

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Executive Committee Meeting – 5 May 2009 – Hewett School

PRESENT M Watkins (Chairman & Hon. Secretary), A. Smith (Hon. Asst. Secretary), K Belton, G Garner, R Barrett, Mrs D Barrett, A Lelean, J Peggall, J Toll

11. APOLOGIES K Rumsey (President), S McCormack (Hon. Treasurer), M Bateman, C Galer, Mrs S Lelean, S Murray, Miss K Starling, Mrs S Thompson

12. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 5 JANUARY 2009

In para 2 of section 8, amend to read ‘...would be reduced by 5%...’. Otherwise agreed as a true record.

13. MATTERS ARISING

“3. Records” Norfolk County ASA’s historical records ready for transfer to the Norfolk County Records Office are:
County Executive Minutes 1946 – 2001 County Handbooks 1978 – 2001

(Documents subsequent to 2001 are held by M Watkins and A Lelean respectively). It is understood that County minutes prior to 1946 were passed to the late May Allthorpe: Kay Starling is attempting to locate them. There has been no trace of any handbooks prior to 1978.

“10. Sponsorship” There was no report on any progress on the proposal discussed at the previous meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

There had been quite a few apologies from Past Presidents unable to attend the County Relay Gala plus a donation from Pat Hollis who had been unable to attend and a letter of thanks from Gillian Skipper who had been present.

15. TREASURERS REPORT

An incorrect statement of accounts had been circulated but then withdrawn. No corrected statement had been received.

The ASA had paid the £1000 subsidy relating to participation in the 2008 National Inter Counties Championships but had still not paid a subsidy in respect of 2007. Those present agreed that the Treasurer should now pursue the claim vigorously.

The insurance policy covering Norfolk County ASA had finally been renewed. However, it was suggested that the list of valuable trophies needed to be reviewed and updated.

As a result of the request sent to all affiliated clubs setting out the County affiliation fee for 2009 and requesting payment by 31 January latest, most competitive clubs had paid by this date. The AGM had brought forward the date to ensure that clubs had re-affiliated before the start of the County Championship galas in February. Unfortunately the Treasurer had failed to update the officers until the end of March that affiliation fees had not been received from four of the competitive clubs by which time all the competitions had taken place and, realistically, it was too late to take any action. All of these clubs had since paid their fees. Three non-competitive clubs had not yet paid the county affiliation fee and the Treasurer would be chasing up their payments.

The Treasurer was reminded that an invoice needs to be sent to Suffolk ASA for their half of the cost of the Distance Events galas in February if this has not already been done.

The Treasurer has yet to reclaim from Active Norfolk the costs of the officials training courses held over the past year. It was assumed that the cost of the Norfolk Officials Seminar held on 28 March should also be reclaimed.

16. CURRENT SWIMMERS ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Anne Bochmann and Bethany Coggins (UEA City of Norwich SC) on their qualification to swim at the European Junior Championships.

17. MINUTES TO NOTE

Competitions Sub Committee: 27 January 2009

Minutes noted.

Competitions Sub Committee: 31 March

Minutes noted.

There was no information about a meeting of coaches having been arranged to discuss plans for the County Championships & Age Groups in 2010. This meeting was needed to precede the next Competitions Sub Committee (to be held on 12 May) when the arrangements for next year’s competitions are to be discussed.

There had been some errors in the calculation of the cut-off times shown on the entry forms just sent out in respect of the County Challenge Gala and it was agreed that Robin Barrett should send a revised schedule to all clubs immediately.

18. REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League Eleven teams had competed with two galas in each round. There had been a very late change of venue from Diss, where maintenance work on the pool was taking place, to Thetford in the first round and a late re-allocation of teams in the final round galas to meet the requirements of a recent rule change. UEA City of Norwich had won the Copeman Cup at Wymondham (where Cath Copeman had been on hand to make the presentation). Thetford had won the Christine Clark Cup at Thetford though, disappointingly, Kings Lynn Warriors had failed to return the trophy (and it has still not been returned) for presentation to the winning team. There had been some problems with ineligible swimmers or swimmers competing in too many events in both rounds and, following reports from the referees, the points had been adjusted accordingly. The AGM of the Norfolk County Junior League will take place on Tuesday 23 June.

Facilities No report.

Officials Examinations New Judge Level 1 and Judge Level 2 courses are about to commence but the number of entrants has been disappointing with none at all from clubs in the west of the County despite details having been sent to all clubs. Entries for courses (using the form on the web site) need to be submitted via the clubs to the Regional Organiser, Dave Metcalf, 3 Farsands, Oakley, Bedford, MK43 7SJ. (Tel: 01234 825289).

Officials Liaison Thanks to all those officials who helped at recent County championship galas. Officials are currently being sought for the County Masters (16 May) and the County Challenge Galas (21 & 28 June) plus some school galas.

Masters The Norfolk Masters Championships & Open Meet will be held at the UEA Sportspark on Saturday 16 May. Just over 500 entries have been received.

Synchro No report.

Water Polo Norfolk entered the East Region Senior Men's Championships in February but failed to reach the semi-final stage. Bedfordshire won the competition.

Disabled Swimming A disability gala is scheduled to take place at Norwich Riverside pool on Saturday 27 June. Janet Baker is seeking officials.

Education No report.

Records Mark Collins (Kings Lynn Warriors) has broken the 50m freestyle short course and 50m breaststroke long course county junior records. UEA City of Norwich broke one of the county relay records (details not provided).

Trophies Medals had been purchased for the County Masters Championships.

East Region Every county is being allocated a full time Swimming Co-ordinator funded by the ASA and working out of the County Sports Partnership offices. No appointment has yet been made for Norfolk. The East Region staff that have been covering some of the tasks have been made redundant. Also, it is assumed that the present part time Active Norfolk Project Officer will not be replaced when he leaves the job shortly.

County Development No report. (The planned meeting of the Active Norfolk Swimming Action Group, which was to have been held on 20 April, was cancelled at very short notice).

Handbook The 2009 handbook was published in March. Most copies have been distributed but there are just a few left.

Child Protection & Welfare No report.

Lifesaving No report.

Membership Kings Lynn Warriors and Downham & District SC merged on 1 March as West Norfolk SC. The proposed change of name from Breckland Water Polo Club to Norwich & Thetford Water Polo Club still awaits the receipt and acceptance of their new constitution. The Little Fish SC application has still to be resolved by East Region. The application of a club called Norwich Kingfisher with just one member appears to have been accepted by East Region without reference to its own Membership Officer, Norfolk ASA or either of the Norwich clubs. This unacceptable situation will be investigated by the County Membership Officer.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The use of the Norfolk ASA photocopier has reduced considerably following the extensive use of emails. The Officers will consider any revised contract offered by the suppliers.

Are Past Presidents still members of the ASA? Many will still be attached to clubs, some as life members and/or as active officials and registered with an ASA club. However, if they are no longer registered with an ASA club, should they still be able to attend and vote at the AGM? This situation needs to be checked out.

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place on **Wednesday 9 September 2009** at Hewett School (Room A17).