

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Executive Committee Meeting – 6 March 2013 – Hewett School

PRESENT Mrs S Lelean (President), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), K Belton, (Treasurer), A.Smith (Asst. Secretary), Mrs M Tallowin (President Elect), B Banham, Mrs J Banham, Mrs E Bowen, Mrs L Faragher, C Galer, G Garner, P Kendall, A Lelean, J Macdonald, S Murray, D Peck

11. APOLOGIES Mrs J Andrews, Mrs J Child, G Jarvis, J. Peggall, K Rumsey, Mrs K Woodhouse

12. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2012

Agreed as a true record.

13. MATTERS ARISING

3 (37). Rules of Norfolk ASA It had been agreed at a previous meeting that a complete overhaul of the county rules was needed along with details relating to Masters and Open Water championships. Adam Lelean had agreed to lead this task so that a complete amendment is ready for submission to the 2013 AGM.

7b. Election of Officers, etc Elaine Bowen had volunteered to fill the post of East Region Swimming Committee Representative and Lauren Faragher had volunteered to fill the Child Protection & Welfare post. These appointments were agreed. The post of Press & PR Officer remains vacant. In addition, following the AGM, James Macdonald decided to withdraw from the post of Development Secretary so this post, too, is currently vacant and this also means that Norfolk is not specifically represented on the East Region Development Committee (although Stewart Murray is its chairman). And, as Paul Kendall chairs the East Region Open Water Committee, he should not also represent the county, so it was agreed that Jacqui Kendall could attend in this capacity though Paul Kendall will continue to attend Norfolk Executive Meetings.

8 (1). Swimability Gala An informal meeting of several of the officers had taken place and, although this is not an ASA gala, they recommended that Norfolk ASA should run it in 2013, possibly in June. This was agreed. Keith Belton will contact Norwich City Council, which had previously organised and funded the gala, and Riverside Pool to check availability. Ben Banham will contact the organisations involved and will finalise arrangements with them.

10. Norfolk Records Debbie McRoberts had contacted a previous secretary, Malcolm Watkins, who has traced and will pass on the missing records from 2001 to her. She will then liaise with John Peggall to get the more recent records lodged with the Norfolk Records Office.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of recent correspondence was provided. Details of the East Region Inter Counties Championship, to be held on Sunday 7 July in Luton, had been passed to Garry Jarvis. Details of Inter-Divisional Schools Galas had been passed to clubs for information. East Region is seeking a new Chairman. There has been a good response from invitations to Past Presidents to attend the County Relay Gala. Other matters are reported elsewhere in the minutes.

15. TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts as at 28 February showed income of £22779.00 and expenditure of £20574.97 giving a surplus of £2204.03 on the year to date. Funds totalled £43189.71. The £1000 subsidy relating to the National Inter Counties Championships had not yet been received. Suffolk ASA has yet to be billed for their involvement in the Long Distance Championships. Pool hire was over budget due to the need to pay some bills in advance. Gala entries and, therefore, total entry fees received are higher than budgeted. A problem arose over the affiliation fees from Loddon White Dolphins, which couldn't understand why Norfolk ASA fees should be due by 31 January (i.e. prior to the start of the county championship galas though the club does not enter swimmers) when those for East Region do not need to be paid until 31 March. The reasons were explained to the club and the fees were eventually paid. There was a discussion on subsidies for Coach Level 2 courses where, currently, Norfolk pays 25% of the fee on the basis of one candidate per Swim 21 club. It was agreed that, if a club has more than one candidate, the subsidy may be shared between them.

16. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

The further exploits of London Paralympic S14 champion, Jessica Jane Applegate, were reported, as was a new record for deaf swimmers achieved by Oliver Kenny.

17 MINUTES TO NOTE

The Development Sub Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 16 January had been postponed due to the weather. No new date has been arranged.

