

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Tuesday 23th April 2019 – Hewett Academy

PRESENT: D. Peck (President), K. Rumsey (Chairman), K. Belton (Treasurer), Mrs K. Woodhouse (Secretary), Mrs D. Barrett (Trophies), R. Barrett (Records/County Colours), C. Galer (Officials Exams), L. Harvey (Championships), J. Naylor (CON), C. Searle (County Coach), A. Smith (Technical Director), Mrs T. Spinner (CON).

1. **APOLOGIES:** G. Applin (President Elect), Mrs E Bowen (Junior League), S Murray (East Region Representative), C Rose (Team Manager),
2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28th February 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Treasurer wished to clarify a detail included within the Technical Director's report on the County Championships which states: "As part of a new system, the Treasurer arranged the invitations to officials and collected in the names. The Officials Liaison Officer forwarded any odd email messages that he received to the lead referee. A spread sheet was produced about ten days before the galas but less than half of the eventual officials were on it at that time." Although he was involved in sending out invitations it is not part of the Treasurer's role, it just happens that this part of the system has not been fully handed over yet. The Officials Liaison Officer worked closely with the Treasurer using the new Mailchimp system to send out invitations and gather responses. Two spread sheets were sent to the Technical Director, the first on the 9th January contained 39 names. The second list on the 21st January had 56 names, so 17 extra/late responders over which the Officials Liaison Officer has no control. In short the new system worked well and we had plenty of officials at each session.

4. REPORT ON Norfolk Inter-Club Gala (Junior League) – 6th April 2019

The Copeman Cup was won by City of Norwich with Norwich Swan taking the Christine Clark Cup as the runners up. The trophies were presented by family members. For the third consecutive year, the Christine Clark Cup was not returned on time. Thankfully it was sent for and arrived in time for the presentations although it had not been engraved. Clubs are reminded that it is imperative that cups are returned engraved and polished.

The gala was well attended. Live results were available.

It was agreed to continue with one gala with the same programme of events and to be licenced at Level 3 with age on day. Submission of a spread sheet of swimmers with DOB will be mandatory. Officials will be invited to attend rather than relying on clubs to provide a set number each.

The Gala will be known as **The Norfolk Junior Inter-Club Gala**.

It was agreed to explore the possibility of introducing a similar Senior Inter-Club Gala for swimmers aged 13+ to be held on the same day as the junior event.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NORFOLK MASTERS – 11th MAY 2019

So far there are 12 officials for the meet. The meet is unlicensed. Programmes and other arrangements are in hand.

6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORFOLK COUNTY CHALLENGE GALA – 22nd & 23rd June 2019

The entry forms and details have been sent out and entries are expected to start coming in soon. A. Smith will be the lead referee. Invitations have been sent out to officials but only a few responses have been received. This is to be expected but once swimmers entries have been confirmed, offers to officiate usually come in quite rapidly. Officials' assessments will take place at this meet.

7. ARRANGEMENTS FOR EAST REGION INTER-COUNTIES GALA – 7th JULY 2019

This year the ER Inter-Counties will be held at the Sportspark UEA. The East Region has sent out invitations. The County team will be selected following the East Region Championships.

Age groups are: 11/12, 13/14, 15/16 and 17+

8. ARRANGEMENTS NATIONAL COUNTY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – 6th OCTOBER 2019

Both coach and hotel have been booked. A team building activity is planned. The team will be selected after the British Summer Championships and Swim England Summer Championships.

9. ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORFOLK COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

The proposed dates are 18th/19th January for the long distance events in conjunction with Suffolk with the main events on the weekends of 25th/26th January and 1st/2nd February. The skins, relays and presentations will be included in the final session on the 2nd February.

Some coaches had asked that the 50m events be held prior to the last day of competition to aid relay team selection. It was agreed to add a 16 year old age group, making the oldest age group 17+. The qualifying times for both will be the same but they will have separate finals and medals.

Qualifying time will remain the same except for the distance events. The reverse distances will have qualifying times this year for the first time.

K. Belton advised the meeting that 6 swimmers each from Norfolk and Suffolk for the distance events would make over long sessions even longer. Four swimmers per age group would still mean seven heats would be swum. It was agreed to set the qualifying times to include the top three ranked County swimmers in each age group and expect that four would probably qualify. L. Harvey to contact Suffolk to see if this was agreeable.

Clubs will be able to enter up to two teams per event in the County Relay Gala. No C teams will be eligible to compete. The Relay Gala will remain an age on day competition.

10. FIXTURE LIST 2020

11th May 2019	Norfolk Masters – Sportspark, UEA
22-23rd June 2019	NCASA County Challenge – Dereham
7th July 2019	Regional Inter-County Gala – Sportspark, UEA, NORFOLK ASA to Host
21st July 2019	NCASA and East Region Open Water Championships – Whitlingham
22nd September 2019	Junior Inter-County Gala – Luton
October 2019	National County Team Championships – Ponds Forge, Sheffield
18th/19th January 2020	County Championships (Long Distance Events) – Sportspark, UEA
25th/26th January 2020	County Championships (Main Events) – Sportspark, UEA
1st/2nd February 2020	County Championships (Main events + skins and relay) – Sportspark, UEA
22nd/23rd February 2020	Warwick Thompson – Thetford
TBC	County Challenge – Dereham

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fully updated County Records should be available in 2-3 weeks.

It was agreed to ask for all trophies to be collected by the clubs and returned to the Trophies Officer at the AGM.

The meeting was keen to see press reports and publicity for County swimming. Secretary to contact the Press Officer to ask how best to go about this and coordinate with the various clubs.

The County's social media platforms are underused. Clubs can advertise their open meets on our Facebook page as well as on the County website itself. Officials can be reminded to sign up for galas. Swimmers achievements, new County records etc. could also be recognised in this way too.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9th July 2019