



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2026

Present: Ursula Beck, Judy Leader, Geoff Robilliard, Sue Wainscot, Alan King, Lee Smith, John Michael, Stacie Currie, Val Dunton, Trevor Hinks, Emma Redwood, Paul Sippitt, Sam Winter, and Gez McLoughlin

19/26: Apologies: Matthew Graham-Brown, Ron Brewin, Helen Bickerstaff.
Others who did not attend: Tom Whitmore and Chris Perkins, Jenny Baldwin.

20/26: Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2026:

The minutes held on 10th February 2026 were proposed by Judy and seconded by Lee as being a true record. All present in favour.

21/26: Matters Arising from the meeting held on 10th February 2026:

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting.

22/26 Secretary Correspondence.

Nothing to report other than the County needed a Secretary and could the delegates ask around their clubs to see if anyone would be interested in this role.

23/26: Acceptance of Records.

There was one record which was ratified by all present. This record had been broken by a Leicester Sharks swimmer, Jacson Crabb. Daniel Kennedy had held this record since 2019. Well done to this swimmer.

Age Group	Event	Course	Name	Date Achieved	Time achieved	Venue	Competition	Current record
Boys	800m Freestyle	LC	Jacson Crabb	07/03/2026	08:38.03	Sheffield	Derby Excel Spring Qualifier	08:42.00

24/26 Reports:

a. Treasurer report - Judy

Judy presented her report to the Executive as detailed in the report below. Details regarding the Age Groups were discussed. This year there had been a surplus of £24k which was £3.4k more than the previous year. The new merchandise generated a surplus of £1731 in addition to the commission earned from sale of hoodies and towels (£715) and the pop-up shop (£442).

Trevor asked whether Judy was aware that Braunstone Leisure Centre would be increasing their prices by 5% for the coming year. Judy said she was aware.

Ursula said the full report had been circulated to the delegates should any club wish to look at the accounts and thanked Judy as always for preparing the report.

Report attached to appendix.

b. East Midland Report – Ursula

Ursula reported that there had been a meeting on Saturday 7th March 2026. During the meeting it was noted that LASA clubs did not engage in any other aquatic sport, just swimming and she had been asked to enquire

whether any of the Leicestershire clubs would be interested in adding another discipline. It was considered to be a difficult one to achieve due to the shortage of water time within the County. Whilst Hinckley did at one time have a large water polo section because of shortages of L2 Coaching for the Water Polo swimmers they had closed down this section of the club.

Ursula said it was that time of the year when the County needed to put a person forward to represent them on the East Midland Board., she said she was quite happy to continue if that was ok with the Executive All in favour.

c. Events report – Sue and Jenny

Age Group report – Jenny

Age Groups 2026 – Ursula confirmed that a debrief meeting had been arranged for Monday 16th March and thanked those clubs who had sent in feedback. Judy said she had sent out a request from those on the Subscription list for any feedback. This also would be presented on Monday evening.

Swimming Activity Update – Sue

Sue had submitted a report regarding the feedback she had received from a number of clubs regarding the Swim Camps last year. To date she had received feedback from Market Harborough, Melton Mowbray, Hinckley, Leicester Neptunes, Coalville and Leicester Penguins.

There was a need to decide whether we held swim camps again this year and what changes would be made following the feedback. It had been identified that it was felt that more time should be given to the Club Coaches so that they could be actively involved on the poolside at the swim clinics

Both Marke Harborough and Melton Mowbray said that the swimmers had returned from the camps having really enjoyed the experience.

Sue said she would be organising a Club Chair and Coaches meeting as soon as possible and this would be one of the topics for discussion.

Report attached to appendix

d. City of Leicester Report

No report was required this month from City of Leicester, but Ursula said she wanted to thank Harry Pickering for the way in which the selection process had taken place for the new development swimmers. As far as she could see there had been a good response from the Head Coaches of the Clubs to Harry's request for swimmers to attend trials and as had been agreed between LASA and City of Leicester a new process had been put in place to ensure that parents were kept fully informed of what would be happening with details of sessions and costs.

e. Rules revision – Paul

As agreed at the last meeting Paul, Judy and Trevor had reviewed the present Record application form. The revised form was accepted. Judy said that she had updated the form on the website. there had been an Issue with being able to complete the form. Judy said she had hopefully sorted that issue out. She suggested that someone test the report and Trevor said he would complete to see if all ok now.

Looking at the form had identified that at the present time we do not allow records to be applied for unless the swimmer has been a member of a Leicestershire club for 60 days. This had been put in place several years ago when there was an issue with elite swimmers from Loughborough University joining a club prior to the County Age Groups and often time breaking records. It was now considered that this was not an issue now and following discussion it was proposed by Paul and seconded by Trevor that this rule be removed. All present accepted this change. Paul said he would change the rule on the Bye Laws as well as the Record application form.

He said he would also be looking at the GDPR for the County. Ursula said we had a copy of the Leicester League GDPR template, and she would send it to Paul to use as a template for the County GDPR Statement.

f. Masters report – Alan.

