



## NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.

### Minutes of Competitions Sub-Committee - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**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), Mrs J. Davis (Masters), C. Galer (Officials Training), P. Kendall (Open Water), Mrs S Lyon (Gt Yarmouth), S. Murray (Past President), D. Peck (Development), Mrs A Riches (Team Manager), A. Smith (Past President), Mrs T. Spinner (CO Norwich)

1. **APOLOGIES:** G. Applin (President), Miss B Coombs (County Coach), L. Harvey (Championships), S. Park (Norwich Swan), S Rose (West Norfolk), S Watts (North Norfolk), M White (Gt Yarmouth).
2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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

- R. Every was added to those present.
- 4. Fixture List: The date of the Challenge Gala was amended to 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> June

### 3. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### 4. **COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS DEBRIEF**

- Following the tragic accident at the SportPark at the end of January, the County Championships took place on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> February.
- The meeting expressed unanimous thanks to the County Championships' Working Party (K Belton, C Galer, L Harvey, S Murray, T Spinner, K Woodhouse) for a phenomenal effort in ensuring that a County Championships took place this year. The Championship Secretary in particular, had worked tirelessly to rearrange the event. K Belton made the programme fit into a single and shortened weekend. S Murray and T Spinner reorganised the officials and volunteers in the space of a few short days.
- There were no major issues at the Championships, and everything ran smoothly on both days. On Friday at midday there was no AOE operator for the Saturday as SportPark had forgotten to book one. There is one queried disqualification that the Technical Director is reviewing.
- The Treasurer is currently looking at refunds and needs to check these against withdrawals before sending them out to the clubs.
- The Working Party thanked the officials, volunteers and swimmers for their patience in the face of such uncertainty.

### 5. **FIXTURE LIST**

7 <sup>th</sup>	May 2022	Norfolk Masters	SportsPark, UEA
21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup>	May 2022	Warwick Thompson	Thetford
25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup>	June 2022	County Challenge	Dereham
10 <sup>th</sup>	July 2022	NCASA/East Region Open Water	Whitlingham
TBC	Oct 2022	National Inter-Counties	Ponds Forge, Sheffield

#### **Warwick Thompson/County Challenge:**

- **Warwick Thompson:** The booking confirmation and exact pricing of Thetford has yet to be confirmed as the pool provider has been slow to respond. D Barrett will talk to her contact at the leisure centre who deals with the pool bookings. The meet will run over a day and a half. There will

be a 2pm start on Saturday and this session will be for all the 100m swims with a short break factored in. Sessions 2 and 3 on Sunday will be a mix of all the 50m and 200m races.

- **County Challenge:** The Challenge Gala programme will mirror that of the Warwick Thompson. There could be more swimmers at the Challenge than in 2020 as the lower limit (County Qualifying time) is easier. However, more swimmers could be qualifying for the regional championships this year as the ER qualifying time is also easier. The upper cut off time is expected to be around the ER qualifying time.
  - **Double Entries:** Three options were considered to try and limit the swimmers entering the same event at both Warwick Thompson and Challenge.
    - A) Make the closing date of both galas the same day. This would mean they would only be eligible for one gala on entry time.
    - B) Close Challenge entries on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, the day before Warwick Thompson. This would mean that swimmers would not be able to use times swum at Warwick Thompson for entry into the Challenge. A small number may have swum elsewhere and have met the qualifying criteria by the Challenge closing date.
    - C) Allow swimmers to use times from Warwick Thompson to enter the Challenge.
- Option B was agreed.

- **COVID Restrictions:** It is hoped that things will be back to normal for both Warwick Thompson and Challenge but the pool provider will necessarily take the lead in decisions on spectator numbers.
- **Entry Packs:** Packs for both meets will be sent out as soon as qualifying times, closing dates, entry fees etc have been finalised. It is expected that the entry fee will be the same for both meets.
- **Catering:** Outside caterers are being sought for both events as neither venue has onsite catering. K Rumsey to make enquiries,

**Masters Meet:** The Chair welcomed Jenny Davis as the new Norfolk Masters Secretary. The SportsPark has been booked for the evening of May 7<sup>th</sup> for a short course Norfolk Masters gala. A Norfolk Masters sub-committee has been set up. The Meet information is being finalised this week and entries will open soon after. The programme of events will be similar to the 2016 gala which was the last time it was held as a short course meet. The Masters Secretary has some County medals (and also different medals for the relays) but will check to see if any more are needed. Swim meet will be used for officials' sign-up and for withdrawals. A lead referee has yet to be confirmed.

**County Relays and Skins:** It was decided to try and hold the County Relay Gala on a Saturday evening. Clubs will be asked to suggest some suitable dates between the start of April and the beginning of the summer holidays in the hope that a consensus may be reached. L. Harvey to canvass coaches through the WhatsApp group and report back by the Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March deadline.

**County Short Course Championships:** The support for a short course championship was split with Norwich Swan, Great Yarmouth and West Norfolk coaches in favour and Dereham, Diss, North Norfolk Vikings and CO Norwich against. As no consensus was reached it was decided not to proceed in 2022. The Chair explained that the idea was not being dismissed out of hand and may be revisited in the future.

**Inter-Club Gala:** This will be scheduled for 2023 most likely with a junior team gala in the afternoon and a senior team gala in the evening.

**2022/2023 Fixture List:** A schedule for next season's fixtures will be agreed in the early autumn at the latest. This should mean that the County dates are in the diary early which will help clubs with their fixture planning.

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

**DATE OF NEXT COMPETITIONS MEETING**

Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm