

**NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.**  
**Executive Committee Meeting –Wednesday 3 September 2014 – Hewett School**

**PRESENT** Mrs M Tallwin (President), K Belton, (Treasurer), A.Smith (Asst. Secretary), P Kendall (President Elect), Mrs D Barratt, R Barratt, C Galer, A Lelean, Mrs S Lelean, S Murray, G Smith

**29. APOLOGIES** Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), Mrs E Bowen, G Garner, J Macdonald, D Peck, J. Peggall, Mrs K Woodhouse.

**30. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 3 JUNE 2014**

Agreed as a true record.

**31. MATTERS ARISING**

**22. Appointment of Officers.** Two posts, Press & PR Officer and County Volunteer Co-ordinator, remain vacant. In addition the post of Child Protection & Welfare Officer is also vacant following the resignation of Lauren Faragher.

**32. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Secretary reported on several items of correspondence some of which had been passed to the relevant county officers or circulated to clubs as appropriate. Other items are mentioned separately in these minutes.

**33. TREASURERS REPORT**

The accounts as at 31 August showed income of £45270.86 and expenditure of £36759.47 giving a surplus of £8511.39 on the year to date. Funds totalled £58533.01. As discussed at the Finance Sub Committee meeting, there are a number of expenditure items still to come in before the end of the financial year and this will reduce the surplus significantly.

**34. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to Katie Nesbitt (UEA City of Norwich) who won four gold medals (100m free, 50m free, 100m fly and 100m back) and one bronze medal (100m breast) in the S14 para swim category at the European Junior Championships in the Netherlands. Congratulations also to Oliver Kenny (UEA City of Norwich) who achieved an age group record representing GB at the S15 Deaf European Championships in Russia. And congratulations also to Pat Jackson (EAST): at the World Masters Championships in Canada, she had won the 200m fly and come third in the 100m fly in the 65-69 age group.

**35. MINUTES TO NOTE**

**(a) Competitions Sub Committee: Tuesday 15 July**

Minutes noted.

Once again due to the late arrival of gala details, this time relating to the National Inter Counties Championships Gala which are to take place on Sunday 19 October in Sheffield, the team selection had to be made on the basis of the previous year's gala format. Details have now very belatedly been received, the team selection has been finalised and replies are coming in from the swimmers. The other arrangements are now well in hand.

The fixture list for 2015 has been confirmed and the Championships Secretary is now proceeding to book pools and seek licences where appropriate. The consultation paper - 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) – has still not been agreed though an early announcement is now expected. The sub-committee agreed that, in view of the possibility of very late changes being announced now, 2015 should be regarded as a transition year as far as county events are concerned.

It has been agreed that the Three Counties Gala will take place on Sunday 14 December and will be hosted by Cambridgeshire. However the venue and other gala details have still not been confirmed.

The Competitions Secretary had provided a considered reply to a lengthy complaint from the parent of a swimmer selected for the East Region Inter Counties Gala at Basildon in July.

**(b) Finance Sub Committee: Wednesday 27 August**

Minutes noted.

It had been recommended that the affiliation fee should remain at £1.30 per member: this was agreed and will be formally proposed at the AGM. Event entries, admission charges and programme costs will remain unchanged. The budget for 2015 provides for a deficit of £1690.

### **36. REPORTS**

**Norfolk Junior League.** The League AGM was held as part of the July Competitions Sub Committee meeting. Some rule changes were discussed and agreed at the AGM: these allow for the inclusion of mixed relays, some interchange of swimmers between A and B teams, and swimming up. The wordings of the rule changes have been circulated to clubs for their endorsement. All the pools have been booked for 2015.

**Facilities.** There was nothing new to report.

**Officials Examinations.** Since the last meeting 2 candidates had successfully completed the JL1 course. New JL1, JL2 and JL2S courses took place in late June and early July. Provisionally a further JL1 course will take place on Saturday 15 November subject to there being sufficient applicants.

