



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024

Present: Ursula Beck, Judy Leader, Ron Brewin, Geoff Robilliard, Sue Wainscot, Lee Smith, Angela Lake, Helen Bickerstaff, Trevor Hincks, Alan King, Val Dunton, Matt Graham Brown, Abi Crane, Sam Winter

Welcome to Sam Winter, Leicester Neptunes.

74/24: Apologies: Paul Sippitt, Jill Stidever, Jenny Beech, and Chris (Shepshed SC) were also absent from the meeting.

75/24: Confirmation of the Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 8th October 2024

The minutes were proposed by Sue Wainscot and seconded by Trevor Hincks as being a true record. All present in favour.

76/24: Matters Arising from the meeting held on 8th October 2024

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

77/24: Correspondence & Secretary's report:

Nothing to report.

78/24: Acceptance of Records – Trevor Hincks

Age Group	Event	Course	Name	Date Achieved	Time achieved	Venue	Competition	Current record
Mens	100m Freestyle	SC	Jacob Mills	06/10/2024	00:48.86	Ponds Forge	Inter Counties Championships	00:49.05

This record was accepted by all present.

79/24a Treasurers Report – Judy Leader

Main Points

- October sees the start of the new financial year 2024/25.
- Income is attributable to the affiliation fees and entry for the Young Teams Relay Galas
- Expenditure is attributable to the regular outgoings (COL, Workspace, software etc) together with the BLC pool hire from Sept only invoiced this month (Masters & Inter Clubs) and the final Masters sundry expenses
- The invoice for the Long Course training that was held in August for National swimmers have been received (and paid) and is included in 2023/24 FY report.
- Stuart Sharp is in the process of his inspection and preparing the End of Year Accounts

2024 Masters Meet

- The final invoices and expenses for the meet were received and paid.
- This brings the final surplus to £1758.67 a 76% increase on last year (less than was reported last month).

Attached reports: Circulated prior to the meeting,

Cash Flow for the Financial Year – showing financial year to date.

Profit & Loss for October 2024 – expenditure exceeded income over the period resulting in a small deficit

Balance as of 31st October 2024 – showing financial position

Judy said she was hopeful that she would receive the year end accounts from Stuart Sharp by the weekend. If there was a delay it may be that these would need to be circulated separately to the Annual Report. She did not envisage there being any issues.

79/24b: East Midland Region Report – Ursula Beck

The next Board meeting was due to take place on Saturday 16th November 2024. Helen informed the Executive that all clubs had received details regarding the suspension of Swim Mark which had been under review over the summer. Club Affiliation for all clubs would continue and Clubs would be expected to complete Club Affiliation instead of the full Swim Mark.

Judy asked whether this would impact on the County Governance process. Ursula said she would query this with Helen Weeks at Swim England.

Val queried whether the Swim England membership fees were now available as the Club was due to have a finance meeting this Thursday and would be setting any increase in fees at this time, dependent upon the membership fees required by Swim England. Ursula said nothing available as yet, but she would ask the question at the Board meeting this coming Saturday and get back to Val hopefully with the information.

79/24c: Swimming Report – Paul Sippitt

In the absence of Paul, Geoff briefly went through the additional information for the Age Groups which had been circulated by Geoff to all Clubs. Ursula apologised for not having circulated this information prior to the meeting. It was confirmed that all information relating to the Age Groups was available on the LASA Website.

79/24d: LASA Development Report – Sue Wainscot

YOUNG TEAMS:

This takes place on Saturday 30th November and six clubs have entered a team:

Braunstone

Coalville

Hinckley

Leicester Penguins

Loughborough Town

Melton Mowbray

Further information has been circulated to the clubs participating with a request for volunteers to assist with recording and announcing.

I have organised Referees, Starter & Chief Timekeeper to date. I am liaising with Geoff regarding the risk assessment.

Unfortunately, Market Harborough had missed the closing date for entering and Sue said it would not now be possible to add them as the programme had been completed. She stressed that all clubs had received several reminders, including at the Coaches meetings. Val said it had been assumed that the Head Coach was dealing with this.

CHAIR/COACHES MEETING 12TH OCTOBER:

This was very well attended with only Melton and Coalville unable to send any representatives. A copy of the summary notes circulated after the meeting is attached.

Following the meeting the Memorandum of Understanding was circulated to those clubs where no one was able to sign on the day: Leicester Sharks, Coalville & Melton Mowbray

There are a few clubs where only one signature was obtained on the day and a second signature has now been obtained from Market Harborough & Leicester Neptune. Second signatures are still outstanding from Oadby & Wigston. Abi said she would have a word with Steve, Rachel and Ian for Coalville.

I have offered to go across to talk to the committee at Melton Mowbray as they have currently declined to sign the MOU; I am awaiting a response from their Chair.

