

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Executive Committee Meeting – 7 December 2009 – Hewett School

PRESENT Mrs J Andrews (President), K Belton, (Hon. Treasurer), A. Smith (Hon. Asst. Secretary), A Lelean (President Elect), Mrs D Applegate, C Galer, Mrs S Lelean, S Murray, K Rumsey, Mrs M Tallwin, J Toll, Mrs D Webster

APOLOGIES M Watkins (Chairman & Hon. Secretary), Mrs K Woodhouse, J Peggall
(In the absence of the Chairman, Mrs J Andrews (President) agreed to chair the meeting).

2. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2009

The East Region report should have stated that "...he (John Toll) thanked the County President for his nomination for a silver pin award". Otherwise agreed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Kevin Wray wished to attend a Norfolk ASA meeting to discuss developments in East Region. The Secretary has yet to discuss suitable dates with him.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts as at 7 December showed income of £40.00 and expenditure of £27.37, a surplus on the year to date of £12.63. However two large invoices were in the process of being checked before payment. Funds totalled £29,443.45. The incoming Treasurer is changing the banking arrangements to allow for on-line payment of some invoices.

The ASA had finally agreed to pay the £1000 subsidy relating to participation in the 2007 National Inter Counties (though it has not yet been received). A claim relating to the 2009 gala will be made shortly as soon as all the invoices are to hand.

The list of valuable trophies still needed to be reviewed and updated. The Treasurer will liaise with the Trophies Officer.

Affiliation forms have been despatched to 19 affiliated clubs for 2010. Payment of the Norfolk County ASA affiliation fee is due by 31 January 2010 latest (and not 31 March as incorrectly stated in the 2009 County Handbook). Lots of clubs register new members throughout the year with East Region but do not pay an affiliation fee for them to Norfolk ASA. (though anyone joining from 1 October onwards does not have to pay the ASA for the remainder of that year). After discussion it was proposed and agreed that Norfolk ASA would not request part payment of affiliation fees for new members joining during a year.

Norfolk County Council is reviewing the present subsidy arrangements (currently 100%) for the hire of school classrooms.

6. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

None reported (but see Masters report below).

7. CO-OPTION & APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

a) Co-option of officers to the County Executive

In accordance with Rule 7(A), the Executive Committee consists of the County Officers, Past Presidents and those officers listed in Appendix B in the County Handbook plus two nominated representatives from each affiliated club. Sub-committee secretaries who might well not otherwise be members of the Executive Committee need to be co-opted with voting rights (though some may also attend by right in another capacity). Under this requirement it was agreed that the following should be co-opted: Miss K Bull (Competitions), K Hall (Water Polo), Mrs S Lelean (Masters) and Mrs M Tallwin (Synchro).

b) Elections

No posts were left unfilled at the AGM apart from Diving and Lifesaving (both inactive). However a proposal had been made from the Competitions Sub-Committee that an additional representative, for Open Water Swimming, should be appointed and co-opted to the Executive Committee. Paul Kendall had volunteered to take on the post and this was agreed.

c) Sub-Committees

Secretaries are invited to report the names of their committee members where appropriate:

<u>Sub-Committee</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Emergency	M Watkins	C Galer, A Smith
Finance	A Smith	G Clark, K Belton
Masters	Mrs S Lelean	A Lelean, Mrs D Mattless

Synchro and Water Polo do not have committees at present as each section only has one affiliated club.

8. MINUTES TO NOTE

Competitions Sub Committee: 20 October 2009

Minutes noted.

Norfolk finished in second place in the Three Counties Gala. The points were: Suffolk 469, Norfolk 319, Cambs 216. Entry forms for the County Championships have been despatched to clubs. (Robin Barrett was asked to check if copies have been sent to newly affiliated clubs please).

9. REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League Affiliation forms will be despatched in January. John Toll is still in post (despite the minutes of the previous meeting). Two new clubs have been invited to join the league, a third new club (Little Fish) has already asked to join and a reply is awaited from Harleston Pirahnas. If less than 12 clubs affiliate, the top club(s) from 2009 will be invited to enter a 'B' team.

Facilities No report.

Officials Examinations Three more JL1 candidates successfully completed the course since the figures were given at the AGM. Final assessments for JL1, JL2 and Starters will take place at the Thetford Open in February and the County Championships in March. A reminder that 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 Officials will be needed for all the County Championship galas. Please contact Graham Garner.

Masters For the first time ever, Norfolk won the East Region heat of the ASA Masters and Seniors Inter Counties at Newmarket in November (well done) and finished in 11th place (their highest ever placing) out of 29 counties nationally. Entry forms for the Norfolk County Masters & Open Championships to be held at the UEA Sportspark in May will be distributed early in 2010.

Synchro A display for Forest Heath District Council Sports Awards at Newmarket Leisure Centre had been well received.

Water Polo No report.

Open Water East Region will again hold their open water championships at Whitlingham Broad in July and, following the success of the first Great East Swim at Alton Water in 2009, it is likely that this event will take place again in June 2010.

Disabled Swimming A report was made by participants on a course about officiating at galas for swimmers with a disability (attended by 7 Norfolk officials) and on the East Region Disability Swimming Championships that followed it on Sunday 6 December at Thetford. Disappointment was expressed in the fact that only one Norfolk disability swimmer had entered the gala (compared with around 20 each from Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Essex, and others from further afield). The Assistant Secretary promised to convey this disappointment to those not present and to others that might be able to improve our participation levels in such events in future.

Education No report.

Records No report.

Trophies No report.

East Region East Region will be holding a weekend of meetings on 9-10 January and Stewart Murray, our new representative, will attend but a further place is still available. (Malcolm Watkins to send details to clubs to see if anyone else is interested).

County Development It is understood that Danielle di Marco has been appointed in the full time role of Norfolk Swimming Co-ordinator – a post funded by the ASA - and will work out of the County Sports Partnership offices. However no details of her role, her contact details or starting date have been provided to Norfolk ASA! A date for the next Active Norfolk Swimming Action Group has yet to be set.

Handbook An updated list of officials will be obtained and the 2010 handbook will be out in time for the main County Championship galas. Adam Lelean agreed to update the web-site technology so that results can appear on it promptly.

Child Protection & Welfare An East Region Welfare Officers' Day, at which all clubs should be represented, is scheduled for 18 April 2010.

Press & PR No report on the Masters' great success in the local press despite text and photo having been submitted.

Membership The proposed change of name for the water polo club has not progressed. Affiliations of Little Fish, Hunstanton Sea Eagles and Loddon White Dolphin are either completed or well in hand.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

UEA City of Norwich finished in a creditable 7th place in the finals of the National Junior League at Enfield.

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place on Tuesday 7 March 2010 at Hewett School (Room A17).