

**NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.**  
**Executive Committee Meeting –Tuesday 2 June 2015 – Hewett School**

**PRESENT** P Kendall (President), K Rumsey (Chairman), K Belton, (Treasurer), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), A.Smith (Asst. Secretary), Mrs K Woodhouse (President Elect), G Applin, Mrs D Barratt, R Barratt, C Galer, L Harvey, A Lelean, Mrs S Lelean, S Murray, A Moore, Mrs M Tallowin

**20. APOLOGIES** Mrs N Jessop, D Peck, J. Peggall, G Smith

**21. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2015**

Agreed as a true record.

**22. MATTERS ARISING**

**13. Election of Officers & Representatives:** Press & PR Officer and County Volunteer Co-ordinator posts remain unfilled.

**15.Purchase of Lap Top Computer:** This was done at a cost of £745 including software

**23. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Secretary reported on several items some of which are mentioned below. A further email had been received from a West Norfolk SC parent complimenting the County on an improved presentation of awards this year but stating that no reply had been received to the earlier email. The Secretary will arrange for a copy to be sent. The need for press coverage of Norfolk swimming remains a problem until the Press Officer post can be filled. It was agreed that views from individuals should be routed via the appropriate club representative and not sent direct to the Executive Committee.

**24. TREASURERS REPORT**

The accounts as at 31 May showed income of £35727.88 and expenditure of £28530.96 giving a surplus of £7196.92 on the year to date. Funds totalled £62474.65.

**25. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to Jessica Jane Applegate who had won the gold medal in the S14 category 200m freestyle at the British Paralympic Meet in Glasgow in March to qualify for the IPC World Championships in July.

Also, congratulations to Oliver Kenny on his selection for the S15 Deaf World Championships in Texas in August.

**26. MINUTES TO NOTE**

**Development Sub Committee: Thursday 7 May**

Minutes noted. This had been the first such meeting for two and a half years but it had been very poorly attended even though the intention was to benefit the clubs. The current rules do not allow for individual club representatives to attend, so it was agreed to seek an amendment to the rules at the AGM. A draft Development Plan was discussed and it was agreed that a working group should finalise and cost the plan for presentation to the Executive Committee.

**Competitions Sub Committee: Tuesday 24 March**

Minutes noted. Final arrangements for the County Challenge Gala were agreed. Dianne Barrett has liaised with Dereham, the host club, over the arrangements. There were problems in agreeing a Fixture List for 2016 and a group of coaches agreed to meet before the County Relay Gala to discuss their preferences.

**Competitions Sub Committee: Tuesday 12 May**

Minutes noted. A team was selected for the East Region Inter Counties gala on Sunday 5 July at Borehamwood, Herts. The probable closure of the UEA Sportspark pool for some 2 months late in 2015 or early 2016 (but no dates yet announced) was causing uncertainty in regard to the Fixture List for 2016 though a provisional list was agreed except that the date for the County Masters Championship has now been brought forward to Saturday 7 May due to a clash with the European Championships. **(Please note change of date)**. It had been agreed to arrange a new County Qualifying Licence Level 3 Gala starting in 2015 (pool yet to be decided but weekend of 25 & 26 November preferred). Norfolk agreed to enter the Junior Inter Counties Gala for the first time in 2016: (this is scheduled to be held at Luton on Sunday 18 September). The future of the Three Counties Gala, due to be hosted by Norfolk in 2015, had still yet to be decided (but see below).

**27. REPORTS**

**Norfolk Junior League.** At final round galas on Saturday 25 April, UEA City of Norwich won the Copeman Cup at Wymondham and Dereham Otters won the Christine Clark Cup at Thetford. The League AGM will again be incorporated in the July Competitions Sub Committee Meeting.

**Facilities.** No report.

**Officials Examinations.** Since the last meeting 5 candidates have successfully completed the JL1 course and 3 have completed the JL2 course. Further JL1 and JL2 courses are to commence on Saturday 27 June and a JL2S course will

commence on Tuesday 23 June. Contemporary Issues and FINA Rules Update Courses have also been arranged for 27 June. Two candidates took the Referee exam in May and the results are keenly awaited.

**Officials Liaison.** Officials are currently being sought for the County Challenge Gala.

**Masters.** A very successful County & Open Masters Gala took place on Saturday 16 May at the UEA Sportspark. Entries were higher than the previous year. Thanks to all the officials and helpers. The Regional Age Group gala takes place at Newmarket on Saturday 3 October. The Inter Counties Competition takes place at Newmarket on Sunday 15 November.

**Synchro.** Some swimmers entered the East Region routines competition in March and another competition in Nottingham in May. Several swimmers were in the East Region talent squad trials. Financial support for a coach taking the Synchro Level 2 course was sought: (this is covered in the Development Plan budget later).

**Water Polo.** No report.

**Open Water.** County open water training, subsidised by Norfolk ASA, has re-commenced at Fritton Lake. The East Region Championships (incorporating the Norfolk Championships) take place at Whitlingham Broad on Sunday 19 July. The ASA President has been invited. It had been suggested that, if a county provides a suitable number of volunteers, fees might be waived. A Regional Development Camp, with indoor (50m), open water and land training, might be held in Norfolk.

**Disabled Swimming.** The East Region Championships 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 Junior & Youth Disability Championships, where entrants previously joined a regional team, might alter to being an open competition: views were being sought.

**Records.** Four records had been claimed so far this year.

**Trophies.** Open Water trophies need to be returned to the Trophies Secretary please. It was agreed that no trophies should be provided for the County Qualifying Gala.

**East Region.** The new ASA Chief Executive had attended the recent East Region meeting. A move to larger premises within the Kentford complex was being considered to enable more courses to be held there.

**East Region Competitive Swimming.** The East Region Winter Championship gala, which was to be held at the UEA Sportspark on 6 – 8 November, has been switched to Luton in view of the uncertainty about the UEA pool closure.

**County Development.** The revised plan was distributed at the meeting but not discussed in detail. The budget of £8770 was agreed by all but one of those present. It was proposed that the plan should be presented to the committees of each club to explain the intentions. The possibility of holding a County Conference towards the end of the year was proposed.

**County Handbook.** The 2015 handbook had been published and distributed at the end of March.

**County Website.** Minutes of county meetings are added to the site regularly.

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

**Press & PR.** No report.

**Membership.** New club, Harleston Stingrays, wishes to enter some galas: clubs were asked to ensure they are invited.

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

## **28. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Concern was expressed that no club representatives had been present at this meeting.

Concern was also expressed about the poor behaviour of the swimmers of Norfolk's largest club during the recent East Region Championships. The President will write to the Club Chairman setting out the concerns.

Concern was also expressed that UEA City of Norwich had moved a forthcoming licensed open meet to a weekend already filled by the Dereham Otters' well established and popular Level 3 Icen Gala.

Despite the matter arising at the last two Competitions Sub Committee meetings, no liaison had taken place with other counties about the Three Counties Gala. The President had discussed the gala informally with officers from Norfolk (John Digby), Suffolk (Dave Robinson) and Cambridgeshire (Paula Durrant) during the recent East Region Championships. All three counties are keen that the gala should take place in much the same format as previously and that Norfolk should be the next host but there was a preference to move the gala to March (and 6 March was suggested). The possibility of a long course gala, Level 3, at the UEA Sportspark was suggested as a permanent venue with the counties hosting there in turn. Gary Smith was invited to liaise with the other counties urgently as they need to know before the end of June.

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