The clubs were asked to respond to the paper discussed at the meeting regarding organising swim camps. It is extremely disappointing that only one club has responded to date (the requested date was 31st October). I will review

the ideas and consider whether alternative options should be looked at. Without full commitment from all clubs the camps would not be a viable option.

Ursula said it was disappointing that clubs were not responding to suggestions being made by Sue that would receive County support. The County could only offer swim camps and extra training facilities if clubs were prepared to support these.

Val confirmed that Market Harborough Swimming Pool was now up and running following the closure for the refurb of the Leisure Centre.

79/24e: City of Leicester Development Report - September/February/June-July

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no queries regarding this report,

British Summer Nationals

Jacob Mills, George Moore, Niamh Dunbar, Darcie Platts, Abby Mitchell, Emily Mears-Bentley, Freddie Burdett, William Oxley, Jack Smith, Janie Finch, Holly Gent, Frankie Harrison, Jessica Lines, Chiara Reedha, Sophie Statham-Gill, Alyssa Lo

(16 swimmers, 49 swims)

- Golds – 3
- Silvers – 0
- Bronze – 1
- Finals – 15
- Top Club Award – 21st
- Personal Best – 46%

Swim England Summer Meet

Lewis Fitch, Daniel Harris, Jacob Mills, George Moore, Alyssa Lo, Darcie Platts, Ethan Ford, Matteo Filippi, Oliver Oxley, Luke Stevens, Foteini Kalkani, Alice Streeter, William Oxley, Jack Smith, Janie Finch, Holly Gent, Frankie Harrison, Jessica Lines, Chiara Reedha, Sophie Statham-Gill, Oliver Davies, Harry Lucas, Jessica Oxley, Kate Andrews, Kais Alhijazi, Max Burdett, Jacson Crabb, George Howard, Chloe Morley

(29 swimmers, 91 swims)

- Golds - 1
- Silvers - 1
- Bronzes – 3
- Finals – 14
- Personal Best – 56%

Scottish Summer Meet

Abby Mitchell, Emma Graham-Brown, Austin Graham, Arthur Blacklaws

(4 swimmers, 15 swims)

- Golds – 2
- Silvers – 0
- Bronzes – 2
- Finals – 7
- Personal Best – 42%

English Open Water Nationals

- Abby Mitchell 6th (7.5km)
- William Oxley 7th (5km)
- Kais Alhijazi 7th (3km)

European Juniors

Jacob Mills

- Bronze in 4x100 Fc Relay
- Semi/Finals – 6
- Personal Best – 100%

Squad Information

Squad Numbers at the end of the 2023-24 season:

- National Youth Group (15)
- National Age Group (26)
- Regional Squad (26)

- Development Squad (19)

Swimmers not returning in the 2024-25 season:

- National Youth Group (1) reason – focus on studies (A-Levels).
- National Age Group (1) reason – long term injury linked to growth.
- Regional Squad (1) – reason – commitment to training.
- County (2) reasons – family commitments and additional sport interests.

Swimmers invited to CoLSC for the 2024-25 season:

- National Youth Group (22)
- National Age Group (30)
- Regional Squad (27)
- County Squad (22)
- Link Squad (7)

Squad Numbers at the start of the 2024-25 season:

- National Youth Group (22)
- National Age Group (27)
- Regional Squad (23)
- County Squad (17)
- Link Squad (5)

Matt was thanked for the Report. It was acknowledged that the format of the report for September was what we had asked for,

79/24f: Masters Report – Alan King

Our big focus for November was the Inter County Masters Competition held at the Sandwell Aquatics Pool Birmingham - today 10th November. 9 teams took part, and Leicestershire finished a really credible 4th place.

NB We were seeded to finish 4th and as this is where we came it shows how well Leicestershire performed in this event. (We look forward to seeing the overall results across the whole of England once published to compare with last year).

Our Leicestershire Masters Team consisted of 34 Masters swimmers covering all age groups.

The team spirit was fantastic and the effort which everyone gave was really pleasing.

I would like to thank all swimmers who took part – they were a credit to Leicestershire also their respective clubs and themselves.

Thanks also goes to our two Leicestershire Officials who gave up their Sunday afternoon to attend this event.

I would especially like to thank our Team managers on the pool deck - their presence really helped to keep our swimmers informed about their races and answer questions and advise their relay times - I am sure all swimmers appreciated their help.

I would especially like to mention my wife Yvonne and son Mathew for all their hard work supporting me behind the scenes and on the pool deck – they worked really hard to help everything happen, and I consider they deserve a special mention.

Our Next focus for Masters swimmers is the East Midlands Masters Championships on December 1st at Moorways Pool and also there is the popular Etwall Eagles Masters meet December 7th and both events involve a good number of Leicestershire Masters swimmers, and I hope they all do well

The new Leicestershire Banner had been taken to the Masters competition but a suitable place for it to be displayed could not be found. However, the new Pennant had been displayed. Alan confirmed that both the banner and pennant were now back in the LASA cupboard at Braunstone.

