

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Minutes of Development Sub-Committee –28 June 2011 – Hewett School

PRESENT A Lelean (President), J Macdonald (Sub Committee Secretary), A Smith (Hon. Assistant Secretary), S Murray (President Elect), P Kendall (Open Water), Mrs K Pinniger (UEA City of Norwich SC), Mrs M Tallowin (Synchro).

APOLOGIES Mrs J Blackwell (Secretary), K Belton (Treasurer), B Banham (Disability Swimming), C Galer, Mrs S Lelean (Masters), P Lown (Norfolk & Suffolk ASA Aquatics Officer), J Peggall (Facilities), A Pinniger.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 5 APRIL 2011

Delete Stewart Murray from list of attendees, otherwise agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

There had been no action taken on the problem of a lack of swimming clubs across North Norfolk between Hunstanton and North Walsham. It was suggested that this should be taken up by Phil Lown as part of the 'Grow' initiative (see Executive Committee minutes of 7 June 2011). There was also a need to try to encourage some of the smaller ASA clubs (e.g. Harleston, Loddon, Long Stratton and Fakenham) to participate in county activities.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Sub Committee Secretary had distributed an updated development plan. Progress was discussed under each of the headings.

Competitive Swimming (Swim 21): The plan was to develop a 'conference' of Swim 21 clubs. No list of clubs that had currently achieved Swim 21 status was available at the meeting and James Macdonald will obtain such a list. However it had previously felt that any such 'conference' should include all clubs.

Competitive Swimming (Training Sessions): The plan was to increase 50m training sessions for swimmers who are just below county standard (though, previously, it had been stated that such training did not need to be in a 50m pool). At the April meeting it was suggested that Garry Jarvis (Team Manager) and Stuart Park (County Coach) might identify actual or potential county swimmers who would benefit from an arrangement that might include training at the UEA Sportspark and Alex Pinniger had offered to distribute a Training Needs Analysis to coaches in the form of a questionnaire, but it was not known if any of these actions had been taken forward yet. It was thought that the Competitions Sub Committee at its next meeting in July might also have a view on the subject of training and Tony Smith will ensure that the matter is raised there.

Competitive Swimming (School Partnerships): Perhaps there is a need for a county representative to contact school swimming co-ordinators in some areas though Swim 21 clubs should be doing this already in their own areas. As Norwich City Council Swimming Co-ordinator, Janet Baker had contacted Norwich schools and leaflets setting out club details had been distributed – and these are still available. Phil Lown has promised to forward details of a funding stream available in relation to forming school partnerships.

Competitive Swimming (Development Days): The plan was to organise development days for swimmers at or just below county level. It was agreed that Alex Pinniger would explore with Garry Jarvis and Stewart Park the timing and content of a development day but no report had been received. It was noted that Suffolk ASA hold an education day once a year and East Region also run a development day. Advice might be sought from Phil Lown (or Helen Hiley) on the contents of a programme. A £200 budget had previously been agreed.

Disability: A disability swimming day. 'Playground to Podium', is being held at the Norwich Riverside Pool on 6 July, and a 'Swimability' event, open to disability swimmers from all (not just ASA) clubs is being held at the same venue on 17 September.

Open Water: No progress reported yet on linking open water and club swimming with the triathlon group. The possibilities of finding other open water venues aside from Whitlingham Broad were discussed. A course for open water officials was held at Chippenham, Cambs, in May and 5 Norfolk officials had attended. The practical aspects of the course will be covered at the East Region Open Water Swimming Championships in July.

Synchro: Phil Lown is aware of the invitation to discuss Swim 21 possibilities with the officers and coaches at Norwich Synchro club but has yet to agree a date. Madelaine Tallowin thought that, in its own small way,

Synchro offers a sport to mid-teen girls who might not otherwise participate in any sports. An East Region development day is scheduled to take place in Kimbolton in September.

Water Polo: Not represented and any development plans or needs remain unknown.

Masters: No news yet of the East Region 'Coaching for Masters' CPD.

Coaches & Teachers (Courses): An ASA UK Coaches Certificate Level 1 Course is being held at Hewett School on 25-29 July (for parents and swimmers 16 years and over). Up to 75% subsidy may be available via East Region and Norfolk ASA. A Level 2 Course is to be arranged later in the year.

Coaches & Teachers (Coaches' Forum): Ideas from the Coaches' Forum held in March that relate to the County Championships were discussed at the Competitions Sub Committee meeting on 19 April (see the meeting minutes for details).

Young Leaders' Training Programme: Also called 'Inspiring Young Volunteers for the Games 2011/12'. Funding of £1000 is available. Details were sent to all clubs and some 35 young swimmers were thought to be interested, the vast majority of them from UEA City of Norwich SC. Karen Pinniger set out a proposal to run a development day incorporating two of the modules, The Young Aquatics Organisers' Course (for 14-18 year olds) and an ASA Team Managers' Course (open to the complete age group range). Karen is a qualified tutor for both courses. The course would immediately be followed by a specially arranged evening gala at which the attendees could participate and demonstrate what they had learnt. The cost of the day including the gala would be c. £1000 (including room and pool hire, tutor fees and course materials) but some of this could be offset by income from the gala. The original details about the initiative seemed to suggest that other modules included ASA Timekeeper (optional and, in any case, part of the JL1 course) and ASA Judge Level 1 (compulsory) - though Karen believed that only the two modules proposed by her were necessary. James Macdonald will seek confirmation. If necessary, Tony Smith would be prepared to organise a separate full day course based on the JL1 syllabus covering timekeeping, turn judging and relay take-overs with the possibility of doing poolside timekeeper assessments and even some turn judge mentoring if it was run alongside a full day gala. This would seem to satisfy the needs of the initiative: however, if candidates then wished to go on and qualify as JL1s, they would need to be mentored at subsequent galas at their own pace before completing a turn judge assessment. It was also thought that candidates of the initiative then needed to go on to do a minimum of 5 hours voluntary experience at club level which could be organised locally. It was agreed that Norfolk should confirm its interest and James Macdonald, in liaison with Keith Belton (County Treasurer), will submit an invoice for the first £500 to get the initiative underway.

Swimming Officials: A new JL1 course was scheduled to commence on Saturday 2 July in Norwich - though, despite two month's notice of the course to all local clubs, the number of entries was disappointing. JL2 courses are currently underway in Norwich, Diss and Downham Market. A budget of £200 towards the costs associated with these courses was proposed and agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to hold a further meeting, probably in October, on a date when Phil Lown is available to attend. The date will be confirmed later.