



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2022

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 2023

Present: Ursula Beck, Sue Wainscot, Justin Palfrey, Tony Andrews, Rachel McLaren, Alan King, Paul Sippitt, Ron Brewin, Trevor Hincks, Abi Crane, Donna Streeter, Steve Moorley, Geoff Robilliard, Judy Leader, Helen Bickerstaff

Welcome from the Chair:

Ursula welcomed everyone to the meeting. This year has been difficult with losing a few of the LASA swimming family including Jed Allen in recent weeks, the partner of Lindsey Hackworth, the LASA Secretary. The county sent condolences to Lindsey through Sue Wainscot and our thoughts are with the family.

In Lindsey's absence Sue Wainscot has agreed to take the minutes

1. Apologies: Val Dunton, John Thompson, Lindsey Hackworth, Lesley Johnson, Jamie Evans

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th December 2021:

Proposed by Abi Crane, seconded by Trevor Hincks as being a true record. All in favour and no matters arising

3. Presentation & Adoption of Reports:

All reports had been circulated prior to the meeting

- a) **Chair:** Ursula confirmed there were no additions to her circulated report. Proposer Ron Brewin, Seconder Alan King. All in favour
- b) **General Secretary:** Lindsey had been unable to provide a report due to recent events and this was noted in the circulated document
- c) **Treasurer:** John Thompson was not present at the meeting but no queries were put forward to raise with John at the next Executive meeting. Accepted as issued; proposed by Trevor Hincks and seconded by Ron Brewin. All in favour
- d) **Swimming:** Jamie Evans was not present at the meeting. There were no queries and was accepted as circulated. Proposed by Sue Wainscot, seconded by Alan King. All in favour
- e) **LASA Development:** Sue Wainscot reported that there had only been a response from one club to provide dates for a meeting with Chairs & Coaches to discuss development within Leicestershire for the next 12 months. Ursula confirmed that an Agenda had been drawn up for meeting with Chairs & Coaches and it is hoped this will be supported by clubs. Proposer for report: Paul Sippitt, seconded by Tony Andrews. All in favour
- f) **Officials:** Ron Brewin thanked Judy Leader for her support in revamping and launching the new website. Report proposed by Geoff Robilliard and seconded by Trevor Hincks. All in favour. Ron was congratulated on his recent award as SE National Technical Official of the Year.
- g) **Masters:** Alan King reported this had been a positive year including a successful Open Meet which will expand in 2023. The sad death of David Strachan was felt throughout the county. Alan has established good relations with Masters Reps at club level within the county. Report proposed by Paul Sippitt and seconded by Abi Crane. All in favour
- h) **Emergency/Discipline/Rules:** Paul Sippitt confirmed that the groups had reviewed the Constitution which will be addressed later in the meeting. This new constitution, if approved, will have to be reviewed again moving forward as a result of the plan for LASA to become Limited by Guarantee, as advised by Swim England. Proposed by Abi Crane, seconded by Sue Wainscot and all in favour.

4. Other Reports:

a) Honorary President: Paul commented that after the county championships there was a bit of a lull but then invitations came through and he managed to visit almost all base clubs during the year. It was pleasing to see all clubs working hard for their swimmers. Paul stated he had enjoyed the experience and thanked everyone for the honour of being President. Ursula added that everyone appreciated the time Paul had spent listening to the clubs, taking an opportunity to get their views; Paul had been a great Ambassador. Post AGM meeting confirmed to Paul that a gift card should have been presented to him at the meeting as a thank you. The gift card would be sent to him.

5. County Records: Trevor noted that there had been 19 records broken during the year, mainly by two swimmers. Trevor thanked Judy Leader for getting all the records on the new website. Report proposed by Tony Andrews and seconded by Abi Crane. All in favour.

6. Constitution & General Rule Changes: Paul Sippitt reported that there had been a review to try and remove duplication and make it easier to read along with including more definitions. Changes were made to recognize the use of virtual meetings and clarification on the AGM procedures. Officials and IT have been added as new roles and the county record rules have been tightened. New Constitution proposed by Sue Wainscot and seconded by Ron Brewin. All in favour. The new document will be circulated to all clubs and put onto the LASA website

7. Vote of Thanks given by the Chair: It is always difficult to know where to start when giving a vote of thanks because actually I want to thank everyone in the room for the work they have done over the past year.

