

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Executive Committee Meeting – 7 March 2012 – Hewett School

PRESENT K Rumsey (Chairman), K Belton, (Hon. Treasurer), A.Smith (Hon. Asst. Secretary), Mrs N Ansell, B Banham,, Mrs D Barrett, R Barrett, J Macdonald, K Wray

11. APOLOGIES S Murray (President), Mrs J Blackwell (Secretary), Mrs S Lelean (President Elect), C Galer, G Garner, P Kendall, A Lelean, J. Peggall, Mrs M Tallowin, B Whitbourn, Mrs K Woodhouse

Kevin Wray, Director of ASA East Region, was welcomed to the meeting. He had hoped to present the 'Swimming in Britain' strategy but, unfortunately, it had not yet progressed to a sufficiently advanced stage to allow him to do so.

12. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2011

Agreed as a true record.

13. MATTERS ARISING

7b. Election Officials and Representatives. The posts relating to Child Protection & Welfare and Press & PR remained unfilled. The President was trying to find volunteers to occupy these posts. It was thought that the vacant Education Secretary post could be covered by the Development Sub Committee Secretary and, as the Team Chaperone post is now only required for one overnight trip each year, it could be filled on an ad-hoc basis.

9. Reports: East Region. Although the previous meeting had noted the need to appoint a county representative to the East Region Swimming Committee, it had subsequently been noted that John Rushmer, who had previously attended the meetings, had sent apologies to the recent meeting. Despite this (a matter that the Assistant Secretary agreed to investigate), it was agreed that an appropriate new appointed representative was needed. Robin Barrett agreed to attend for the time being until someone else comes forward. The Assistant Secretary will inform Kathy Kordy.

9. Reports: County Development. In respect of the cost of the first two modules of the Young Aquatic Volunteers Programme, the Treasurer reported that a meeting had been held with representatives from the UEA City of Norwich SC and it had been agreed to meet the additional costs incurred by the club but excluding pool hire for the gala. The matter had now been settled.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

None reported.

15. TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts as at 29 February showed income of £13114.710 and expenditure of £20771.925 giving a deficit on the year to date of £7657.21. Funds totalled £32180.78. However not all of the cheques in respect of County Championship entries had yet been banked and pool hire had been billed early creating an artificial position. Also the subsidy of £1000 towards the cost of Norfolk participating in the National Inter Counties Championships and £1072 from Suffolk towards the cost of the Distance galas were still awaited. Affiliation fees had been received from all clubs except Loddon White Dolphins which had not paid and had been suspended by Norfolk ASA.

16. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Jessica Jane Applegate (UEA City of Norwich) had qualified for the Paralympics, breaking the British record in the S14 category for 200m freestyle.

17 MINUTES TO NOTE

Competitions Sub Committee: 24 January 2012

Minutes noted.

It had been confirmed that the East Region Inter Counties gala would not take place in 2012.

The Treasurer had contacted the Lion Hotel, Workshop, about food arrangements for the 2012 National Inter Counties gala. The hotel will happily provide a specific menu for the evening meal and a packed lunch for before and after the gala. Alex Pinnigar will be asked to suggest appropriate food. Any proposals on expenditure for a team building day or a series of training sessions for potential county team members should be made to the Executive Committee via the Competitions Sub Committee, the next meeting of which is scheduled for 17 April.

18 REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League. There are two rounds on 17 March and 28 April with six teams in each gala. There are three 'B' teams, each of which is competing in the same gala as its 'A' team. If this is not felt appropriate, it will need to be discussed at the next League AGM.

Facilities No new developments to report.

Officials Examinations. Congratulations to Jo Banham on passing the referee exam. 1 JL2(S) Starter and 1 JL1 candidate had successfully completed their courses at the snowbound Thetford Open Gala. Six swimmers had completed the Young Timekeeper course and a further 16 swimmers had started the JL1 course as part of the Young Aquatic Volunteers Programme in January. A new JL1 course had commenced during the first weekend of the County Championships at Thetford on 4 March.

Officials Liaison. Thanks to all licensed officials who volunteered for the County Championship galas.

Masters. The Norfolk County Masters and Open Championships take place at the UEA Sportspark on Saturday 19 May. Entry forms are on the website.

Synchro. East Region club championships will take place on Saturday 17 March at Stevenage.

Water Polo No report.

Open Water. The East Region championships will take place at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 15 July. Help is required: please contact Paul Kendall. Open Water JL1 and JL2 courses will take place at Kentford on Saturday 28 and Sunday 20 April respectively.

Disabled Swimming A Playground to Podium Swimming Day will take place at the UEA Sportspark on 29 March with Carl Cooper in attendance. Letters have gone to all schools seeking the attendance of any swimmers able to do a minimum of 15 metres.

Education No report.

Records 8 individual county records were achieved in 2011. Only 2 were claimed by the swimmers or their clubs, the other 6 were based on swims at County events.

Trophies. Ideas sought for different awards for 4th, 5th and 6th places without exceeding the present budget.

East Region. No report.

County Development. The Young Aquatic Volunteers Programme was completed with the JL1 course at UEA Sportspark. Thanks to Tony Smith and Keith Belton for tutoring this course. Certificates have been sent to participants.

Kevin Wray reported on a Coach Mentoring Programme in conjunction with Active Norfolk. This is aimed at 16 – 19 year olds. Information has been sent to clubs and funding is available. It was not clear if this is confined to Swim 21 clubs.

The Treasurer will be writing to each Swim 21 club about funding Level 1, 2 and 3 courses following the withdrawal of the East Region funding. Norfolk County ASA's own funding will continue through the current financial year up to a specified maximum number of candidates at each level. Funding will then be reviewed.

Handbook & Website. The Handbook is in the process of being put together in time for distribution at the County Relay Gala. The Data Protection issues seem to have been covered by the ASA issuing a letter to all officials requiring them to let the ASA know if they do not want their details included in lists of officials (otherwise they can continue to appear). A website link was created to the County Championships' computer enabling virtually instant publication of results.

Child Protection & Welfare. No report.

Press & PR. No report

Membership Kings Lynn Adult SC and Norwich & District Disabled Persons SC had both formally closed. The Treasurer has been in touch with club representatives about the disposal of any surplus funds.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Concern was raised about the fact that funding for full time students wishing to participate in lifesaving classes had ceased but had continued for part-time students. Lifeguards are required not only in pools but also along the extensive beaches around Norfolk

Two matters concerning the eligibility of swimmers participating in County galas were discussed and resolved. There were criticisms relating to the broken down scoreboard and to the pool temperature at Thetford during the first week of the County Championships.

There was a brief discussion relating to conflicts of interest between loyalty to clubs and the duties of county officers.

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place on **Tuesday 12 June 2012** at Hewett School (Room A 17).