



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2023

Present: Ursula Beck, Geoff Robilliard, Val Dunton, Lee Taylor, Ron Brewin, Sue Wainscot, Helen Bickerstaff, Maryjoy Appleton

49/23: Apologies: Fiona Conway, Alan King, Paul Sippitt, Jill Stidever, Judy Leader, Lee Smith, Jamie Evans, Rachel McClaren, Abi Crane, Trevor Hincks. The following were also not present at the meeting – Leslie Johnson and Lindsey Hackworth.

As there were only 7 voting members at the meeting with 9 being required to form a quorum, Ursula said it would not be possible to make any formal decisions at this meeting. Any item requiring a voting decision would be held over until the next meeting.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Ursula said that Judy had sent a message thanking them for their support and messages at such a difficult time.

50/23: Confirmation of the Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 13th June 2023

Minutes were proposed by Sue and seconded by Ron as being a true record, Those present accepted the Minutes.

51/23: Matters Arising from the meeting held on 13th June 2023

There were no matters arising that would not be discussed within the relevant reports,

52/23: Correspondence & Secretary's report:

Nothing to report.

53/23: Acceptance of Records – Trevor Hincks

The following record was accepted by those present at the meeting, The record would need to be ratified at the next meeting but it was agreed that the swimmer should receive payment before the September meeting.

Age Group	Event	Course	Name	Date Achieved	Time achieved	Venue	Competition	Current record
Mens	50m Freestyle	SC	Jacob Mills	25/06/2023	00:22.88	Braunstone Leisure Centre	City of Leicester Summer Splash	00:23.11

54/23a: Treasurer's Report – Judy Leader

Summary

- All entries up to date.

Income

- Income attributed to the Affiliation fees, Mini Meet Door Takings and Development Camp

Expenses

- Expenses attributed to regular monthly outgoings, engraving and catering for the Chair & Coaches meeting.
- Capitation for the Mini Meet (estimated £82) is still to be paid, awaiting reference details.

Concerns

No major concerns. As has been reported for the past few months, actuals are not tracking budget meaning the end of year will fall short of the expected surplus by about 20%.

With regard to payments outstanding to the Coaches following the first County Development Camp on 9th July, Sue said she would send the details to both Ursula and Judy. Ursula said the payments would be sorted as quickly as possible.

Ursula said it was anticipated that a Finance Committee Meeting would take place during August to prepare the budgets for the new financial year.

54/23b: East Midland Region Report – Ursula Beck

EAST MIDLAND REGION BOARD MEETING – 08/07/23

Confirmed that Masters Inter-Counties has been booked for Moorways and this will be a joint event with the West Midlands. Preliminary details have been circulated.

Festival of Swimming entries has now closed. The first Regional Coaches Technical panel has met with some key areas to pick up with National regarding Coach Development and the RDP to enable additional development opportunities. The next Technical Panel will be in September.

It was again emphasised the need for Clubs to follow their constitutions when arranging their AGMs and also all clubs should have an external auditor to review their accounts.

54/23c: Swimming Report – Paul Sippitt

Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting dated 23rd June 2023 had been circulated to the Executive prior to the meeting. A copy would be published on the website.

In the absence of Paul, Geoff summarised the details for the Age Groups & championships 2024. Details had been circulated to all clubs and placed on the website. The dates were confirmed as 27th/28th January 3rd/4th February and 10th/11th February 2024. All galas would be taking place at Braunstone Leisure Centre. The schedule of events would now be updated. The hoody company would hopefully be situated in the foyer.

Val queried why the times for the boys were easier than for the girls. It was explained that a decision had been made to ease the times for the boys in the hopes that more boys would enter. Sue had discussed this with Nic, the Chair of Market Harborough at the County Camp the previous Sunday. Feedback from the Clubs had also asked for thought to be made as to how we could encourage more boys to enter.

54/23d: LASA Development Report – Sue Wainscot

DEVELOPMENT CAMP:

The first of two sessions took place on Sunday 9th July 2023 at Market Harborough Leisure Centre with 25 swimmers attending.

Thanks to Val Dunton for assisting at the start of the day “shepherding” swimmers and parents as they arrived.

The Head Coach was Matt Lowe, Leicester Sharks and he was supported by 6 skills coaches: Jordan Chappell (Sharks); Helen Atton (Neptune); Jo Green & Jenny Sumner (Hinckley); Joel Eadie (Braunstone); Josh Simpson (Oadby & Wigston)

All the swimmers attending were enthusiastic and attentive and a credit to their clubs.

