



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 11th November 2025

Ursula opened the meeting by welcoming Emma Redwood as the new delegate for Melton Mowbray.

Present: Ursula Beck, Judy Leader Angela Lake, Alan King, Geoff Robillard, Lee Smith, Sue Wainscot, Trevor Hincks Sam Winter, Stacie Currie, Val Dunton, Ron Brewin. John Michael, Emma Redwood, David Lander,

82/25: Apologies: Matt Graham Brown, Andrew Wallace, Helen Bickerstaff, Paul Sippitt Tom Whitmore, Chris Perkins and Jill Stidever were also absent.

83/25: Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2025:

Correction of minutes Alan King was present - The minutes held on 9th September 2025 were then proposed by Val Dunton and seconded by Trevor Hincks as being a true record. All present in favour.

84/25: Matters Arising from the meeting held on 14th October 2025:

Club Health Tracker – Ursula said she had asked Claire on several occasions since her talk to send over the presentation. Now been confirmed that the presentation would be sent to all Counties once Claire had completed her visits.

80/25 – City of Leicester/LASA Pathway Agreement. Ursula confirmed that the Agreement had now been signed.

85/25: Correspondence & Secretary's report, Angela

Angela mentioned that there has been a lot of correspondence in the last month in relation to the AGM. She said she had contacted all clubs asking them to ensure club points of contact are up to date, Requests for Trophy nominations had also been circulated.

Report attached to appendix.

86/25: 1 record recorded, accepted.

LASA County Record Applications Submission for Committee Meeting 11th November 2025

Age Group	Event	Course	Name	Date Achieved	Time achieved	Venue	Competition	Evidence checked?	Date recieved	Current record	Difference	Cheque Value	Cheque Number	Rati-fied ?
Mens	200m Backstroke	SC	Sean McCann	10/19/2025	01:57.91	Manchester	Manchester Winter Qualifier	Y	10/20/2025	01:58.76	00:00.85	£15.00		

Report attached to appendix

87/25: Reports:

a) Treasurer

Judy discussed the financials from 1st October – 31^t October 2025.

Income this month is from Affiliation Fees and the Young Teams Gala entries, with the outstanding balance from PayPal deposited into the Current Account.

Sufficient fund transferred to cover commitments with the normal monthly expenditure. Payments were made for the pool fees for Masters Meet & Interclubs. Additionally, payment was made for

Deposit process for borrowing LASA kit, continuing to work well. EOY accounts are with Stuart Sharp for independent review.

Decision taken to purchase equipment to play music at events e.g. Young Teams, Counties. Trevor queried whether we would need a music licence. Judy said she would look into this.

The Wix licence for hosting the website came to an end with the 3 year licence being renewed for another 3 years. Whilst the agreement cost had increased significantly Judy said this was the best plan to be on for the county.

Report attached to appendix.

b) East Midlands report – Ursula

No report this month

c) Age group & swim camps – Geoff and Sue

Age Groups and Championships 2026 update: Work is progressing well, hoping to have sport system open by the end of the month. Braunstone's boom has been serviced, and 7 light fittings are now repaired. Risk assessment to be reviewed by Geoff with Braunstone.

Young Teams, Sue is scheduling a catch up meeting with Jackie Harrison to go through the list of questions. Now that they knew which clubs would be entering, they are able to do the line draw & poolside space allocation.

Swim Clinics, the next one is butterfly on the 22nd of November, Sue has been chasing clubs for nominations. Oadby & Wigston, Leicester Sharks, Hinckley and Loughborough Town Swimming Club had not yet responded, the last swim camp is scheduled for the 13th of December 2025.

d) COL report – Not required this month, however Jamie provided the following information, which was read out by Ursula:

CoLSC had 45 swimmers qualify to race at the East Midlands Regional s/c at Nottingham. Thank you to our team of volunteers and officials who helped the Championships run smoothly. Thank you to our team of TM's who braved the cold sports hall to look after the swimmers.

