

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Executive Committee Meeting –Wednesday 4 March 2015 – Hewett School

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

11. APOLOGIES K Rumsey (Chairman), Mrs E Bowen, Mrs N Jessop, A Moore, J. Peggall

12. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2014

Agreed as a true record.

13. MATTERS ARISING

7b. Election of Officers & Representatives: Nicola Jessop had been nominated to fill the Child Protection & Welfare post. The meeting endorsed her appointment. The posts of Press & PR Officer and County Volunteer Co-ordinator remain unfilled.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary reported on several items. Proposed changes to the Great Yarmouth SC constitution had been referred to Chris Galer acting on behalf of East Region. East Region has provided a bursary for training coaching tutors. The situation regarding ASA and non-ASA swimmers training or swimming together was discussed and reference was made to the insurance implications. A very lengthy email had been received from a West Norfolk SC parent suggesting changes to the arrangements for the presentation of awards and emphasising the need for press coverage of Norfolk swimming. Poolside presentations had proved to be unpopular in the past, hence the alternative of awards being made in a room at the UEA Sportspark prior to the County Relay Gala. Norfolk ASA was still trying to find a suitable Press Officer. The Treasurer offered to draft a reply.

15. TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts as at 28 February showed income of £24839.18 and expenditure of £22002.83 giving a surplus of £2836.35 on the year to date. Funds totalled £61138.61. The amount paid for pool hire seemed high as some amounts had had to be paid in advance. Affiliation fees had been received from all clubs by the end of January prior to the start of the county championships gala (this date having been fixed to ensure that the clubs of all competitors had affiliated in the current year). However, as the dates of the galas will be earlier in future years, it was felt that the payment of fees by this early date would no longer be appropriate. It was agreed that, in future, fees should be collected by the ASA along with national and east regional fees by the end of March with Norfolk fees then being distributed back to the county. The subsidy (£1000) relating to the cost of attending the National Inter Counties Championships had been received. Suffolk ASA had paid £891.68 towards the cost of Norfolk running the joint long distance gala. A cheque for £3000 (believed to be the bulk of its residual funds) had been received from the now defunct Long Stratton Sharks SC with a proviso that it be used towards the support of potential Olympic swimmers who might not otherwise be able to afford the costs involved and any payments from the fund being agreed by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will ascertain how this sum might best be held and distributed.

It was agreed to purchase a new lap top computer, separate from the present one currently shared with and owned by one of the clubs, and software which is compatible with the East Region system. The total cost should not exceed £1000.

16. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Jessica Jane Applegate who had broken the world S14 100m butterfly record during the BUCS Long Course Championships at Sheffield.

Also, congratulations to UEA City of Norwich SC, representing the Eastern Junior Swimming League, which had finished in 5th place in the National Junior League Final: it was their first appearance in the final for a number of years.

17. MINUTES TO NOTE

Competitions Sub Committee: Tuesday 20 January

Minutes noted. Changes to the format and qualifying times for the Challenge Gala, following the changes made to the County Championship & Age Group galas, were left to be discussed by the club coaches during the county championship galas at Thetford. Final proposals will then be put to another sub-committee meeting later in March for agreement.

The East Region Inter Counties gala will take place on Sunday 5 July at Borehamwood, Hertfordshire.

The future of the Three Counties Gala, due to be hosted by Norfolk in 2015, has yet to be decided.

18. REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League. The final details of the first round galas have been sent to competing clubs. There are 10 teams (including two 'B' teams) participating.

Facilities. No report.

Officials Examinations. Since the last meeting 2 candidates have successfully completed the JL1 course and 3 have completed the JL2 course. Further JL1 and JL2 courses are planned to be held later in the year. New rules relating to the mentoring of trainee officials at galas had been announced.

Officials Liaison. An adequate number of officials had been provided for the current county championship galas though fewer than the usual number of Suffolk officials had come for the joint long distance meet. Some frustration was expressed at those officials who, having offered assistance, didn't then turn up at the galas. There had been some problems for officials with the high air temperature at Thetford during the first Sunday of the county championships and this matter has been taken up with the pool management. Officials are currently being sought for the County Relay Gala and will shortly be sought for the County Masters Gala (always a difficult one for which to get enough officials).

Masters. The UEA Sportspark pool has been booked on Saturday 16 May for the County & Open Masters Gala. Entry forms and details are on the websites. The Regional Age Group gala will take place at Newmarket on Saturday 3 October. The Inter Counties Competition will take place at Newmarket on Sunday 15 November.

Synchro. An East Region Skills Assessment Competition had taken place and had been attended by appropriate swimmers. A club display evening took place at Wymondham Pool on Sunday 1 March. Some swimmers will enter an East Region competition at the end of March.

Water Polo. No report.

Open Water. The distances for the 2015 East Region Open Water Championships (incorporating the Norfolk championships) at Whitlingham on Sunday 19 July are 800m for novices, 1500m for 12, 13 & 14 age groups, 3000m for 15& 16/17 combined age groups, and 5000m for 18 & 19+ age groups. It was noted that Norwich Swan are hosting an open water swim weekend structured course on 13 & 14 June: it was suggested that other clubs might do something along these lines. County open water training will be taking place again at Fritton Lake later in the year. Congratulations to Paul Kendall on being re-appointed by FINA as an international open water referee for the next four years. He has been invited to the world open water championships in Russia in August.

Disabled Swimming. East Region's championship gala will take place at Newmarket on Sunday 14 June preceded by a CPD for officials at a gala with disabled swimmers. The Swimability Gala has been booked at Norwich Riverside Pool on Saturday 4 July. The Treasurer will provide details of previous galas to Tony Moore for information.

Records. Some claims have been received and are currently being dealt with. There was then a discussion about records in the light of the change to age as at the end of the year (rather than at the date of the galas). It was suggested that this should be pursued, if necessary, at the forthcoming Competitions Sub Committee Meeting.

Trophies. A few new age group trophies have been provided.

East Region. Much of the most recent East Region meeting had been taken up with budget and strategy matters. Various points relating to individual disciplines are covered under the appropriate headings in these minutes.

East Region Competitive Swimming. The East Region Championship galas to be held on 23-25 May at the UEA Sportspark will clash with the Radio 1 Big Weekend in adjacent Earlham Park which is likely to cause traffic problems.

County Development. East Region is currently reviewing development plans for counties, but not Norfolk: so it is planned to arrange and hold a Development Sub Committee Meeting in the near future. The possibility of holding a Development Day in the middle of the year was also suggested.

County Handbook. The 2015 handbook will be published by the end of March.

County Website. Some of the handbook information also appears on the website which is also updated with the results from the county championship galas as they happen.

Child Protection & Welfare. No report.

Press & PR. No report.

Membership. A new club, Harleston Stingrays, has registered with the ASA.

County Volunteer Co-ordinator. No report

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place on **Tuesday 2 June 2015** at Hewett School (Room A17).