

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.
Executive Committee Meeting –Wednesday 2 March 2016 – Hewett Academy

PRESENT Mrs K Woodhouse (President), K Rumsey (Chairman), Mrs D McRoberts (Secretary), K Belton, (Treasurer), A.Smith (Asst. Secretary), G Applin, Mrs D Barratt, R Barratt, Mrs E Bowen, C Galer, L Harvey, A Lelean, Mrs S Lelean, S Murray, Mrs C Rose, Mrs M Tallowin, Mrs N Warnes, Mrs D Wright

11. APOLOGIES, J Digby, A Moore, D Peck, J Peggall

The President then reported with deep regret that Past President, Roger Caton (1995) had died recently and that, sadly, the current Vice President, Warwick Thompson, had also died in February.

12. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2015

Agreed as a true record.

13. MATTERS ARISING

7b. Election of Officers, etc. Volunteers had come forward to fill two vacant County posts. Cheryl Rose had volunteered to become the Competitions Secretary & Team Manager. Nikki Miller had volunteered to fill the post of Child Protection and Welfare Officer. Both appointments were endorsed by the committee. Their contact details are:

Cheryl Rose maples.end@hotmail.co.uk;
Nikki Miller nikki.claire.miller@gmail.com;

The Press & PR post remains vacant. The requirements of the post were discussed in the hope that a volunteer might now come forward. The post of County Volunteer Coordinator also remains unfilled.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Various emails and other correspondence had been forwarded to the appropriate officers or to the clubs for information.

15. TREASURERS REPORT

The accounts as at 29 February showed income of £25466.81 and expenditure of £27477.77 giving a deficit of £2010.96 on the year to date. Funds totalled £52816.83. The earlier dates for the County Championship galas made the accounts look somewhat different than at this time last year. Large stock purchases had been made particularly due to the forthcoming Three Counties Gala. The high level of entry monies was partly due to the early entries to the all day Masters gala.

16. CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Jessica Jane Applegate for breaking the S14 World Long Course Records in 100m freestyle and 100m butterfly at the National Para Championships in Manchester, and in the 800m freestyle at the BUCS Championships in Sheffield. Congratulations also to UEA City of Norwich SC for reaching the final of the National Arena Junior League Finals for the second year running and finishing in 7th place in a closely fought contest.

17. MINUTES TO NOTE: COMPETITIONS SUB COMMITTEE – TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2016

Minutes noted.

Arrangements for the Three Counties Gala had finally been made and teams selected.

Some changes had been suggested and needed to be made in respect of the County Qualifier Gala.

The hotel booking still needs to be confirmed for the National Inter Counties Gala at Sheffield in October 2016. The Treasurer now has this in hand.

18 REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League. Details and the revised draw for the 2016 competition have been distributed to clubs. The first round on Saturday 19 March will take place at Dereham and Thetford (the latter venue replacing Wymondham where building work still continues, but Norwich Swan will still host the gala). Wymondham Pool is currently still booked for the final round. Any decision on the possible switching of the venue will be made nearer the time.

Facilities. Nothing to report.

Officials Examinations. Judge Level 1 and parallel Timekeeper courses had taken place at the UEA Sportspark on Saturday 9 January and they had been well attended. Since the last meeting two JL1 and seven JL2 candidates have successfully completed their courses. Congratulations to Bernie Whitbourn on passing the written Referee Exam: His final assessment is due to take place shortly.

Officials Liaison. Thanks to the large number of officials who worked at the County Championship Galas. Officials have been appointed for the forthcoming Three Counties Gala.

Masters. The Norfolk Masters Championship and Open Gala will now take place as a full day event on Saturday 7 May at the UEA Sportspark (as agreed at the Competitions Sub Committee Meeting in January). An encouraging number of entries has already been received. It was reported that Dereham Otters now have a Masters section.

Synchro. Several members have qualified as basic judges. The swimmers are currently in training for the forthcoming East Region figures competition.

Water Polo. No report.

Open Water. The East Region Open Water Development Camp takes place at Basildon on Saturday 5 March. The open water training at Fritton Lake will re-start on 29 May with 12 weeks booked including a 1500m swim as part of a triathlon competition on 19 June. There will be a break for the East Region championships at Whitlingham Broad on 17 July. In 2015 Norfolk County ASA paid £725 towards training which comprised 191 swims over a 14 week period. A request has been received from Suffolk County ASA for their swimmers to join in the training at Fritton with an offer from them to 'pay their way'. No objections were made to this proposal.

Disabled Swimming. No report.

Records. Two new county records were reported.

Trophies. Thanks to all those who helped with trophies throughout the county championships. A new company has been engaged to provide medals for the County Challenge Galas. New shirts for officials with the county badge displayed on them were 'modelled' by a select few officials during the county championship galas at Thetford. A stock will be ordered. A suitable memorial trophy in respect of Warwick Thompson was suggested.

East Region. East Region ASA are organising a Level 1 coaching course. There are also requirements for Level 2 and 3 coaching courses. It was reported that Karen Pinniger has also recently advertised Level 1 & 2 coaching courses (possibly supported by the IOS?).

East Region Competitive Swimming. Regional Galas have been arranged for dates in April and May (see Competitions Sub Committee minutes). Some changes have been made to the age groups and 'consideration' times have been introduced (see the East Region website for details). East Region is looking for a Trophies Manager..

County Development. Following a Development Sub Committee meeting in May 2015, an action plan was distributed at the June 2015 Executive Meeting and a budget of £8770 agreed. It had been proposed to put the plan to the clubs though no further action was taken at the time. Then, at the December 2015 Executive meeting it had been agreed that the Development Committee should comprise the Development Officer (Darren Peck) and three nominated members. A get-together with club representatives took place during the County Championship galas at Thetford in February 2016. It was now proposed and agreed that the three nominated members should be Chris Galer, Stewart Murray and Keith Belton, and that the plan should now be taken forward to include more detailed discussions with the clubs.

County Website. Results from the county championship galas were put onto the website promptly once an initial Vodaphone software problem had been resolved. The revised county rules have also been added to the website.

Child Protection & Welfare. No report.

Press & PR. No report.

County Volunteer Co-ordinator. No report

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The position of the now vacant President Elect post was raised. **Those present were invited to submit suggestions to the President who will report back at the Executive Meeting in June.**

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place on **Tuesday 7 June 2016** at Hewett Academy.