



## NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.

### Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October - 2021

**PRESENT:** G. Applin (President), K. Rumsey (Chairman), K. Belton (Treasurer), Mrs K. Woodhouse (Secretary), Mrs C. Rose (President Elect), Miss B Coombs (County Coach), C. Galer (Officials Training), P. Kendall (Open Water), S. Murray (Past President), D. Peck (Development), Mrs T. Spinner (CO Norwich).

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs D. Barrett (Trophies), R. Barrett (Records/County Colours), L. Harvey (Championships), S. Park (Norwich Swan), C. Searle (Dereham), A. Smith (Technical Director), Ms S. Vanderloo (West Norfolk), S Watts (North Norfolk).
2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

A Smith was added to the list of apologies. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

### 3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### 4. **COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Only one club coach attended the Zoom meeting with Stewart Murray to discuss the County Championship qualifying times, after which the qualifying times were amended, notably in the 17 years and over age-group and women's breaststroke. The conditions, schedule and qualifying times have been sent out to clubs and subsequently uploaded to the website.

### 5. **COMPETITION CALENDAR 2021-22**

**Warwick Thompson:** It was agreed to hold this gala again in 2022. The main objective is to allow swimmers who were unable to meet the qualifying standard for the County Championships to compete as soon after the Championships as practically possible. The weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March was selected as a provisional date TBC. Concern was expressed at the lack of suitable catering facilities (and a hall in which to eat) at Thetford so the Sportspark was suggested as an alternative. An eight lane gala would probably result in only 3 sessions being required instead of four as the running time would be reduced. The President was keen to keep a balance of venues across the County deeming it unfair to expect swimmers living further afield to always travel to Norwich. It was agreed to speak to the pool provider first to ascertain exactly what Thetford could offer in terms of catering for officials and volunteers. **Action: G Applin to speak to Thetford pool. L Harvey to book the pool.**

**Challenge:** Usually held in June at Dereham. It was decided to confirm a date for this meet to fit around the East Region fixtures. The East Region Summer Meet was planned for June 2020 and if held in 2022 could impact on numbers of officials although the cohort of swimmers would be different. It was decided to leave confirming a date until the East Region had finalised its competitions.

**Inter-Club Gala:** The 2020 Junior and Senior Inter-Club galas planned for April 2020 was cancelled due to COVID. There was some doubt as to whether this fixture could run in 2022, certainly in its usual time frame. The gala could be postponed for 2022 and resume in 2023 or gala could either be run in its new junior/senior format or revert to a junior gala for this year only. **Action: L Harvey to canvass the club coaches and feedback to the Secretary by the end of October.**

**Masters Meet:** In the absence of a Masters' Secretary, it was decided to leave organising this meet until one is found.

**Open Water Championships:** The East Region Open Water Championships (incorporating the NCASA Open Water Championships) has been confirmed as 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Whitlingham.

**NCASA Short Course Championships:** S Park had asked for consideration to be given to staging a short course championships similar to the East Region Winter Short Course Championships. This could be held either in the summer or autumn as a stepping stone to the Winter Regionals/Nationals. The meet could be held on a single weekend with one qualifying standard with relays and 100 IM included. There was concern as to where this could fit into an already congested calendar of events. **Action: L Harvey to canvass the club coaches and feedback to the secretary by the end of October.**

#### FIXTURE LIST

22 <sup>nd</sup> /23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022	Norfolk County Championships, Distance Events – Sportspark, UEA
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Norfolk County Championships, Main Events – Sportspark, UEA
12/13 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Norfolk County Championships, Main Events (incl. skins/relays) – Sportspark, UEA
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Warwick Thompson – (Thetford TBC)
10th July 2022	NCASA and East Region Open Water Championships – Whitlingham
June 2022 (TBC)	County Challenge – Dereham

#### The following events have yet to be confirmed and my not run in 2022

April/May 2022 (TBC)	NCASA Junior Inter-Club Gala and Senior Inter-Club Gala - Sportspark, UEA
May 2022 (TBC)	Norfolk Masters – Sportspark, UEA

#### 6. COACH TEAM MANAGER AND COMPETITIONS SECRETARY

The Chairman welcomed Bethany Coombes as the new County Coach.

The posts of Team Manager and Competitions secretary remain unfilled. It is hoped these posts will be filled at the AGM. The Team Manager role could be undertaken by a coach and the Competitions Secretary could be a third person who would take over the admin duties such as booking hotels, transport and sending out communications. The Team Manager would need to be TM2 qualified or prepared to attend the training course.

#### 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It is difficult to know whether there has been a drop of in the number of volunteers both in clubs and across the County. In terms of officials, GDPR prevents the number of qualified officials still involved being revealed which is unhelpful as we are not allowed to store any records. We do however know that there are a lot of JL1 candidates in training but there is no way of knowing what the drop out of officials has been like. The good news is that there are plenty of candidates requiring mentoring.

#### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TBC

**Action: K Woodhouse to contact L Harvey to arrange a suitable date.**