



NORFOLK COUNTY ASA
Executive Committee Meeting –Wednesday 1st September 2021

PRESENT: K Rumsey (Chairman), K Belton (Treasurer), Mrs K Woodhouse (Secretary), (Officials Training), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records), L Harvey (Championship Secretary), Mrs J Grimes (Diss), P Kendall (Past President), A Lelean (Website), Mrs S Lyons (Gt Yarmouth), S Murray (Past President) , I Patterson (City of Norwich), D Peck (Development), Mrs C Rose (President Elect), S Rose (West Norfolk), J Salmon (Norwich Swan), Mrs T Spinner (City of Norwich),

28. APOLOGIES: G Applin (President), Mrs S Buchan (North Norfolk Vikings), M Ogden (Dereham), D Peck (Development), S Rose (West Norfolk),

29. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 1st June 2021

The minutes were accepted as a true record:

30. MATTERS ARISING

None.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

Loddon White Dolphins – asking for help to find a new teacher.

Swim England East Region – requesting information on 2022 affiliation fees.

Swim England East Region – Confirming that the ER Masters Championships will go ahead. NB Masters correspondence is being sent to the Secretary until a new County Masters Secretary is found.

Swim England East Region – Minutes from the inaugural meeting of the Forum for County Chairs and Secretaries. (Future Meetings 22nd September 2021. 13 December 2021, 16th March 2022).

Swim England Leadership Group – feedback concerning the 2021 National Team Championships cancellation.

Pat Hollis (Past President) – Following her death, Kay Starling's Past President's badge has been passed back to the County in the hope that a future Past President may feel honoured to have it. This has happened in the past e.g. Sid Day's badge was awarded to Richard Belson.

32. TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance sheet had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

There has been little movement since the last balance sheet was produced. Income is mainly from affiliations and Open Water fees. Expenditure includes course support and grants back to clubs. Zoom fees and insurance premiums have also been paid.

The Budget for the coming year had also been circulated. This is the best estimate after all financial considerations have been taken into account.

- Galas – this allows for the County Championships, Challenge and Warwick Thompson but does not include the Norfolk Masters Meet and the Junior/Senior Inter-Club Gala as these have no intended dates.
- Affiliation Fees- One penny per member.
- A budget for Open Water training has been included.

33. AFFILIATION FEES

The Treasurer proposed that the affiliation fee remains at 1p per member. Course Support has been removed from the Budget as this equates to roughly the same amount collected in fees before they were reduced. Instead of charging fees at a higher rate and clubs claiming for training courses, the money would be retained by clubs to spend on courses or to do with as they wish.

Applications for course support will still be honoured up until 31st October 2021. Applications after this date will be considered until the spent and committed money in the current budget (£3000) is used. The Development Group will look at the application process but it will initially be on the same basis as the current scheme.

Development camps and sending County teams to competitions would be unaffected they can be funded by surpluses on galas.

The affiliation fee of 1p was approved.

34. VACANCIES AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

Filling vacancies (Masters Secretary, County Coach, Team Manager/Competitions Secretary) has proved problematic as everyone's energy has been focussed on getting back to training.

- County Coach: Bethany Coombs (Level 3 coach with a degree in Physical education) was put forward as County Coach. Beth swam with CONSC and currently coaches with them. Agreed.
- Masters Secretary: Several people have been approached but so far no one has stepped forward. The Norfolk Masters Meet usually held in May is therefore unlikely to go ahead. The gala is best organised by a sub-committee to share the work load with the Masters Secretary at the helm.
- Team Manager/Competitions Secretary: Still vacant.

35. FIXTURE LIST

22nd/23rd January 2022 – County Championships – Sportspark UEA – Long Distance Events (Including Suffolk)
5th/6th February 2022 – County Championships – Sportspark UEA –
12/13th February 2022 – County Championships – Sportspark UEA - (relays, skins and presentations in final session).

The fixture list is a work in progress with the Warwick Thompson and Challenge galas to be added.

36. CURRENT SWIMMERS' and MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Jessica-Jane Applegate – represented Team GB at the Tokyo Paralympics winning a gold medal in the S14 mixed relay and a bronze in the 200m freestyle.

Mwaba Mkwasa – East Region record in the S8 100m backstroke.

Olivier Vedrenne and **Molly Monk** top the National leader-board for their age, both in the 100m and 200m breaststroke, following the East Region Festival of Swimming.

Congratulations to all.

37. AGM

The AGM will take place on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 7pm. The meeting will be held on Zoom.

The Secretary requested that all those in role consider whether they wish to continue and inform her of their intentions as soon as possible. Reports should be submitted promptly please. Reminders will be sent.

38. REPORTS

Open Water: The County was thanked for its continued financial support of the open water training programme. The first two sessions were well attended but the second two sessions were not. It is expected that with renewed focus post pandemic and with an East Region Championships to aim for, attendance will improve in 2022. West Norfolk had run some sessions for their members closer to home as the distance to the Whitlingham training venue was prohibitive to many. **Action: Development Committee/Open Water Secretary to look at expanding to other venues across the County to increase accessibility for all.**

The British Swimming Masters Open Water Championship is going ahead on 4th September.

39. DATES OF FUTURE NCASA MEETINGS

AGM: Wed 24th November 2021/

Executive: Tues 7th December 2021, Wed 9th March 2022, Tues 7th June 2022, Wed 7th September 2022.

Competitions Sub-Committee: Wed 6th October 2021 (moved from Tues 5th October).

AGM 2022: Wed 23rd November 2022

All meetings will be held remotely via Zoom

40. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Records – there is a form for claiming County records on the website or claimants may email Robin Barrett direct. Records swum whilst abroad may be claimed as long as the time may be verified on that country's rankings.
- John Rushmer, who at one time had been the Norfolk representative on the Regional Swimming Committee, sadly passed away at the end of August.