

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Executive Committee Meeting – 2 September 2010 – Hewett School

PRESENT Mrs J Andrews (President), K Belton, (Hon. Treasurer), A. Smith (Hon. Asst. Secretary), A Lelean (President Elect), B Banham, G Garner, P Kendall, Mrs S Lelean, J Peggall, K Rumsey, Mrs M Tallowin, J Toll, Mrs D Webster

28. APOLOGIES M Watkins (Chairman & Hon. Secretary), Mrs D Applegate, Mrs J Baker, Mrs D Barrett, R Barrett, Miss K Bull, C Galer, J MacDonald, S Murray, J Rose, Miss K Starling

29. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE 2010

Agreed as a true record (except that A Lelean should also have been shown amongst the apologies)

30. MATTERS ARISING

Following the last meeting, Ben Banham had volunteered to take on the role of Disability Swimming Liaison Officer. The meeting endorsed his appointment and co-opted him to the Executive Committee with voting rights.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

None reported by the Secretary.

The Treasurer mentioned correspondence with Norfolk County Council relating to large payments that it had made to one affiliated swimming club. He will pursue the possibility of any future funding being made to Norfolk County ASA so that all affiliated clubs get some benefit.

32. TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts as at 31 August showed income of £37697 and expenditure of £28856 giving a surplus on the year to date of £8841. Funds totalled £38636. Expenditure relating to transport to the National Inter Counties Competition and to various officials' expenses is yet to come. Nearly all income has been received though there could be a small amount to come from Active Norfolk (which will need to be claimed by the Treasurer). It would appear that there could be a surplus of just under £8000 by the end of the financial year. The situation is very similar to this time last year.

The valuation of trophies for insurance purposes is in hand. A stock-take needs to be carried out before the end of the financial year and the stock valuation adjusted accordingly.

33. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

It was reported that Anne Bochmann (formerly of UEA City of Norwich SC) had been selected to swim at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi later in the year. Sarah Taylor, a member of West Norfolk SC, had swum the Channel in August. Lynne Meale (UEA City of Norwich) had won a bronze breaststroke medal in her age group at the World Masters Championships in Sweden. Isaac Kirby and Jack Utting (both Great Yarmouth SC) had won medals at the National Age Group & Youth Championships. (There may be others but these were the only successes reported).

34. MINUTES TO NOTE

Competitions Sub Committee: 13 July 2010

Minutes noted.

Finance Sub Committee: 17 August 2010

Minutes noted.

No significant changes. It was recommended that gala entries remain at £4 per event, but a proposal was made that entries to the more-expensive-to-run Long Distance Championships should be increased to £5 (and it was noted that Suffolk, with whom Norfolk shares the event, charges its swimmers £7). It was also recommended that gala admission should remain at £2 but a proposal was made that the County Championship sessions at Thetford and the County Challenge sessions at Dereham should each have a single programme covering all sessions, with a saving on printing and paper costs, and that this should be sold separately at £1 per copy. It was agreed that the two proposals should be put to the Competitions Sub Committee at its next meeting in October for a decision.

It was recommended that the affiliation fee should remain at £1.30 per member for 2011. This will be recommended to the AGM.

35. REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League The League AGM took place on Tuesday 15 June and minutes have been distributed. In 2011 both rounds will comprise two galas. The first round galas will be held at Dereham and Wymondham, and the second round galas will be held at Wymondham and Thetford. Three more teams are needed for a full complement and clubs will be approached about entering 'B' teams. Affiliation notices will be issued after the County AGM.

Facilities No report.

Officials Examinations. Several Norfolk candidates are due to take the Referee exam in November. Six candidates attended a Starter course at Wymondham in June. Assessments for Judge Level 2 are scheduled to take place during the Icen Open Meeting later this month. Judge Level 1 courses are currently proceeding in Dereham and Downham Market.

Clubs are reminded that, as from 1 September, all officials except timekeepers must be licensed in order to officiate at Level 1 & 2 galas (which includes some major club galas as well as County and East Region galas). Currently only c.50% of Norfolk's eligible officials have licences. Those officials only qualified as timekeepers need to apply to upgrade to Judge Level 1 by next September when timekeepers will no longer be able to officiate at Level 1 & 2 galas. 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 were expressed to all those who officiated at the County Challenge gala sessions on 20 and 27 June. And a further plea was made that clubs get their eligible officials licensed in time for the County Championships which may otherwise not be able to proceed – or only proceed at a lower level where any qualifying times achieved by swimmers for regional and national events will simply not be accepted.

