

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.

Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Monday 5th June 2017 – Hewett Academy

PRESENT: G Applin (Officials Liaison), K Belton (Treasurer), J Digby (County Coach), Mrs C Fasey (Thetford Dolphins), C Galer (Officials Tutor), Miss L Goodswen (Harleston Stingrays), L Harvey (Championships Secretary/Great Yarmouth), Miss C Markwell (UEA City of Norwich), Mrs C Rose (Competitions Secretary/Team Manager), C Searle (Dereham Otters), A Smith (Officials Exams), Mrs T Spinner (Assistant Secretary), Ms S Vanderloo (West Norfolk), Mrs K Woodhouse (Norwich Swan)

APOLOGIES Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records/County Colours), Mrs E Bowen (County Junior League Secretary), A Crafer (North Norfolk Vikings), P Kendall (Open Water), C Maloney (Norwich Swan), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), D Peck (Development), K Rumsey (Chairman), Mrs J Thompson (President)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23rd MAY 2017

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AS FOLLOW:

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

It was agreed at the meeting on 23rd May that a further meeting would take place to confirm arrangements for the 2018 County Championships. There was discussion regarding holding the Championships LC or SC. After much discussion for and against the decision was put to a vote, with 7 of the attendees voting for LC, 3 voting against and 2 abstentions. As a result of the vote for LC there was a requirement to decide whether or not to introduce a separate session to hold the 100IM. Voting was unanimous to scrap the 100IM from the County Championship schedule.

It was agreed that the Long Distance events would be held on the 20th January 2018 with Suffolk, but that there was a need to address the balance of swims between Suffolk and Norfolk (Suffolk having more entries). This will be considered in preparing the QTs.

There was brief discussion around holding the full County Championships with Suffolk, but this was rejected as coaches who had been approached at Regionals were not interested.

Both schedule and QTs were discussed at length, with arguments for LC (opportunity to gain British Champs QTs) and against (less experienced swimmers potentially being disadvantaged by LC set up, quality of competition based on who enters, not the length of the pool etc). However, it was agreed in the end that Keith Belton would look at the data on Norfolk rankings and – using some insight provided by Cath Markwell on the current swimmers and ages and coverage by event – pull together a proposed schedule with QTs for distribution to all NCASA Competition Committee attendees for comment. The Committee agreed to go with:

- 50m events – 3 heats for each age group
- 100m events – 2 heats for each age group
- 200m events – 2 heats for each age group
- 400m events – 10 swimmers for each age group

We would continue with SC QTs – though the event was being run LC, and Keith had some useful insight on the format of Bedfordshire's Championships and would use this to supplement the development of the schedule. Times to be emailed and agreed by 11th September 2017.

It was proposed that the start times be adhered to more efficiently. This could be done by adjusting withdrawal deadlines to 45m before the session start time instead of 30m. This was accepted.

Sarah Vanderloo asked that the warmup sessions before finals be considered so that swimmers had sufficient time to recover from previous sessions if then competing in finals. Keith Belton to take into account when scheduling. Similarly there was a general request that there be adequate time for appropriate breaks (lunch etc).

Keith Belton raised a concern regarding medals and the need for medals for heat winners and finalists – 1st – 8th. It was agreed that medals for 1st-3rd place would be continued, but that generic flags for 4th – 8th place would be sourced for finalists.

Chris Galer proposed that a “Skins” competition be included into the Championship schedule, to take place during the Sunday afternoon session of the first weekend. Prize for the winners tbc, taking top 8 swimmers from the 200IM event and alternating Boys/Girls to allow them time to walk from the finish back to the start blocks. Chris Galer to share set of rules to be included in pack. Proposal accepted.

Laura Goodswen suggested the final Sunday of the Championships be merged with the County Relay gala – this suggestion was accepted by the Committee.

Keith Belton asked that the Committee consider the introduction of a Technical Director in addition to the Meet Promoter. Would need to be a Referee. To be appointed prior to the gala. Agreed by the Committee.

It was agreed that the Warwick Thompson gala would have the County QTs as the cut off times, and that County Challenge would exclude the top 3 and/or regional qualifiers instead of top 8 swimmers from County Championships, and that times and packs would be circulated earlier.

PROVISIONAL FIXTURE LIST 2017/2018

The following fixture list was agreed, subject to pool availability.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
02/09/17	50m	Junior Inter-County Gala	Luton
07/10/17	25m	Norfolk Junior League R1	Dereham/Wymondham
20/01/18	50m	Norfolk/Suffolk County Championships Distance	UEA
27/01/18	50m	Norfolk County Championships Day 1	UEA
28/01/18	50m	Norfolk County Championships Day 2 (inc Skins)	UEA
03/02/18	50m	Norfolk County Championships Day 3	UEA
04/02/18	50m	Norfolk County Championships Day 4 (inc Relays)	UEA
24-25/02/18	25m	Warwick Thompson Development Gala	Thetford
14/04/18	50m	3-4 Counties Gala	UEA
28/04/18	25m	Norfolk Junior League R2	Dereham/Wymondham
19/05/18	50m	Norfolk County Masters Championships	UEA
23-24/06/18	25m	Norfolk County Challenge	Thetford
15/07/18 TBC	N/A	County & East Region Open Water Championships	Whitlingham

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

Liam confirmed that latest timings for both galas will result in warmup 9am both days, 930am start, 12.00pm warmup and 12.30pm start. On both days for both galas the latest estimated finish is 2.15pm.

Gary Applin confirmed that officials may be a problem and asked clubs to help. With clear timings it may be possible to increase the number of officials attending.

Keith Belton queried whether the clubs who had failed to pay their entry fee by the closing date should be rejected. General feeling was that we should hold on to as many competitors as possible but nudge the errant clubs (Gt Yarmouth, Thetford, Hunstanton).

ARRANGEMENTS FOR 3 COUNTIES GALA

Await outcome of Suffolk Exec Committee meeting to confirm format of gala. Expect Norfolk to host, need to decide SC or LC. Proposed date agreed as 14th April 2018, to run in the afternoon.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Open Water – Paul Kendall made the Committee aware that next year there was a proposal to include a 4 x 500m relay event. Clubs to consider whether to enter by Club or by County. Paul Kendall to go with firm proposal to East Region by January 2018.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 11th September 2017, Venue to be confirmed, 7.30pm.