**Officials Liaison.** Thanks to all those officials who helped at the County Challenge galas.

**Masters.** The East Region Open Masters Championships will take place on Saturday 4 October at Newmarket. The National Masters Short Course Championships will take place in Sheffield on 24 – 26 October. The East Region Inter Counties Masters Gala will take place in Newmarket on Sunday 16 November.

**Synchro.** Details of recent competitions were reported. The appearance of some members in the Norwich Lord Mayor's Procession this year had led to several enquiries about synchro swimmer and some will come for a trial. A synchro coach from Lowestoft is now helping with synchro training in Norfolk. There is a vacancy for a Synchro Swimming Manager for East Region.

**Water Polo.** No report.

**Open Water.** The East Region Championships (incorporating the Norfolk Championships) took place at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 20 July. The event was well supported and well organised despite a few volunteers not turning up. However some severe weather later in the day caused a problem including one event having to be terminated before the heats had concluded and there had been some confusion relating to the results. A successful evacuation process had duly taken place. Trophies and medals had been handed out to successful Norfolk competitors where possible: in some cases others would be passed on to them later. Norfolk had received an invoice to cover the incorporation of its own championships within the event. Some age group and distance changes are expected in the future possibly from 2016.

**Disabled Swimming.** No report.

**Records.** Five records have been claimed by Jack Utting (3) and Nathan Wells (2). Details are on the website.

**Trophies.** Some trophies have recently been rededicated and used for the Open Water event. The County Relay trophy, which is worn out, is to be replaced by the former Past Presidents' Tray.

**East Region.** The East Region Annual Council Meeting will take place at Freckenham on Saturday 13 September. Clubs have been asked to send representatives. Details and responsibilities of county representatives on East Region groups have been circulated and a current list of Norfolk representatives has been forwarded to East Region. Nominees for various awards have been sought.

**East Region Competitive Swimming.** It was agreed that the East Region representative should convey to the East Region Chair Norfolk's view that any changes to general swimming arrangements for 2015 would now be far too late as pools have been booked, meets licensed and the training of swimmers within the age groups affected is already in hand

**County Development.** County open water training has been taking place at Fritton Lake and 32 swimmers from 5 Norfolk clubs have participated. The county is funding around half of the cost. Some swimmers have gone forward to compete in the East Region and the National Open Water Championships. It was agreed that the arrangement should continue into next year. Concern was expressed that Norfolk is not being represented on the East Region Development Group.

**County Handbook.** Some rule changes were suggested relating to county flashes (no longer awarded) and bronze, silver and gold awards (not mentioned). These changes along with the rewording of a rule following the 2013 AGM will be submitted to the Secretary.

**County Website.** Some additional security measures have been put in hand.

**Child Protection & Welfare.** No report.

**Press & PR.** No report.

**Membership.** It was noted that Little Fish SC has removed competitive swimming and squad training from its website. A press report has confirmed the closure of Fakenham SC following the closure of the local pool.

**County Volunteer Co-ordinator**. No report

**37. ARRANGEMENTS FOR AGM ON SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2014**

This will take place in Room A17 at the Hewett School at 2.30pm. Voting cards will be sent to clubs in accordance with the number of club members. Invitations and cards are not sent to individual members. The Secretary and Assistant Secretary will liaise over the documentation. Nominations for officers are to be with the Secretary one week before the AGM. Written reports from officers, to go in the Annual Report pack, are also to be with the Secretary by one week before the AGM please. Any proposed motions or changes to the rules need to be with the Secretary by 1 October latest.

**38. DATES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 2015**

It was agreed to continue to alternate quarterly meeting dates between Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The following dates were proposed and agreed:

Tuesday 2 December 2014, Wednesday 4 March 2015, Tuesday 2 June 2015, Wednesday 2 September 2015.

The AGM will be held at 2.30pm at the same venue on Sunday 29 November 2015.

The Assistant Secretary will book the room at the Hewett School for all these meetings.

**39. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place on **Tuesday 9 December 2014** at Hewett School (Room A17).