The Competitions Sub Committee meeting due to take place on Tuesday 22 January had also been cancelled for the same reason. **The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 16 April** with a combined agenda. Matters relating to the county championship galas were covered by phone or email as necessary. Some matters relating to the County Relay Gala (to be held on Saturday 23 March) were clarified and the application forms have been distributed to clubs. The accommodation arrangements for the National Inter Counties Championships would have been agreed at the postponed meeting: the Lion Hotel, Worksp, had been booked provisionally and the Treasurer will now confirm the booking and pay a deposit.

18 REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League. The first round galas are due to take place at Wymondham and Dereham on Saturday 16 March. Details have been distributed to participating clubs. UEA City of Norwich, Great Yarmouth and Norwich Swan will be fielding 'B' teams. The County President agreed to attend one of the final galas (to be held at Wymondham and Thetford).

Facilities. No report but the imminent upgrading of the AOE equipment at the UEA Sportspark was mentioned.

Officials Examinations. A JL1 course held in Norwich on 26 January had been poorly supported. However the JL2 course in Norwich on 13 February and the JL2S course at Wymondham on 20 February had both been better attended. One starter had recently completed the course and assessments are currently taking place during the county championship galas.

Officials Liaison. A full set of officials has been provided for the county championship galas at Thetford: in fact some volunteers had to be turned down! The distance galas were not so well supported. Officials are currently being appointed for the County Relay Gala. They will soon be required for the County Masters Gala in May – and, as some officials compete in this gala, it was suggested that some of the young officials should specifically be invited to officiate.

Masters. The Norfolk Masters Championship and Open Meet will take place on Saturday 18 May at the UEA Sportspark. Entry forms are now available on the website. (A clash with a masters' gala at the new 50m pool in Luton might reduce the number of entries). The event entry fee remains at £4: (other masters galas charge more).

Synchro. The annual display has just been held and was well supported. The East Region routines camp takes place on 16 March at Stevenage (with 35 entries from Norfolk).

Water Polo. No report.

Open Water. The East Region Championships (incorporating the Norfolk Championships) takes place at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 14 July. Some changes have been made to the age groups and distances. Both officials and other helpers are required please including setting up beforehand and clearing up afterwards. The county contribution (to incorporate its own championships) has been increased to £100 this year. Courses for open water officials are taking place on 27 (level 1) and 28 (level 2) April in either Kentford or Chippenham, Suffolk. Details are on the ASA website.

Disabled Swimming. Ben Banham has been speaking to some non-ASA disability organisations and trying to convince them of the benefits of affiliating to the ASA so that their members might compete in and make progress through ASA competitions.

Records. No report.

Trophies. No report.

East Region. There had been a long board meeting on budgets for each discipline. UK Sports Award finances reduced except for diving, synchro and disability. There will be a national development director for women's water polo, but nothing for men. The playground-to-podium initiative has been removed from all sports. British Gas will concentrate its sponsorship on 'GROW'. England will be divided into four divisions (with two regions in each) with divisional business managers. Elaine Bowen reported on the Swimming Committee meeting, mentioning problems with the inter-regional gala at Corby – its purpose was questioned and, if it continues, East Region would prefer to take control of it. There were discussions about clashes of licensed meets on the same dates. Tighter controls needed of who is allowed onto pool sides during galas. Withdrawals procedure to be more tightly enforced especially in respect of finals. Discussions about the Winter Championship for 2013 (i.e. short or long course, and which venue) following problems at Cambridge in 2012.

County Development. Several of the officers held a meeting with Leanne Brace, the new Regional Club Development Officer. Swim 21 under review. Discussed holding county conferences. Level 1 Coaching Course in Norwich after Easter.

Handbook & Website. 2013 Handbook to be available at the County Relay Gala in March. County Championship & Age Group gala results are now on the website immediately after the events take place.

Child Protection & Welfare. No report.

Press & PR. No report

Membership Harleston Piranhas SC closed during 2012. Residual funds will be distributed to clubs which have taken on their swimmers on a proportionate basis.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

East Region is seeking 'friends' to help clubs with problems. Chris Galer volunteered. The Secretary will nominate him.

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place on **Tuesday 4 June 2013** at Hewett School (Room A 17).