

NORFOLK COUNTY A.S.A.

Executive Committee Meeting –Tuesday 6th March 2018 – Hewett Academy

PRESENT: Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records), C Galer (Emergency Committee), P Kendall (Open Water), A Lelean (Website), Mrs S Lelean (Masters), S Murray (East Region), A Smith (Officials Exams), Mrs M Tallwin (Synchro), Mrs N Warnes (West Norfolk SC), Mrs K Woodhouse (Norwich Swan SC).

11. APOLOGIES G Applin (Officials Liaison), Mrs J Banham (President), K Belton (Treasurer), Mrs J Blackwell (City of Norwich SC), J Digby (Norwich Swan SC), Mrs J Grimes (Diss Otters SC), Mrs C Rose (Competitions), K Rumsey (Chairman), Mrs T Spinner (Hon. Secretary).

12. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2017

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

13. MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

A message had been received about the closure of the Hunstanton Sea Eagles SC following the departure of the coach. The pool time will transfer to West Norfolk SC which will provide coaching for the club swimmers there and any club assets will also pass on to West Norfolk SC within the next two months.

15. TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts as at 28 February showed income of £38076.24 and expenditure of £30154.32 giving a surplus of £7921.92 on the year to date. The main large items of income and expenditure related to the recent County Championship and County Development galas. Funds totalled £58318.06.

16 CURRENT SWIMMERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Jordan Catchpole (S14) of City of Norwich SC who won a silver medal in 100m backstroke and a bronze medal in 100m butterfly at the Para Swimming World Series Competition in Copenhagen.

17. MINUTES OF COMPETITIONS SUB COMMITTEE – TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2018

Minutes noted. A further meeting to discuss the issues raised about the county championship galas was postponed on Tuesday 27 February due to adverse weather and is now scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13 March.

18 .REPORTS

Norfolk Junior League. The first round galas are due to take place on Saturday 24 March at Wymondham and Dereham with five teams, including two 'B' teams, in each gala. Details have been distributed to all the clubs.

Facilities. No report.

Officials Examinations. Since the last meeting a JL2 course had taken place at the UEA Sportspark on 13 January and a JL1 course had taken place at the UEA Sportspark on 10 February. It is hoped to arrange a JL2S (Starter) course shortly. FINA Rules Update 2017 courses have taken place at each club and also at the County Conference and during the County Championships Galas with 110 qualified or trainee officials attending this mandatory course. Thanks to Chris Galer, Stewart Murray and Keith Belton for arranging and presenting these courses. Assessments since the last meeting - 4 JL1 passes, 2 JL2 passes and 1 JL2S pass.

Officials Liaison. There had been an overwhelming response for officials for the County Championship galas but there had only just been a sufficient number of officials for the County Development (Warwick Thompson Memorial) Galas.

Masters. Entries are coming in steadily for the Norfolk County Masters on Saturday 19th May - more officials are needed (offers of help direct to Sally Lelean please). Four Norfolk ladies won bronze team medals in a 'decathlon' competition held in East Region over a 12 month period with best swims in 10 events in various categories. The East Region Masters Development Day is due to be held at Basildon on 7th April.

Synchro. Two ladies qualified as Synchro Level 1 judges. Other officials had attended an update course. An East Region grading day took place in February. Norwich Synchro still has a waiting list of swimmers wishing to join the club.

Water Polo. No report.

Open Water. Further to the discussion at the previous meeting about the use of facilities at Fritton Lake, an offer from the owner of moving training to Friday evenings had been rejected as not being feasible for many of the swimmers. It was proposed to continue with training on Sundays, provisionally 10 weeks starting in May, with a flat payment of £150 per day to cover 2 hours water availability and 1.5 hours of coaching plus necessary lifeguarding. The flat rate would be paid regardless of the number of swimmers attending and an agreed fee would be collected from each swimmer and reimbursed to Norfolk County ASA. It was proposed that up to £2000 be set aside for this purpose and this was agreed by almost all those present with just one abstention. Fritton Lake had also offered to provide a development group for 8-12 year olds on Friday evenings, run a competition for all swimmers in August and allow the facility to be booked by individual clubs for their own use.

More people are needed to train as open water officials and a course can be organised locally if just a handful of people come forward. A short Open Water FINA Rules Update 2017 course can also be held locally for existing officials on request.

Disability Swimming. The annual Swimability Gala is scheduled to take place on 7th July - more details to follow.

Records. Nothing to report.

Trophies. A lot of medals had been ordered on the expectation of them being needed for all finalists in the county galas before the decision had been reached that only the top three places would receive medals. So there are plenty of medals left available for future galas.

County Website. Updated with the results of the recent county galas, otherwise not much activity at present.

County Development. The Development Group comprises Darren Peck (County Development Officer), Keith Belton, Chris Galer and Stewart Murray, and they have been visiting all the clubs to establish their development needs. Chris Searle (Dereham Coach) has been invited to join the group as coaching representative.

It is planned to hold development sessions at Dereham hosted by Fred Furniss on 12 May, 8 September and 24 November with a talk to swimmers followed by a 2 hour pool session. Two male and two female (possible regional level) swimmers from each club to be nominated.

Kevin Pickard addressed coaches at a get together during the county championship on strength and conditioning courses for coaches and other suitable club representatives. The cost would be £400 per person and the county would fund part of the cost.

The funding of Level 3 coaching courses by the county, if suitable applicants can be matched to available course places, was mentioned.

East Region. At the recent meeting, the rebranding to 'Swim England East Region' was agreed. Various initiatives were discussed including regional talent camps, coaching forums, and the development of 11 year old swimmers focusing on personality and stature as well as speed. It was hoped to take a regional squad to the Greek Nationals in June. Counties had been asked to recommend volunteers for regional awards.

East Region Competitive Swimming. No report.

Child Protection & Welfare. No report.

Press & PR. No report.

County Volunteer Co-ordinator. No report.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

General Data Protection Record (GDPR) laws are due to be implemented at the end of May. This should be an agenda item at the next Executive meeting, by which time more information should be available, please.

The next meeting of the County Executive will take place **on Wednesday 6th June 2018** at Hewett Academy.