



NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.

Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee - Tuesday 20th January 2021

PRESENT: K. Rumsey (Chairman), K. Belton (Treasurer), Mrs K. Woodhouse (Secretary), Mrs C. Rose (President Elect), D. Barrett (Trophies), R. Barrett (Records/County Colours), Mrs S Buchan (North Norfolk), Miss B Coombs (County Coach), C. Galer (Officials Training), L. Harvey (Championships), P. Kendall (Open Water), S. Murray (Past President), D. Peck (Development), Mrs A Riches (Team Manager), S Riches (Norwich Swan), S Rose (West Norfolk), Mrs T. Spinner (CO Norwich) Ms S. Vanderloo (West Norfolk), M White (Gt Yarmouth).

1. **APOLOGIES:** G. Applin (President), S. Park (Norwich Swan), A. Smith (Past President), S Watts (North Norfolk).
2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th October 2022**

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

4. **FIXTURE LIST**

22 nd /23 rd Jan 2022	County Championships Long Distance	SportsPark, UEA
5 th /6 th Feb 2022	County Championships Main Events	SportsPark, UEA
12 th /13 th Feb 2022	County Championships Main Events	SportsPark, UEA
21 st /22 nd May 2022	Warwick Thompson	Thetford
26 th /27 th June 2022	County Challenge	Dereham
10 th July 2022	NCASA/East Region Open Water	Whitlingham

Warwick Thompson: The original March date was deemed problematic as there were so many other Open Meets in March all competing for entrants which could dilute entries for the meets. It was decided to move Warwick Thompson to 21st/22nd May as although only 5 weeks before the Challenge Gala it will essentially be targeting a different cohort of swimmer. This will be a L3 meet with cut off times set as the County Championships qualifying time. There would be no lower limit set. It could also be used as a qualifying meet for the Challenge Gala.

County Challenge: This traditionally knocks out the top eight finishers in each event at the County Championships and has a lower limit of around the County Qualifying time. It was decided that an upper cut off time of around the Regional qualifying time would be set. K Belton will look at both the upper and lower cut off times in relation to the Warwick Thompson cut off and try to work out the best fit. This will avoid swimmers qualifying for the same event in both meets.

Schedules: It was decided to run both the Warwick Thompson and Challenge Galas over a day and a half i.e. Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday. This will mean some adjustments to the usual schedules as we move from four session to three session weekends.

Entry Fees: The Treasurer explained that it is important to set the entry fees at the correct level to give a small surplus to help send a County Team to Sheffield for the Inter-County Gala in October and to support the Development programme. With heating costs rising, pool hire fees are expected to spiral. The entry fees for these galas have remained unchanged for several years so an increase is anticipated. In order to keep

entry fee rises to a minimum, assurances will be sought with the various pool providers to see if they will honour the price quoted when the pools were booked.

County Short Course Championships: The original proposal for a short course Championships came from S Park (Head Coach Norwich Swan). This would be a L2 meet with one qualifying time so would take place over a single weekend. It would likely fit into the competition calendar in Sept/Oct/Nov as a precursor/qualifier to Winter Regionals and Winter Nationals (qualifying window dependant). There would be one qualifying time per event making it an open age gala. If qualifying times were set to the upper-end it could also be marketed as an attractive meet to clubs outside Norfolk, providing higher level competition to our County swimmers. In this way, the meet should not detract from the L3 meets that our clubs traditionally hold in the autumn and would again be targeting a different group of swimmers. This also gives swimmers another opportunity to win a County medal and may well help retain our older swimmers. It was noted that some clubs also hold their club championships in the autumn and that Arena League is held on the second Saturday in Oct/Nov/Dec. Booking the SportsPark in 2022 could be difficult, if this is the case the SC Championships could be scheduled for 2023. Clubs are asked to consider this proposal and report back to the next Competitions meeting with feedback.

Inter-Club Gala: This will not run in 2022 but should be scheduled for 2023

Masters Meet: It is hoped that a Masters Secretary will be found to enable to schedule the Norfolk Masters for 2023

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The estimated finish times for each County Championship session will be published after this evening's meeting.

DATE OF NEXT COMPETITIONS MEETING

Tuesday 1st March 2022: At the request of Stewart Park, the meeting will commence at 6.30pm to allow coaches to attend.