



NORFOLK COUNTY ASA
Executive Committee Meeting - Wednesday 9th March 2022

PRESENT: K Rumsey (Chairman), K Belton (Treasurer), Mrs K Woodhouse (Secretary), Mrs J Davis (Masters), C Galer (Officials Training), L Harvey (Championship Secretary), P Kendall (Past President), A Lelean (Website), Mrs S Lyon (GT Yarmouth), S Murray (Past President), I Patterson (City of Norwich), Ms M Phoenix (Press & PR), S Riches (Norwich Swan), S Rose (West Norfolk), A Smith (Past President).

11. APOLOGIES: G Applin (President), Mrs D Barrett (Trophies), R Barrett (Records), Mrs S Buchan (North Norfolk Vikings), Miss B Coombs (County Coach), D Peck (Development), Mrs A Riches (Team Manager), Mrs C Rose (President Elect), Mrs T Spinner (Volunteers Coordinator).

12. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 7th December 2021

- Nathan Wells was added to the list of County Records broken at the Swim England Winter Championships in December. He broke the Senior Men's 50m and 100m backstroke records. The minutes were accepted as a true record:

13. MATTERS ARISING

- Clubs were reminded that the County still needs a welfare officer and representatives were asked to go back to their clubs and ask if there were any willing volunteers amongst their membership.
- The meeting was reminded that members/swimmers achievements should be reserved for only the most outstanding achievements such as international selection or breaking National Records. Whilst it was extremely gratifying to see so many Norfolk swimmers at the Winter Nationals, this was best celebrated at club level. County records should be dealt with in the Record Officer's Report.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Swim England East Region – The Inter-County Masters will be at Braintree on 13th November 2022.

Swim England East Region – Notification of a Master's Development Day on 27th March 2022.

Swim England East Region – Notification of Swim Mark accredited Clubs. No East Region Clubs have been suspended.

Swim England East Region – Notice of the County Chairs/Secretaries' Zoom Forum on 16th March 2022.

Swim England Safeguarding Team – Asking if we have appointed a County Welfare Officer and for their contact details.

Mr Wells - Asking why the County records Nathan had broken at the Winter Nationals had not been minuted (see amendment above). The Secretary explained at the time of writing she had not been informed that he had broken any.

Rob Wicks (Chair Norwich Swan) - Thanking the County for enabling the County Championships to proceed this year in the wake of the tragic drowning accident at the Sportspark.

15. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer explained that there was no balance sheet to present to the meeting. This was because all the figures would be skewed due to refunds on County Championships entry fees, pool hire, catering etc. A more accurate and account will be produced at the end of the month once all the jobs have been done and refunds sorted out. This will make for a more meaningful comparison to 2021.

16. MINUTES OF THE COMPETITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE - Tuesday 18th January 2022
- Tuesday 1st March 2022

Both sets of minutes were ratified.

- **The County Championships** had been postponed and eventually took place with a revised schedule on 26th/27th February. The Working Party were thanked for their work behind the scenes with Liam in

particular working hard to ensure the Championships went ahead. The weekend ran smoothly. Refunds will be issued as soon as the Treasurer has all the data on withdrawals from the meet manager system especially as the Friday evening session was cancelled at the last minute. Five Clubs have so far responded to a request to check their withdrawals so that these can be referenced against the data. There has been one race result query to review. Clubs were thanked for their patience.

- **Planning for both the Warwick Thompson and Challenge galas** is underway. Both galas will run to a new schedule which will include a Saturday afternoon session (due to swimming lessons at the venues) and all day Sunday. The closing date for the Challenge Gala will be 20th May, the day before the Warwick Thompson Gala, should mean that few swimmers will be able to swim the same event at both galas. **Clubs are requested to encourage all qualifying swimmers to enter the galas.**
- **The Relay Gala** will go ahead later this season if a consensus date can be agreed. L Harvey to canvass and the Secretary to follow up.
- **A proposed County Short Course Championships** will not take place in 2022 but could be considered again in the future.
- **The Inter-Club Gala** will be included in the programme for 2023.
- **The Fixture List for 2022-3** will be firmed up by the end of this season and will be the focus of discussion at the next Competitions Meeting on 5th July.

17. DISCUSSION ON WHETHER TO CHANGE TO "SWIM ENGLAND NORFOLK."

Although there is no compulsion to change from Norfolk ASA to Swim England Norfolk, Counties are being encouraged to consider this.

It was agreed that any name change would go hand in hand with an upgrade to the County Constitution and the website.

There is a long list of rules set out by Swim England when considering a rebranding and what we can and can't do for example we would have to embrace the recognised logos, colours, specified fonts etc to fit in with the national structure. The County constitution is in urgent need of revision before this year's AGM. Rebranding would not be without cost specifically to medals, logos, website and kit. This would need researching in detail before we can decide whether to proceed or not. Not all counties in the region have changed their name. A working party will be set up to consider all aspects of a name change. C Galer declared a conflict of interest as he deals with all club/county constitutions at regional level and is working with Swim England advising on robust club constitutions. It was agreed that the Working Party should include C Galer, M Phoenix, K Belton, S Rose and I Patterson. It is hoped that the Working Party will be able to report back to the next Executive giving time for an updated constitution (whether we rebrand or not) to be presented at the September Executive in readiness for the AGM in November.

18. WEBSITE UPGRADE

It was agreed that the County website is looking tired and outdated and in need of an upgrade. The current content is very difficult to access on a mobile phone and as this is how members often access the website, this needs to be considered in any upgraded system. If the County changes to Swim England Norfolk, this will also be a good opportunity for a completely new look. It was agreed to set up a working party to investigate what other Counties use, which companies offer a workable system for us and how much this would cost. The Website Working Party will consist of A Lelean (website secretary), L Harvey and M Phoenix.

19. CURRENT MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Jessica-Jane Applegate has swum qualifying times for both the World Championships and Commonwealth Games 2022. She has been awarded the post-nominal letters PLY by the International Paralympic Committee. Molly Monk

20. REPORTS

Masters:

18 swimmers represented Norfolk clubs in the Swim England National Masters Championships at Sheffield in October bringing home a total of 18 medals.

The following East Region records have been broken:

Suzanne Noble (1500 free) City of Norwich

Maddy Wright (50 fly) East Anglian Swallow Tails

Pat Jackson (East Anglian Swallow Tails): 800 free, 200 breast, 200 fly short course.

East Anglia Swallow Tails founder Jane Asher had a record-breaking spree, setting 5 world records in the 90-94 age group. She followed that up with another world record for 50 back at Crawley in January.

The FINA World Masters Champs have been postponed until 2023. The next major event is GB Masters (long course) in Aberdeen in June.

Press & PR:

Reports from the County Championships were sent to local press and radio. A visit from Radio Norfolk was also planned, however this had to be cancelled due to the issues around the re-scheduling as they needed to be certain that it was going ahead.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Executive: Tues 7th June 2022, Wed 7th September 2022.

Competitions: Tues 5th July 2022

AGM 2022: Wed 23rd November 2022

All meetings will be held remotely via Zoom