Stats from the weekend of racing:

- Heat Swims – 97
- Finals – 34
- Golds – 4
- Silvers – 7
- Bronze – 10
- Junior Champions – Frankie Harrison (1500m Fc), Jacson Crabb (800m Fc), Frankie Harrison (400m IM), Frankie Harrison (800m Fc)

The East Midlands now sit in one of the fastest Regions short courses within the Country, making a final is now an achievement when we are up against the juggernauts of Repton School and Loughborough University. Well done to all the CoLSC swimmers and Leicestershire swimmers who also attended the Championship

e) Masters report – Alan

Intercounties took place Sunday the 9th of November, it was very, very positive for Leicestershire, finishing 5th out of 9 Counties which was credible and amazing. Early on there were not sufficient swimmers, however Trevor reached out to the clubs for more swimmers. There was a great performance.

We are waiting to see how we rank Nationally. 38 swimmers took part. Alan thanked all those with Masters in the clubs for their support.

Correction to Alan's original notification on the date for Masters Intercounties, it is now 15th November 2026.

Sam Winter made a positive comment about being there and the atmosphere.

f) Rules – Ursula presented on behalf of Paul

Paul confirmed that the Constitution was sent out to delegates with no responses being received. back from the Executive. Paul had also sent the constitution to Lizzie Butcher at Swim England for her to look at as requested, Lizzie Butcher had asked for one or two changes or clearer wording. Full details in Paul's report.

One clarification to the-changes to the Bi-laws, stating that we needed to mention both children and adults at all times when referring to welfare and safeguarding.

The Rules committee met last week to agree to the changes suggested by Lizzie and are awaiting Lizzie's confirmation that she's happy with the amendments, aiming to be ready with the update document ahead of the AGM.

Report and draft Constitution and By Laws attached to Appendix

g) Officials report – Lee reviewed this.

Congratulations to Sarah Martin on completion of their Judge Level 2 starter qualification.

Swim meet software has been updated for the County Championships for both Officials and Volunteer roles. Lee stated that he had not added the links for the County Championship yet to this as he wanted them to be sent out with information and context relating to the volunteer roles required. Aiming to use this as a trial to see how it goes for volunteers.

Judy also said that the details would be put on the website and asked that delegates remind their clubs that there was now a subscribers' site where all information relating to the championships would be put and could be accessed by all clubs and parents.

Geoff said having spoken with Jenny that they still did not have the names of the nominated delegate from a number of clubs to liaise with Jenny re the championships. Angela said she would put a reminder out. It did not have to be the Secretary of a club taking on this role.

Report attached to Appendix

h) IT Report

Judy said she did not have a report for this meeting, all covered in previous comments.

First subscriber email sent and there has been a significant increase in the number of subscribers. Judy asked that the LASA delegates shared this with their clubs, aiming to have as many people as possible subscribing ahead of the County Championships.

i) Disability Report

No report for this meeting

j) Presidents Report

No report for this meeting.

k) Any other report

No further reports

88/25: Trophies:

- **Tony Gibson Trophy /G.E. McCoy Cup (Male/Open & Female)**

Thomas Sumner - Hinckley SC ranked club
BUCS Long Course @Sheffield - 52.91 (674)

Alyssa Lo - Braunstone SC/CoLSC ranked club
Regional Long Course @Moorways - 59.09 (670)

- **Swimmer of the Year (Male/Open & Female).**

Ursula said she had received three nominations for the female and two nominations for the open/male. The nominations with citations would be circulated to the Executive for them to cast their votes. A reminder that these nominations should remain confidential at this stage.

- **Trevor Henson Trophy**

Two nominations had been received but one was asking to take into account the performance in triathlon successes. Agreed by the Executive that this nomination could not be considered as the County did not have triathlon as one of its aquatic sports, The other nomination was for Alex Casey and that one was accepted.

- **LASA Annual Coach Award**

One nomination had been received, and this would be announced at the January Executive Meeting.

- **LASA Masters Swimming Trophy (Male/Open & Female)**

Two female nominations and one open/male nominations. As with the Swimmer of the Year nominations the female nominations would be circulated for the Executive to vote on.

89/25: Nominations for County Chair, County Secretary, County Treasurer/Finance, Rules Revision Manager

Position	Name	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Ursula Beck	Sue Wainscot	Judy Leader
Secretary	Angela Lake	Sue Wainscot	Ursula Beck
Treasurer/Finance Manager	Judy Leader	Sue Wainscot	Ursula Beck
Rules Revision Manager	Paul Sippitt	Sue Wainscot	Ursula Beck

All nominees had indicated a willingness to stand again. The nominations were accepted by those present and would now go forward to the AGM to be voted on.