Alan said he had not nothing to report at this meeting.

g. Officials Report – Lee and Ron

Lee reviewed his report. He also said that there would be a SE Referees meeting on 19th March to discuss a number of small changes. There may also be a change in the way officials were trained but he was not sure when these would come into effect. Certainly not in the short term.

Report attached to appendix.

h. IT Report – Judy

Nothing to report. Judy was aware that there were a number of photographs still to be place on the website.

i. Disability Report

No report for this meeting.

j. Presidents Report

Gez said he was pleased to say that he had visited all clubs to make presentations with the exception of Market Harborough, Neptune and Oadby Wigston. He had visited the club with Jenny, and it had been a great experience. Jenny had been very supportive. Jenny was chasing the outstanding clubs. Gez was thanked alongside Jenny for completing the visits.

He did point put that there were issues with the two large banners. One was coming out of its frame at the top, but the bag was ok and the other one, the zip on the bag was broken, but the banner appeared to be ok. Judy said if they let her have the banners back, she would take a look and contact the supplier to either get the banners repaired or replace.

k. Any other report

No further reports

25/26: Any other Business accepted by the Chair:

There being no further business for discussion the meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Date of next meeting 14th April 2026.

Appendices

1. Judy - Treasurer's Report
2. Sue – Swimming Activity Update
3. Lee and Ron – Officials Report

1. LASA Treasurer's Report for March 2026 Meeting

Main Points

- The financial reports attached cover the period of 1st February 2026 – 28th February 2026.
- Income this period is again attributable to the Age Groups & County Championships:
 - o Door Takings
 - o Accreditation Passes
 - o Sale of Merchandise
- Expenditure this month is attributable to the regular outgoings (COL, Workspace, software etc.), Bursaries and the Age Groups & County Championships:
 - o Melton Mowbray SC – 2 X Coach, 2 x Assistant Coach Bursaries
 - o Facilities Hire
 - o Food & Beverages
 - o Officials & Sundry Expenses
- The first batch of Affiliation Fees is anticipated in the next 3 or 4 weeks. It should be noted that it is anticipated that the Annual Affiliation Fees will be significantly less than that in previous years due to the change in how some LTS swimmers are now categorised.

Age Group & County Championships

- ☑ Attached is the full breakdown of the Championship Income & Expenditure. This year there is a surplus of just short of £24k, £3.4k more than last year. However, there is a discrepancy of £1800, in our favour, between the Statement of Charges supplied by Braunstone LC and the invoice received from Leicester City Council, so this surplus will reduce on receipt of a further invoice from LCC.
- ☑ The new Merchandise generated a surplus of £1731 in addition to the Commission earned from the sales of Hoodies & Ts (£715) and the pop-up shop (£442)
- ☑ All funds generated go towards funding this year's relay galas, the attending the National Inter Counties Gala and Special Projects organised or supported by LASA.

2. LASA Executive meeting report from Events Manager

SWIM CAMPS:

A reminder was sent to clubs for feedback from the clinics held at the end of 2025. To date responses have been received from:

Market Harborough
Melton Mowbray
Hinckley
Leicester Neptune

There were a number of observations from the feedback with some positive and some negative for the same issue.

Below I have briefly summarised key comments:

Positive Points	Areas for Consideration
Felt the swimmer selection policy agreed was appropriate Good that LASA communicated directly with parents and gave more "buy in"	Some clubs sent more or less able swimmers? to fill spaces?
Follow Up information sent to parents & coaches was good	Some of the classroom sessions needed to be more relevant to the age and ability of swimmers

Swimmers enjoyed being at the University Pool	Parking was difficult and distance of classroom locations from pool was not ideal
Pool session length was good & observing an international swimmer was good but brief	Coaches want more time observing and assisting with coaching to develop skills for use back at club Could a local swimmer have been used for demonstrations
Opportunity for club coaches to work together	Coaching plans would have been useful and perhaps holding their talk before the start of the pool session
Swim Hats greatly appreciated by swimmers attending and used at club sessions afterwards	Refreshment availability as sessions went over a lunch period
Good covering all 4 strokes	Camps close together during a busy swim period

It would be good to get feedback from the remaining clubs in the county before any consideration is given on what may be offered during 2026.

This may be something that is discussed at a Coaches Meeting and other ideas put forward from clubs to be considered.

Sue Wainscot
8.3.26

3. Officials Report for March 2026

East Midlands Events

There are 3 Regional competitions happening in the next two months.

1. East Midlands Distance time Trial – Saturday 11th April
2. East Midlands LC Champs – Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th April
3. East Midlands LC Champs – Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd & Monday 4th May

Officials will be required for all 3 events.

Could you please indicate your availability by clicking on the Swim Meet link [here](#)

Further information for these galas can be found [here](#)

Many officials are required for these galas so if you can help, please apply.

If there are sufficient numbers of officials, then training will be offered.

Regards

Lee and Ron.