I would like to start by thanking our outgoing President Paul who has spent a considerable amount of time emailing clubs to sort out visits and I know he has endeavored to visit as many clubs as he could, this was apart from his honorary President duties at our Age Group and Championships and other events that he has been invited to. I hope that he has enjoyed his year. It seemed only fitting that Paul has been nominated for Life Membership of the County. Certificates for Paul & Geoff Robilliard (from 2021) will be presented during the Age Groups

We are very lucky to have in this County a very supportive number of volunteers including our Standing Committee Managers namely, Sue, Paul, Jamie, John and Alan. Thank you for their support and the work that they have done within their own Standing Committees.

A special thank you must go to Geoff, Ron, Abi and their team for the excellent way they ran the Age Groups. We say it every year, we could not run the championships without the expertise of such people. Can I say at this stage how proud we should be that Ron has been awarded Swim England Technical Official for 2022. A well-deserved award.

I would like to mention Fiona as well. Fiona is always there when I need her and equally is fully supportive of clubs ensuring that they are always ready for their Swim Mark re-accreditations. Thank You Fiona. It is also nice to see Helen back after her maternity leave and look forward to her excellent support during the coming year.

John has continued to ensure that our finances are kept under control. We are very lucky to not have to worry about our finances. I would also thank Lindsey who has I hoped enjoyed her first year as Secretary.

I must say thank you to Sue and Paul for the support they gave me in preparing the Annual Report and thanks also to Judy Leader and her team for the development of our brand-new website and LASA will be forwarding to Judy a gift token to show our appreciation for the work and the continued support she is giving us.

Finally, I am going to finish as I started by expressing my thanks to all volunteers within our County. Your clubs and the County could not run if we did not have your support. Thank you.

8. Election of Honorary President & Life Member: Honorary President 2023 - Abi Crane - Citation

I would like to nominate Abi Crane. Abi has for many years supported the County in various roles at our County Championships as one of our announcers, acting as runner for the swimmers before their races, dealing with club door rotas but mainly in recent years as our Trophy Controller. She maintains our trophies and the hundreds of medals and ensures that they are all accounted for each year, with trophies being engraved, cleaned and ready to be presented. She organises all presentations for the County Trophies. I know that whilst being 100% committed to the County she has also been a great support to her own club Coalville having been the LASA delegate for Coalville for many years. Abi is an excellent County volunteer and I believe that she is a worthy nomination to be our Honorary President in 2023. The official handover of the chain of office will be arranged shortly. Proposed by Ursula Beck, seconded by Geoff Robilliard. All in favour of Abi taking on the role of Honorary President. It is hoped Abi will enjoy her year.

Life Member - Paul Sippitt: Citation

His outstanding work as LASA Swim Manager prior to Jamie taking the over was outstanding, his commitment to his base club Hinckley SC as coach has been huge as he is an ever-present poolside assisting swimmers. His Presidentship has, with Covid restrictions lifted, been brilliant in that he turns up at Regional and National events, representing us so we are seen and has gone around the Leicestershire clubs embracing their views and reporting them back.

His continued commitment to LASA has been also seen in his work (alongside others) this year, in getting the City of Leicester agreement with LASA sorted and indeed his work on our proposed new Constitution and General Rules has once again showed his loyalty and commitment to enhancing our reputation and ensuring we are going in the right direction.

His enthusiasm for our sport never wavers. Proposed and seconded by Sue Wainscot and Geoff Robilliard. All in favour.

9 Election of the Officers for Leicestershire & Rutland ASA:

The nominations circulated were agreed by all present and confirmed as follows

Chair: Ursula Beck
Secretary: Lindsey Hackworth
Treasurer: John Thompson
All in favour

10. Nominations for Managers of Standing Committees:

All nominations circulated were proposed by Alan King and seconded by Geoff Robilliard. All in favour and confirmed as follows:

Development: Sue Wainscot
Emergency/Disciplinary/Rules: Paul Sippitt
Finance: John Thompson
Swimming: Paul Sippitt*
Masters: Alan King

*there had been two nominations for this position and a vote undertaken at the November LASA Executive Meeting

Date of Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday 10th January 2023

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 19.35