



NORFOLK COUNTY ASA

Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – Zoom

PRESENT: G Applin (President), K Rumsey (Chairman), Mrs K Woodhouse (Secretary), K Belton (Treasurer), Mrs J Ashley (Synchro), N Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records), R Every (County Coach), Mrs C Fasey (Thetford), M Flood (Thetford), Mrs J Grimes (Diss), P Kendall (Past President), S Murray (Past President), M Ogden (Dereham), S Riches (Norwich Swan), Mrs C Rose (Competitions), S Rose (Press & PR), J Salmon (Norwich Swan), A Smith (Past President), Mrs T Spinner (City of Norwich SC), Sue Lyons (Gt Yarmouth). Jo Smith(GT Yarmouth).

29. APOLOGIES: Mrs E Bowen (Inter Club Gala), C Galer (Officials Training), , L Harvey (Championship), D Peck (Development), Sarah (NNV).

30. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING – Tuesday 16th June 2020

S Riches was added as present.

23. MATTERS ARISING

None

24. CORRESPONDENCE

- Various circulars/newsletters from Swim England
- Swim England East Region notification of ACM on 12th September 2020.

25. TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions for the Treasurer.

35. Minutes of Finance Sub Committee – Friday 14th August 2020

The minutes were ratified.

The Treasurer explained the thinking behind the two budget proposals for 2020-21.

Scenario 1 County Championships (worst case): pool hire 25% more to allow for social distancing, increased cleaning etc; medals purchase needed; no income from spectators, swim shops or from Suffolk ASA; reduced entries anticipated; no Warwick Thompson but Masters and Challenge may be possible. Deficit of up to £22, 119 anticipated.

Scenario 2 No County Championships (best case): no income from County Championships but no associated costs either. Deficit of £8, 619 anticipated.

NB. Whether we hold a County Championships will be down to Swim England/Government policy. It is not a decision NCASA can make.

The Treasurer proposed a reduced affiliation fee for 2020-21. Income from affiliations would be about £21 if we charge a rate of 1p per member (all categories) instead of the usual £1.30. The Treasurer was proposing this as swimmers had reduced swimming in 2020 and would likely have swimming disrupted into 2021. This would also help clubs in financially challenging times. An affiliation of £0.01 per member was agreed unanimously.

There will be no costs incurred from face to face talent camps for 11 year olds.

The Treasurer explained that the Restricted Fund was money given to the County when Long Stratton SC disbanded with the proviso that the money should be used to help disadvantaged swimmers with Olympic or Para potential. The Sport England launched the "Active Together Fund" crowd funding scheme so that potentially clubs could double any money they raised. It was suggested that clubs who joined this scheme could apply to the County for a grant to the maximum value of the affiliation fees they would have paid. This would equate to £1.29

per swimmer. If this money was paid into the crowd funding scheme, clubs could potentially double this money too. The County would expect assurances that the money would be used to help with short term costs (e.g. pool hire etc.) and not as a bail-out to keep a failing club afloat for another month or two.

Unfortunately the meeting learned that applications for the crowd funding scheme had closed. Therefore all clubs should be encouraged to apply whether they had joined the scheme or not so that no club would be disadvantaged. Applications should be sent to Darren Peck peckdarren@aol.com with a short explanation as to what use the money would be used for. The President, Chair and Secretary would make up a panel to decide if a club met the criteria set. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Although GB Swimmer Q&A Sessions had been requested by clubs, the advice from East Region is that not only are elite swimmers very busy trying to get back to swimming themselves any advice they were to give swimmers might inadvertently go against what the SE Talent Programme was trying to achieve. All the SE talent programme presentations have been made available to the County Coach to share with swimmers so it seems a better idea to circulate these files to clubs so that all swimmers can benefit not just the previously selected 11 year olds. The Secretary will send out all the information to clubs.

Rui Rodrigues has offered to help both the County and clubs with strength and conditioning if required. There would be a cost involved. The County could offer financial support to individual clubs to help fund some S&C sessions via the Development Fund. Please contact Darren Peck peckdarren@aol.com to apply. T Spinner said CONSC also had an S&C coach who may be able to help.

36. Actions from the Finance Sub-Committee Meeting

See item 35.

37. Arrangements for the AGM - Wednesday 25th November 2020

It was agreed to host the AGM virtually using Zoom. This would hopefully encourage better attendance. The Secretary asked that all those who usually submit reports send them to her as word documents. Similarly could all those with official roles in the County please confirm if they wish to continue or not as soon as possible.

38. REPORTS

None

39. DATES FOR NCASA EXECUTIVE MEETINGS 2020-21

Tuesday 8th December 2020

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Tuesday 1st June 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021

AGM - Wednesday 24th November 2021

All meeting will be held remotely via Zoom.

40. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Funding for L1 as well as L2/3 coaching courses (all disciplines) will now be considered. Although applications are usually only considered in advance of the course start date, candidates that have recently started a course will be considered and are encouraged to apply using the forms sent out recently by the Secretary. The forms should be returned to the Treasurer. Please note the money will be paid to the club concerned to be passed on to the individual.

The East Region ACM is on September 12th. Clubs are encouraged to send attendees particularly as it is intended to turn into a company members' forum. This will also mean changes as to how the County is represented at regional level.

Dereham Pool will not open in November as previously expected and may not open until the New Year. This could have serious implications for the long term survival of the club as it had already lost a good proportion of their members. M Ogdin thanked all the clubs for their help.

Dereham (and indeed all clubs) are encouraged to complete Swim England and East Region surveys so that a clear picture of pool closures and what is happening across the Country can be assessed. It is vitally important that swimming's voice is heard.

The Chair asked all clubs to keep in regular contact and welcomes both emails and phone calls.