Alan King Leicestershire ASA Masters

Alan also informed the meeting that Swim England were looking at the standard of Officials for Masters Meets as often time unlicensed volunteers would support the galas. It was pointed out that often time the Officials who normally volunteered for events were swimming themselves as Masters Swimmers. The concern from Swim England was that Masters swimmers were breaking records and there was a need to ensure that the correct process was being followed which should include fully trained officials. Alan said he would inform the meeting if he was given any further information.

79/24g: Rules Revision—Paul Sippitt

No report at this meeting

79/24h: Officials Report – Lee Smith and Ron Brewin

LASA Age Groups & County Championships

The decision has been made to use Swim Meets for the officials sign up for the Age Groups this year. The meet has been set up on the LASA's Swim Meet account. Jackie Harrison will need to be added as an administrator as one of the County Championships official coordinators. The links to the sign-up page are available and I will email them out to the County officials when the coordinators are happy for me to do so.

Officials list

No new official's lists have been made available yet from SE since the last update in August/September. We have had 2 new Referees move to the area from Bridlington Swimming Club this last month, their details were passed to me by Terry Bream. I have contacted them, and they have agreed to be added to our county contact list. Hopefully we can see them poolside in Leicestershire soon.

Val said Market Harborough had now signed up four new Timekeepers and she said she would let Lee have the details.

Ron said that the Region were very short of Officials for the Regional Masters competitions due to take place on 1st December and asked the delegates to go back to their clubs to see if there were officials who may be able to help. If there were any Officials able to assist, they should use the online applications process. Officials sign up for Masters on the 1st of December was <https://swim-meet.com/OfficialsSignup/SEEM/?h=604>

79/24i: IT Report – Judy

No report other than to say that the website was up to date as far as she was aware.

79/24j: Presidents Report

Judy said that she had received an invite to attend an event as Moorways but unfortunately had not been able to attend. Ursula asked if Judy could possibly provide a Presidents report for the Annual Account.

79/24k: Disability report

No report.

79/24l: Any other Reports:

There were no further reports.

80/24: Nominations for Honorary President 2025

Following the vote for the President for 2025, Ursula said that David Lander had received the most votes, she read to the Executive the citation for David. This nomination had been proposed by Geoff and seconded by Sue. David had been asked if he would like to take on this role and he had said yes. All in favour of this nomination, which would now go to the AGM for ratification.

81/24: Trophies

- Tony Gibson Trophy & GE McCoy Cup (Male/Open & Female)
- Jacob Mills 50.16 – European Juniors 02/07/24
Emily Mears-Bentley 58.03 Manchester Open Meet 11/05/24
- Swimmer of the Year – Male/Open - Jack Smith
- Swimmer of the Year – Female -following vote by the Executive - Alyssa Lo
- Trevor Henson Trophy – Jacob Mills

All citations will be given to Abi so that she could she sort best times for the presentation.

- LASA Annual Coach Award – three nominations - the non-coaching members of the Swimming Committee had been asked to vote on the three nominations. This had been completed and the winner would be announced at the January meeting as per the rules for this particular trophy,

82/24: Nominations for County Chair, County Secretary, County Treasurer

Position	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Chair	Ursula Beck	Geoff Robilliard	Ron Brewin
Secretary			
Treasurer	Judy Leader	Ron Brewin	Geoff Robilliard

Nominations accepted on block by those present and would be taken to the AGM for voting.

Regarding the vacancy for a County Secretary, Ursula said that hopefully we should have a person willing to take on this role when the details around this position have been sorted.

83/24: Nominations for Standing Committee Managers

Position	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Development			
Rules			
Finance	Judy Leader	Ursula Beck	Ron Brewin
Swimming			

Judy's nomination was accepted by those present at the meeting.

Unfortunately, no nominations had been received for the other Standing Committee Managers. With regard to the Development Manager position it was being discussed as to whether to include this role within the Swimming Committee. This would be looked at in the new year.

Ursula asked that the delegates give some thought as to who may wish to take on the other roles. She was not putting any pressure on that at this meeting, but we did need to fill these very important positions.

84/24: County Badge Nominations

- Trevor nominating Richard Stock
- Geoff nominating Jackie Harrison and Pam Tilley
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The citations for these three nominations had been circulated and were accepted by those present at the meeting. These would be confirmed at the AGM and a date arranged for them to be presented. Possible during the Age Group & Championships.

85/24: Any other Business accepted by the Chair as relevant.

There were no items to be discussed.

Confirmed date of next meeting 10th December 2024 (Annual General Meeting) commencing at 7.00 pm via google meet.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.45 pm