Masters The East Region Masters & Senior Age Group Championships are on 2 October and the East Region Inter County Team Gala is on 21 November. Both will take place at Newmarket. The Masters Secretary has had a problem in booking the UEA Sportspark for the Norfolk County Masters & Open Championships scheduled for Saturday 21 May 2011 but she will persevere.

Synchro Concerns were expressed about the increases in pool hire and, more particularly, the music licence costs suffered by our relatively small number of synchro swimmers. Suggestions were made about ways in which some of these excessive costs might be met.

Water Polo No report.

Open Water East Region's open water championships took place at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 18 July. It was more popular than ever. The county open water championships form part of the event and clubs were invited to promote the competition. Disappointingly, only 27 Norfolk swimmers competed (out of 245 from across the 6 counties of the region). It was mentioned that Andrew Atthowe (UEA City of Norwich) and Alexandra Witting (North Norfolk Vikings) had done particularly well in their respective 3000m events. Two Norfolk swimmers competed in the Southend-on-Sea event the following weekend, but there were no Norfolk entries in the National Age Groups at Rother Valley. Adam Lelean was said to have been our most prolific swimmer. More officials are needed for open water competitions.

Disabled Swimming Ben Banham had attended a meeting with Liz Christian and other county disability officers in the region. A further course on officiating at disability events and galas that include disability swimmers is to be held in Newmarket on Sunday 12 December from 9.00am. There will be the opportunity to officiate at the East Region Disability Championships after lunch at the same venue to put theory into practice. Applications for both the course and the gala to Liz Christian on 07906 652511 or email disability@eastswimming.org. It is hoped that there will be a good entry of swimmers from Norfolk this time (only 1 swimmer entered last year) and it was emphasised that disabled swimmers do not have to be classified to enter the competition. Ben Banham is contacting clubs to promote the event and some swimmers have already expressed interest.

Education No report.

Records No report.

Trophies No report.

East Region The East Region Annual Council (i.e. AGM) takes place on Saturday 11 September when Norfolk's John Toll will be inducted as East Region President. Details of the event have been sent to clubs who can appoint attendees.

County Development No Swimming Action Group meeting has been held recently. Government funding of County Swimming Co-ordinator posts has been withdrawn and the promotion of free swimming has now also stopped. The fall-out from these decisions remains unclear.

Handbook & Web-site Minutes of Executive and Sub Committee meetings (including, it was agreed, the Finance Sub Committee) are now being put on the web-site. It was agreed that they need not wait for approval at the follow-up meeting - by which time much of the content will be out-of-date.

Child Protection & Welfare The Government's proposed Vetting and Barring Scheme has been halted pending a review but the present arrangements (including CRB checks and the new safeguarding regulations introduced in October 2009) continue to apply.

Press & PR Warwick Thompson will be unable to continue in this post after the AGM. Volunteers please?

Membership A proposal had been made by UEA City of Norwich SC to change its name to 'Norfolk & Norwich SC'. Clubs were asked for their views (most opposed the proposal and one reply is still to come) and East Region has yet to consider it. However, the club has now asked that action be put 'on hold'.

36. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AGM

The AGM takes place on Sunday 28 November at 2.30pm in Room A17 at the Hewett School. Voting cards will be issued to club secretaries in accordance with the number of members. Invitations and cards are not sent to individual members. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Assistant Secretary will liaise over arrangements and documentation. Nominations for officers are to be with the Hon. Secretary one week before the AGM. Written reports from officers to be included in the Annual Report pack also need to be with the Hon. Secretary one week before the AGM. Any proposed motions or rule changes need to be with the Hon. Secretary by 1 October latest.

37. DATES FOR MEETING IN 2011

As the present room is not available on all days of the week it was proposed and agreed to alternate meetings between Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The following dates were provisionally proposed: Tuesday 7 December 2010, Wednesday 2 March 2011, Tuesday 7 June 2011 and Wednesday 7 September 2011. The AGM was set for Sunday 27 November 2011. The Hon. Assistant Secretary will book the room.

38. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

County records for the period 1946 to 2001 have now been lodged with the Norfolk County Record Office (adjacent to County Hall). Anyone wishing to inspect them should quote ACC2010/148. They comprise Executive Committee Minutes (7 books from 1946), Accounts Books (from 1954) and County Handbooks (from 1978).

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