson Gala. Noted that J Thompson should be formally invited. D McRoberts to send invitation. Volunteers to be confirmed once entries have closed. G Applin made strong plea for officials as numbers are extremely low. Entry fee confirmed as £3.

#### **TEAM SELECTION FOR EAST REGION INTER-COUNTIES GALA**

C Rose confirmed that team selection would be distributed following Regional Championships, to be distributed via email on 30/05/17. Age Groups are 11/12, 13/14, 15/16 and 17/o – age on 31/12/17. Confirmation back to C Rose by 17/06/17.

#### **ARRANGEMENTS AND TEAM SELECTION FOR JUNIOR INTER-COUNTY GALA**

Confirmation that gala was for swimmers age 13/u. Details to be distributed in July, date tbc. D Barrett keen to get team list early to order hoodies and shirts in timely manner. C Rose to contact secretaries from other counties to confirm who is promoting and details for this and the 3 or 4 counties gala. Contact names via D McRoberts.

**PROVISIONAL FIXTURE LIST 2017/2018**

Noting that further discussion is required at June meeting around format and final dates, the following provisional list was devised.

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Distance</b> | <b>Event</b>   | <b>Venue</b>             |
|-------------|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| 07/10/17    | 25m             | Norfolk Junior League R1                                 | Dereham/Wymondham        |
| 20-21/01/18 | 50m             | <i>Norfolk/Suffolk County Championships Distance</i>     | <i>UEA TBC</i>           |
| 27-28/01/18 | <i>TBC</i>      | <i>Norfolk County Championships</i>                      | <i>UEA TBC</i>           |
| 03-04/02/18 | <i>TBC</i>      | <i>Norfolk County Championships</i>                      | <i>UEA TBC</i>           |
| 10-11/02/18 | 50m             | <i>Norfolk/Suffolk County Championships Distance</i>     | <i>UEA TBC</i>           |
| 24-25/02/18 | 25m             | Warwick Thompson Development Gala                        | Thetford                 |
| 14/04/18    | 50m             | Norfolk County Relays                                    | UEA TBC                  |
| 28/04/18    | 25m             | Norfolk Junior League R2                                 | Dereham/Wymondham        |
| 23-24/06/18 | 25m             | Norfolk County Challenge                                 | Thetford                 |
| <i>TBC</i>  |                 | <i>Norfolk County Masters Championships</i>              |                          |
| <i>TBC</i>  |                 | <i>County &amp; East Region Open Water Championships</i> | <i>Whitlingham Broad</i> |

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- K Belton circulated details of County Development Conference. City of Norwich SC have a gala at the Sportspark the same weekend (unavoidable due to calendar of galas booked for 2017/18). K Belton asked that clubs consider whether or not they wish to participate in the conference now, rather than leave to September. T Spinner confirmed that both City of Norwich SC and Yarmouth SC were happy to have the conference sessions spread over 2 weekends at UEA to coincide with the Club Galas in November and December, thereby ensuring captive audience and more potential candidates for JL1 course and officials updates. Committee members to bear options in mind when considering development day.
- Photography – D Barrett queried current wording. C Galer said announcers had correct wording, but it is up to the pool managers to confirm how policy is applied at each venue.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Venue to be confirmed, 7.30pm. Aim of meeting is to finalise calendar and format of County galas for 2017/18 season.