It was noticeable that there was a wide variation in skill levels and general understanding of how to get the most from training and it is hoped that when the swimmers return in September there will be evidence of application of the points covered in July.

All Skills Coaches also found the day beneficial in learning new training methods and sharing knowledge and ideas; there appears to be a genuine desire for more cooperation between Clubs & Coaches moving forward; this willingness and enthusiasm needs to be built on moving forward.

All swimmers received initial feedback from the Skills Coaches at the end of the day. The swimmers are to be asked for their feedback and information, once collated will be shared with the swimmers Club Coaches. All Club Head Coaches were offered the opportunity to drop in to observe any of the sessions but there was no take up for this.

A few photographs were taken at the Camp, and these will be posted on the LASA website/social media in the near future; there were no requests for swimmers not to be included in any photographs taken

The second session takes place on Sunday 3rd September, again at Market Harborough Leisure Centre

Based on the most recent Swim England communication regarding County Development Camps in 2024 there is a proposal that the age of the swimmer be increased by one year. This is of concern as it would mean that the same swimmers form the cohort for selection for 2022, 2023 & 2024

I will liaise with the Region regarding any further information that may be available before reporting back with more information at the September LASA meeting.

LASA Chair & Head Coaches Forum:

Following the forum held in June notes & slides were circulated to all Chairs & Head Coaches, including those who did not attend the day. There was also an offer to go and speak to Clubs further to talk through links with LASA etc. As a result of this I met with Nicola James, Chair of Market Harborough on Sunday 9th July and will be meeting Melton Chair & Head Coach on Friday 14th July.

This means that only Leicester Penguins will not have had a chance to talk through links with LASA and any input and support they would be interested in pursuing. The offer is still open for me to visit a Penguins session/committee meeting if that is of interest.

Once all the meetings have been held the ideas/concerns will be assessed and used to start to put together the LASA Development Plan for the next swimming year.

There were a number of themes/topics which arose from the Forum in June, and these include:

Recruiting & training volunteers at a club level
Long Term plans for organising the development structure within the county.
Strengthening cooperation within clubs in the county
Opportunity for long course training and competitions possibly supported/organised in conjunction with LASA.
Organising more club "fun" events possibly including reintroducing the LASA Inter Clubs & Young Teams

Sue said that she was meeting with the Chair of Melton Mowbray this coming Friday, and had been made aware that the members of the Melton Council would be at the pool during her visit to discuss the proposed new pool. Ursula asked if Sue could again mention to Melton the possibility of the club providing a delegate to attend the Executive Meetings. Sue was also trying to arrange a meeting with Leicester Penguins who had not been at the Club Chair and Coaches meeting, She said she would contact Rachel (Penguins delegate).

It was hoped to hold the next Club Chair and Coaches meeting on 11th November 2023.

54/23e: City of Leicester Development Report – Jamie Evans

The Development swimmers raced at Northampton Summer Festival this weekend. The swimmers in Development produced some fantastic races and improved on times from Regionals and the Nova Open Meet. All the coaches at the City of Leicester SC are very happy with the swimmer's progression over the season. They have all developed their swimming, dry land, race day and growth mindset skills. Congratulations to the Development squad of 2022-23.

Please can we ask permission from LASA to invite the following swimmers for a September start:

- Zoe Bartlam (BSC)
- Charlotte Lucas (BSC)
- Florance Lucas (BSC)
- Emmie-Rose Power (HSC)
- Hollie Willars (BSC)
- Violet Blackett (HSC)
- Sophie Lane (LSSC)
- Isla Fowler (CSC)
- Adam Blair (LNSC)
- Daivd Ursachi (LNSC)
- Harry Statham-Gill (CSC)

Jacob Mills has returned from racing at the European Juniors. It was a great first international meet for Jacob, he now focus' on EYOF at the end of July.

Sean McCann is racing for Scotland at the Youth Commonwealth Games at the beginning of August and has also qualified for the European Junior Open Water event in September/October.

City of Leicester have 27 swimmer racing at the British or English Nationals. Good luck to the other Leicestershire swimmers who have qualified.

Last month I asked LASA Reps to ask their Head Coaches about content for this report or if anyone wanted any additional feedback. As of the day writing this report, I have only spoken to Shepshed Swimming Club.

If anyone wishes to have any further information or to visit the City of Leicester programme please let me know, my contact details are on the bottom of this report.

Thank you to LASA for your continued support.

Regarding the proposed new intake of development swimmers those present at the meeting did not have any issues with the invitations going out to the swimmers. Ursula said she would inform Jamie.

