

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Executive Committee Meeting –Tuesday 3 June 2014 – Hewett School

PRESENT Mrs M Tallowin (President), K Rumsey (Chairman), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), K Belton, (Treasurer), A.Smith (Asst. Secretary), P Kendall (President Elect), Mrs D Barratt, R Barratt, Mrs E Bowen, L Harvey, A Lelean, Mrs S Lelean, J Macdonald, Mrs K Woodhouse

20. APOLOGIES Mrs J Boyd, C Galer, G Garner, J. Peggall, G Smith

21. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2014

Agreed as a true record.

22. MATTERS ARISING

13 Swimability Gala. No report has been received on progressing the gala.

13 Appointment of Officers. Two posts, Press & PR Officer and County Volunteer Co-ordinator, remain vacant. Advertisements will be put in the programme for the County Challenge Galas.

23. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported on several items of correspondence that had been passed to the relevant county officers or circulated to clubs as appropriate. Some are mentioned in the reports below.

24. TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts as at 31 May showed income of £39048.33 and expenditure of £31219.67 giving a surplus of £7828.66 on the year to date. Funds totalled £57850.28. Gala entries and gates were well up on the previous year. The cost of trophies showed a slight increase. There was a short discussion revolving around the need to spend some of the excess funds.

25. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Jessica Jane Applegate (UEA City of Norwich who had set 5 British records in the S14 category (50m, 100m and 200m freestyle; and 100m and 200m IM) at the DSE National Junior & Youth Championships in Sheffield. Also Laura Marzolini (Norwich Swan) had reached the junior breaststroke 50m and 100m finals coming 4th and 6th respectively at the National Championships.

26. MINUTES TO NOTE

Competitions Sub Committee: Tuesday 15 April

Minutes noted.

Due to the late arrival of details relating to the East Region Inter Counties Championships Gala, which will take place on Sunday 6 July at Basildon, the team selection had to be deferred until after the meeting. (It was also thought that the meeting had been arranged earlier than previously so that this might have contributed to the problem – something to be considered next year). In the event there had been some changes to the programme for the 2014 gala, including the introduction of mixed relays. The team has since been selected and other arrangements are now well in hand.

A fixture list had provisionally been agreed for 2015 though a recently-received consultation paper had been circulated suggesting that BAGCATS be 'ditched', that there should be some changes to the dates for county championship and age group galas (e.g. bring them forward a month) and there should be some changes to the eligible ages for swimmers entering galas (possibly removing the youngest groups) If agreed, these proposals would affect the fixture list and the gala programmes. However it is becoming very late to make any changes now and it was suggested that 2015 should be regarded as a transition year.

27. REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League. The finals took place on Saturday 26 April. UEA City of Norwich SC 'A' won the Copeman Cup at Wymondham and Diss Otters won the Christine Clark Cup at Thetford. The League AGM is normally held in June but, in view of the disappointingly low attendances at previous meetings it was suggested that, this year, the matters be dealt with by correspondence and that recommendations and decisions be incorporated as an agenda item at the July Competitions Sub Committee. This was agreed.

Facilities. There was nothing new to report.

Officials Examinations. Congratulations to Kirsty McRoberts on passing the Referee exam. Since the last meeting 12 candidates successfully completed the JL1 course and 5 candidates successfully completed the JL2 course. New JL1, JL2 and JL2S courses are being held in late June and early July. Details have been sent to clubs.

Officials Liaison. Thanks to all those who helped at the County galas. There were sufficient officials for the County Relay Gala but a very poor response for the County Masters Gala where some non-qualified timekeepers had to be used.

Masters. A successful Norfolk County Masters Championships and Open Gala had taken place on Saturday 17 May at the UEA Sportspark. Apart from a shortage of officials, the gala had run well though there had been problems in getting out the relay results due to links between the AOE system and the Sportsystem software. The results are now on the Norfolk website. Presentations were made of county colours and bronze, silver and gold awards to county swimmers.

Synchro. Swimmers had done well at the East Region routines competition in Stevenage. Those selected for the East Region Development Squad had been participating in training with the squad. Swimmers had participated in a competition in Nottingham and had entered for a forthcoming competition at Clay Cross. Some members will also be participating in the Norwich Lord Mayor's Procession this year.

Water Polo. No report.

Open Water. The East Region Championships (incorporating the Norfolk Championships) takes place at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 20 July. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the event please. County open water training has been taking place at Fritton Lake and 12 Norfolk swimmers have joined in so far. It is hoped to run a local open water officials course in the near future.

Disabled Swimming. No report.

Records. Nothing to report.

Trophies. Medals and county awards were provided for the County Masters gala. The number of trophies required for the forthcoming Open Water event and the Synchro competition need to be known please.

East Region. No report.

East Region Competitive Swimming. The organisation of future Youth and BAGCATS competitions has been discussed. Decisions are awaited. There will be a Don Neate (late Suffolk, East Region and ASA President) memorial trophy presented at the forthcoming East Region BAGCATS galas.

County Development. Details of two workshops to be held in Diss on Sunday 22 June were mentioned: these are 'Safeguard & Protecting Children' and 'Time to Listen'. Otherwise there was no report.

County Handbook. Most handbooks had been distributed at the County Relay Gala or posted out subsequently.

County Website. The website had been hacked and had had to be re-built! The website provider has been asked to ensure it is more secure.

Child Protection & Welfare. No report.

Press & PR. No report.

Membership. Nothing to report.

County Volunteer Co-ordinator. No report

28. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place on **Wednesday 3 September 2014** at Hewett School (Room A17).