90/25: Life member nominations

Val Dunton and Judy Leader, confirmation for them to be accepted. Both said thank you and Ursula said their certificate and badge would be presented at County Championships.

Citation for Val:

Please may I nominate Valerie Dunton of Market Harborough Swim Club for this consideration.

I've been a member of MHSC for a considerable number of years but even at my initiation, I recall Val being a representative at LASA and attending those old fashioned things called "meetings" together with Carole Lister undertaking journeys on cold, wet, miserable, snowy winter nights long before Zoom, Skype, or FaceTime were even words in common parlance. Indeed, perhaps even before they appeared in the OED?

She has been a dedicated and long term supporter of MHSC and through it LASA and her contribution over these many years might be so recognised.

Thanking you in anticipation

David Lander

Citation for Judy:

I should like to nominate Judy Leader for Life Membership of the Association

Judy over many years has consistently supported LASA in a number of roles. Recently she has now taken on the role of Treasurer and IT Manager and along with these roles continues to support the County both on poolside and away from the pool. She is always willing to assist anyone on the LASA committee in what they

are doing and her commitment to LASA and our sport is total. She is a very well experienced and respected Referee and can be seen both at club and county officiating.

Geoff Robilliard

91/25: County Badge nominations

Lee Smith and Kim Black had been nominated. All were in favour of the nominations and it was confirmed that the county badges would be presented at the County Championships.

Lee Smith - Lee has and is doing an excellent job for the county with regard to supporting Leicestershire Official and is always keen to support others within the county in any way that he can. He is an excellent ambassador for the County.

Kim Black - Kim has become a very valuable volunteer for the county with her continued support assisting us with our annual county championships and is always willing to support the county when we are holding other county events.

92/25: Any other Business accepted by the Chair:

- a) An additional point was raised by Angela in relation to the lack of communication from the clubs regarding Trophy returns. It was agreed post meeting to send out a chaser email so that it is clear how many clubs/trophies are outstanding.
- b) During any other business all delegates congratulated Judy and Val on becoming Life Members.

Date of next meeting 9th December 2025 which would be the AGM. Meeting finished at 8.08pm

Appendices

1. Judy - Treasurer's Report
2. Sue – Swimming Activity Update
3. Alan - Masters Report
4. Paul – Rules revision Report
5. Lee and Ron – Officials Report
6. Trevor – Acceptance of records
7. Paul – Constitution and General Rules

1. LASA Treasurer's Report for November 2025 Meeting

Main Points

- The financial reports attached cover the period of 1st October– 31st October 2025.
- Income this month is from Affiliation Fees and the Young Teams Gala entries.
- The outstanding balance from PayPal was to the Current Account.
- Funds were transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account to ensure sufficient funds to cover committed outgoings.
- Funds were moved between the Deposit Account and the Current Account to ensure there was sufficient funds to cover expenditure.
- Expenditure is attributable to the regular outgoings (Workspace, software etc), and:
 - The pool hire for the Master meet and Inter Clubs Gala; BLC process their invoices after the 1st of the month for facilities hired in the previous month.
 - The 2nd of the 4 Skills Camps booked
 - COL have been paid for the outstanding months of September & October, and a new standing order has been created starting 1st November.
- The Deposit process for the Loan of LASA Equipment is working well so far.
- End of Year Accounts are with the Stuart Sharp, Accountant, for inspection.
- Equipment has been purchased that will enable play music over the audio facilities at the Leisure Centres used, particularly BLC.
- The 3 Year Wix license (Website) was renewed on 8th November for a further 3 years. The fee has increased to £518.40, from £345.60, justified by Wix for the investment in advanced technology. A review of the cheaper plans they offered would reduce the functionality we enjoy so were dismissed.

Attached reports:

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

Profit & Loss for October 2025 –a Deficit is reported as expected at this time in the Financial Year.

Balance as at 31st October 2025 – showing overall financial position.

2. LASA EXECUTIVE MEETING

NOVEMBER 2025

SWIMMING ACTIVITY REPORT

Young Teams Gala:

This takes place on Saturday 29th November 2025. Eight teams have entered including a combined team from Oadby & Wigston/Shepshed. Leicester Penguins and Leicester Sharks notified LASA earlier in the year that they would not be able to attend.