Sue asked if it would be possible for Jamie to provide details of how well the development squad had progressed by showing their times at the start of the season and what they were now achieving. Ursula said she would contact Jamie to ask for these details.

54/23f: Masters Report – Alan King

I am sorry I cannot attend in person as I am in Bangladesh again on business.

Preparations for our Leicestershire ASA Masters Meet booked for Sunday 17th September.

continues very positively. I can report entries for our meet went live as advised on July 1st and I would like to thank Fiona for her help with this and also Judy ensuring our LASA website also was opened up to receive entries.

I can confirm all Leicestershire Masters clubs have been notified about us going live and also I have also reached out to organisers in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Warwickshire, and also advised swimmers in Shropshire, Sheffield and Manchester about our Masters meet. especially as swimmers from these regions attended before

Entries are starting to steadily come in which is good and I will monitor entries over the next few weeks to see how we progress.

I have secured Geoff Robilliard and GEZ as our Referees. I am waiting to find out if David Fortescue can run our AOE system supported with other Leicestershire staff. Lee Smith has kindly volunteered to help secure officials for our Meet, and this is really appreciated especially due to my work travel pressures which I have at the moment Can I please ask all clubs to try and encourage Leicestershire Officials to support our Masters Meet especially as it is a Leicestershire ASA event. If any Officials can help, please can they contact Lee Smith regarding their availability and I remain positive that our Masters Meet will be a positive success.

Sue said she had the Incident Book and Insurance Certificate and would ensure that these were handed over to Alan for the Masters Gala,

Those delegates present at the meeting were asked to go back to their clubs and ask all available officials if they were able to assist at this gala., Always difficult to get officials as a number of the officials who usually helped would be swimming in the gala.

LASA Masters Representative

54/23g: Emergency/Disciplinary Rules –Paul Sippitt

In the absence of Paul no report was given.

54/23h: Officials Report – Ron Brewin/Lee Smith

Congratulations.

Congratulations to the following officials who qualified as a J2S during the past month –

Nicola Fraser – Hinckley; Rachel McLaren – Penguins; Jack Coleman – Coalville; Andy Nicholls – Melton.

Festival of Swimming

The 2023 East Midlands Festival of Swimming will be held at Moorways Pool, Derby on the 22nd and 23rd of July. We are still short of about 20 officials per session. Trainee J1 candidates are also welcome – please fill in the Survey Monkey link as shown below. Full information along with swimmers entered is available on the East Midland Regional Championships website.

<https://www.emswimchamps.org.uk/Events/FestivalofSwimming2023/index>

If you would like to sign up to volunteer, please go to [Summer Festival of Swimming - Volunteer Availability 2023 Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](#) . If you have a swimmer, we will ensure someone relieves you of your post during their swim, so you are able to watch

If you would like to sign up to officiate, please go to [Summer Festival of Swimming - Officials Availability 2023 Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](#)

Travel expenses and refreshments are provided for volunteers and officials.

Ron Brewin.

I have received the new qualified officials list for July, and we have ironed out some of the issues with qualified officials not appearing on the list, PT, RS and AK are all back on the list.

Leicestershire ASA Masters Meet

The Masters meet is taking place on Sunday 17th September 2023 and will run over two sessions with start times of 2:15pm and 5:30pm. A request for officials has been sent out to all Leicestershire officials.

If you would like to volunteer to officiate please contact me on either officials@leicestershireasa.org or lee.smith.swim@gmail.com

Lee Smith

54/23i: I.T. Report - Judy Leader

No report received.

54/23j: Disability Report – Jill Stidever

No report received.

54/23k: Any further reports

There were no further reports.

55/23: Any other Business accepted by the Chair as relevant.

- a) Lee asked Helen if there was any financial support for clubs with regard to coaching courses. Confirmed that bursaries were available both via the County and the Region. All details were on the Website. Unfortunately, Helen thought the Club Link programme had now closed but she said she would find out and let Lee know. Helen did inform the meeting that there was an Assistant Coaches Course being run at Coalville in September. Website details <https://www.swimming.org/ios/course/10128>
- b) Lee said that the club were having difficulties trying to recruit parents into volunteering roles, especially officiating. Val said that Market Harborough had held a coffee evening and had invited all parents to come and they had managed to recruit a number of parents from this evening.
- c) Lee said that having had a chat with Jamie, he had invited him to attend a training session at City of Leicester.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.40 pm

Confirmed date of next meeting 12th September 2023 commencing at 7 pm via google meet