

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Executive Committee Meeting –Tuesday 9 December 2014 – Hewett School

PRESENT P Kendall (President), K Belton, (Treasurer), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), A.Smith (Asst. Secretary), Mrs K Woodhouse (President Elect), Mrs D Barratt, R Barratt, C Galer, G Garner, A Lelean, Mrs S Lelean, J Macdonald, A Moore, S Murray, Mrs M Tallowin

1. APOLOGIES K Rumsey (Chairman), A Bird, D Peck, J. Peggall, G Smith

2. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2014

Add Ben & Jo Banham to the list of apologies. Otherwise, agreed as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported on several items, some of which had been passed on to the relevant county officers or circulated to clubs as appropriate. There were also several exchanges of correspondence regarding a rule change.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts as at 30 November showed income of £80.00 and expenditure of £331.32 giving a deficit of £251.32 on the year to date. Funds totalled £55095.67. The AGM agreed to keep the affiliation fee at £1.30 per member. The subsidy relating to the National Inter Counties Championships had yet to be claimed. There had been no sales of T-shirts following the cancellation of the Three Counties Gala.

6. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Jessica Jane Applegate who had broken further S14 records during the Winter Championships at Luton. Also, congratulations to Pat Jackson (EAST) on her achievements at the National Masters Short Course Championships.

7. CO-OPTION & APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

(a) Co-option of Officers to the Executive Committee – there were none to co-opt.

(b) Election of Sub Committee Secretaries, Officials and Representatives (if not carried out at AGM)

The following posts were not filled at the AGM (apart from Diving and Lifesaving which are both inactive) were Child Protection & Welfare Officer, Press & PR Officer and County Volunteer Co-ordinator. A possible volunteer for the first of these posts was mentioned at the meeting and a second possible volunteer for the same post was also suggested immediately after the meeting.

(c) Membership of Sub Committees

<u>Sub Committee</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Committee</u>
Emergency	C Galer	A Smith, Mrs D McRoberts
Finance	A Smith	G Clark, K Belton
Masters	Mrs S Lelean	A Lelean, C Markwell, Mrs D Mattless

Synchro and Water Polo do not have committees as each discipline only has one active club. The membership of other sub committees is set out in the rules in the County Handbook.

8. MINUTES TO NOTE

(a) Competitions Sub Committee: Tuesday 21 October

Minutes noted. Despite many attempts by Norfolk to get the Three Counties Gala off the ground, it was eventually and very belatedly cancelled after Cambridgeshire, the hosts for 2014, tried to change first the date and then the rules. Suffolk withdrew as they would not agree to the rule changes and, despite a willingness by Norfolk to proceed, Cambridgeshire then cancelled the gala. As the hosts for 2015, Norfolk needs to decide with the other two counties if there is a desire to continue with this event before booking a pool and making the other arrangements.

Norfolk decided to adopt the new ASA arrangements for the County Championship and Age Group galas with immediate effect rather than treat 2015 as a transition year, except that, with pools already booked, the previously announced gala dates and venues will remain unchanged. The entry forms have now been sent to clubs along with qualifying times. It was pointed out that qualifying times should have been notified to clubs a lot earlier but it was accepted that, with the changes, it was a difficult task this year.

Looking ahead to the National Inter Counties Championships in Sheffield in October 2015, as requested the Team Manager had received quotes from several hotels in the city. One from the Holiday Inn Express looked to be the best (c. £2316) and the Team Manager sought permission to make the booking as the hotels soon get booked up for this event. This was agreed though some concerns were raised about the healthiness of the food, a problem raised a couple of years earlier. The Team Manager was asked to address this and report back at the forthcoming Competitions Sub Committee meeting.

9. REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League. Affiliation letters have been sent to competing clubs. The affiliation fee (£20) remains unchanged.

Facilities. No report.

Officials Examinations. Congratulations to Darren Peck on passing the Referee exam. A further JL1 course took place on Saturday 15 November at the UEA Sportspark attended by 15 candidates. Since the last meeting 7 candidates from earlier courses have successfully completed the JL1 course and 3 have completed the Starter course.

Officials Liaison. No report.

Masters. Norfolk had been well represented at the East Region Open Masters Championships in October at Newmarket. At the National Masters Short Course Championships in Sheffield in October, Norfolk swimmers won 5 gold medals: Pat Jackson won 4 of them in 200 & 400 IM, and 100 & 200 Fly, in her 65-69 age group and EAST won the 800 Free Relay. Norfolk finished in 2nd place in the East Region Inter Counties Masters Gala at Newmarket in November and was placed 12th out of 29 counties nationally. Louise Bush was 1st nationally in the 50 Breast in the 18-24 age group.

Synchro. A new East Region Synchro Manager has now been appointed. Otherwise it has been a quiet time.

Water Polo. No report.

Open Water. Currently looking at how swimmers will compete in the future under recently announced revised arrangements. But there will be no changes for the 2015 competition.

Disabled Swimming. East Region had yet to decide on the date and venue for its championships gala in 2015. It was noted that Suffolk holds its own county disability championships but it was felt that Norfolk did not have sufficient registered disability swimmers to make a similar event here viable. However there was some support for resurrecting something along the lines of the Swimability Gala as an open event involving non-registered swimmers. Clarification was given of the documentation that disability swimmers need to present to referees when competing in a gala.

Records. Seven new records have been claimed by Jack Utting (4), Isaac Kirby (2) and a Norfolk 4x50m Medley Relay team. Details are on the website.

Trophies. Some trophies will become redundant following the reduced number of age groups. A reminder was issued that trophies need to be back in good time please before the county championships. It was agreed that Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards should be inscribed with the winner's name before presentation. Clubs are to be asked to send 3 volunteers each to each county championship session to help with trophies and other off-poolside activities.

East Region. It was noted that Kevin Wray, the East Region Club Development Officer, is leaving his post this month. Any enquiries relating to Swim 21 are to be sent to Leanne Brace please.

East Region Competitive Swimming. Details of East Region Championship galas to be held in Luton and Norwich have been announced.

County Development. No report.

County Handbook. Rule changes agreed at the AGM will be incorporated into the 2015 handbook.

County Website. This is currently being updated with the rule changes (including those from the 2013 AGM which appear to have been overlooked).

Child Protection & Welfare. No report.

Press & PR. No report.

Membership. It is rumoured that Long Stratton Sharks SC is closing down. A report that that residual funds are to be used to set up a private swimming club in the town caused some concern.

County Volunteer Co-ordinator. No report

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place on **Wednesday 4 March 2015** at Hewett School (Room A17).