Coalville SC are organising this event and there are ongoing discussions to support them.

Swim Clinics:

The second clinic ran on Saturday 1st November (Breaststroke) and nominations were received from all clubs to fill the 64 spaces available. Sadly 4 swimmers did not attend on the day where no notification was received, and I have asked the relevant clubs to follow this up.

The clinic went well and feedback on the day and afterwards was positive. Many Thanks to Judy Leader for covering my role as clinic coordinator on the day.

The next clinic is on Saturday 22nd November, again at Loughborough University. The stroke for this clinic is Butterfly. Melton Mowbray SC has advised LASA that they are unable to send delegates due to a clash with their club championships. However, these spaces are being offered out to other clubs.

The closing date for nominations to be sent through is Monday 10th November.

The final clinic is scheduled for Saturday 13th December at Loughborough University, and the stroke is freestyle. This date clashes with the Go Cardless Swim England National Winter Championships. Whilst this will obviously not affect swimmers' attendance it may well have an impact on which Club Coaches can attend.

There will need to be a review of the Clinics once the 4 have been completed and then a decision made by the Club Coaches, Chairs & LASA Executives on whether these should continue in 2026 and what format/topics could be covered. This could include some activity for Masters & Senior Age Group swimmers within the county.

Sue Wainscot
6.11.25

3. Leicestershire ASA Executive Meeting Masters Report November 2025

Our Leicestershire ASA Master team took part in the Masters Inter County Championships at Moorways Pool Derby on Sunday 9th November 2025.

Leicestershire finished a very creditable 5th place out of 9 regions - and this another strong result for Leicestershire.

Our team consisted of 38 Leicestershire Masters swimmers which was really pleasing and thanks to everyone for attending and giving their time.

I would also like to say "Well done" to all our Masters swimmers for working really hard and providing some fantastic swims – everyone was a credit to Leicestershire.

I would like to record our thanks to our two Leicestershire Officials Pam Tilley and Andrea McGrath who attended on behalf of Leicestershire - we appreciate you giving your time to support Masters swimming at this event.

I will provide a summary of all the results to all Masters Club Representatives once I receive these and I will also arrange for them to be published on LASA Website and Leicestershire ASA Masters Facebook page as well so please look out for these being sent out in a few days or so.

Thanks everyone.

Please note - The Inter County Masters Competition next year will take place on Sunday 8th November 2026 - can I request all Masters swimmers to save the date.

Alan King, Leicestershire ASA Masters Rep

4. LASA Rule Revision Report – November 2025

At our last meeting you were provided with a copy of the LASA Constitution and General Rules together with the LASA By Laws, which we also issued to Swim England (SE).

We have not received any comments from within LASA however we did receive a number of observations from SE. The Rules Standing Committee met on 6th November to review the SE comments and consider whether to make any changes based on the observations.

The following is a summary of the changes

- We have made it clear we are affiliated to Swim England and SE East Midlands.
- We have tightened the drafting, so it is clear how we retain LASA documents and how long they are kept.
- SE advised we should simplify the rule covering Breaches of the Rules, this has been done by say we follow the SE Judicial rules.
- We have clarified LASA financial year is 1st September to 31st August.
- Although we had some drafting related to the dissolution LASA it did not meet the SE model rules, so we have amended to better reflect the model rules.
- In the LASA By Laws related to protection of individuals we only refer to "child" where it should refer to "child and adult" to be consistent with the current SE protection policies.

The updated LASA Constitution and General Rules have been returned to SE for their review; we are awaiting SE's confirmation they have no further comments.

The Rules Revision standing committee submit the new Constitution and General Rules and the Bylaws for approval at this Executive meeting.

Paul

Rules Revision Manager

5. Items for County meeting 11/11/2025

Congratulations to Sarah Martin on completion of their Judge level 2 starter qualification.

County championships

The Swim Meet software has been updated for the County Championships in both the Officials and Volunteers sections. The links are ready to be used for officials and volunteers to sign up.

Regards

Lee and Ron.

6. Record Application

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Submission for Committee Meeting														
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7. Constitution and General Rules update

This has been shared as a separate attachment to prevent formatting issues and has been shared as part of the meeting minutes.