

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.

Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 15th May 2018 – Hewett Academy

PRESENT: K Belton (Treasurer), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), Mrs E Bowen (County Junior League Secretary), L Harvey (Championships Secretary), P Kendall (Open Water), Mrs S Lelean (Masters), S Murray (East Region Representative), Mrs C Rose (Team Manager), C Searle (Dereham Otters), A Smith (Officials Co-ordinator), Mrs T Spinner (Assistant Secretary), Mrs K Woodhouse (Norwich Swan).

1. APOLOGIES G Applin (Officials Liaison), R Barrett (Records/County Colours), A Crafer (North Norfolk Vikings), J Digby (County Coach), Mrs C Fasey (Thetford Dolphins), C Galer (Past President), Miss L Goodswen (Harleston Stingrays), Mrs R Horne (North Norfolk Vikings), Miss C Markwell (City of Norwich), D Peck (Development), K Rumsey (Chairman), Ms S Vanderloo (West Norfolk).

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13th March 2018

The minutes were agreed with minor amends – T Spinner to redistribute.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Discussion took place with Jean Thompson re trophy for Warwick Thompson Gala – agreement that trophy should be awarded. D Barrett and K Belton to purchase appropriate trophy.
- It was suggested that t-shirts should be available for volunteers at County Championships. Agreed to source and work out responsibility for sizing and distribution nearer the time of next gala.

4. REPORT ON NORFOLK JUNIOR LEAGUE

Winners of the Norfolk Junior League for 2018, and the Copeman Cup, are City of Norwich Swimming Club A Team; Winners of the Christine Clark Cup for 2018 are Dereham Otters Swimming Club.

North Norfolk Vikings were unable to get a team together in time for the first round, resulted in additional work to adjust points; again late notification for 2nd round. Diss did not remember to bring trophy to Dereham despite reminder to do so in general correspondence.

Discussion re opportunity to revamp the league for 2019 with option to increase the number of clubs entering, possible award for team that comes 2nd in overall competition. Venue to be refreshed due to costs – possible R1 at Dereham and Wymondham with final taking top 8 to Sportspark. **ACTION:** All representatives to take back to Clubs for discussion and come back with proposals for next NCASA Competitions Sub-Committee along with proposals for dates.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORFOLK MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Decent entry numbers, programmes printed and ready to go. Officials with A Smith – numbers still short and late applicants welcome. Medals available, catering in hand. Decision made to avoid single use plastic bottles and all officials asked to bring a bottle or take a Norfolk Bottle and reuse.

6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHALLENGE GALA 2018

Entries steadily landing. R Barratt to act as promoter as L Harvey will be away. Catering tbc. Need for backup announcers. **ACTION:** Clubs to ask regular volunteers for availability. Invites sent to 182 Norfolk officials. Only 70 have opened the email, and only 17 replied. **ACTION:** Clubs asked to encourage officials to respond to request for availability.

7. ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

- **Gala Dates:** After discussion it was **AGREED** to propose the following dates to Suffolk: Distance Events 19th – 20th, first full weekend on 26th -27th, and 2nd full weekend taking place on 2nd – 3rd February. **ACTION:** L Harvey to share dates with Suffolk once Sportspark had confirmed availability.
- **Schedule:** The schedule was again subject of much discussion. There were 2 proposals, the original provided by L Harvey, and another from K Belton. Taking note of suggestions by S Vanderloo re timing of 50s and relay team selection, it was **AGREED** and carried that the blue schedule be adopted, with 50F1 and 200Ba being swapped over in S6 and S8, and Session 10 to be run as per K Belton's proposal.

- **Qualifying Times:** There was once again considerable discussion and proposed changes by email from K Belton and S Vanderloo. The Sub-Committee took on board the concerns around gender bias caused by focussed on entry numbers rather than times; concern that girls are being forced to perform at far higher level due to number of female swimmers. There were also suggestions to use the same formula that East Region use to set QTs. After much discussion about the times, process, and Norfolk specific considerations it was **AGREED** to use the QTs proposed by K Belton in his email. Approach for Reverse 800 and 1500 – to take same approach as East Region, using 400m QT to enter 800m for boys, and 800m QT to enter 1500m for girls.
- **Top Swimmer:** Having assessed the actual swimmers K Belton confirmed that the same swimmers were in the top 6 for most events and it was **AGREED** to continue to award top 3 swimmers.

8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR REGIONAL INTER-COUNTY GALA 2018

Regional Inter-County gala is at the Sportspark on Sunday 8th July. C Rose confirmed that the team selection would take place after the final weekend of the East Swimming Regional Championships.

9. ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUNIOR INTER-COUNTY GALA 2018

The gala will take place in Luton on 16/9/18. Not much more information at the moment.

10. ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATIONAL INTER-COUNTY GALA 2018

The gala will take place in Sheffield on 7th October. Team selection will take place after Nationals. Hotel is booked.

11. FIXTURE LIST 2018-19 - TBC

16th September 2018 Junior Inter-County Gala – Luton
 7th October 2018 National Inter-County Gala – Sheffield
 19-20th January 2019 NCASA County Championships – Distance – Sportspark, UEA
 26-27th January 2019 NCASA County Championships Weekend 1 – Sportspark, UEA
 2-3rd February 2019 NCASA County Championships Weekend 2 – Sportspark, UEA
 23-24th February 2019 NCASA Warwick Thompson Gala – venue TBC
 23rd March 2019 Norfolk Junior League – Round 1 – venue TBC
 27th April 2019 Norfolk Junior League – Round 2 – venue TBC
 18th May 2019 Norfolk Masters – Sportspark, UEA
 22-23rd June 2019 NCASA County Challenge – venue TBC

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Open Water:** P Kendall asked that all clubs promote the availability of open water training. Further information would be useful (dates/times).
- **Swimability Gala 2018:** T Spinner confirmed that the next Swimability Gala has been booked for 7th July 2018, commencing 18:00 at Riverside Pool, Norwich.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 18th September 2018**, Room A17, Hewett Academy Trust, 7.30pm.