



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2023

Present: Ursula Beck, Geoff Robilliard, Lee Smith, Val Dunton, Jamie Evans, Rachel McLaren, Lee Taylor, Abi Crane, Ron Brewin, Trevor Hincks, Sue Wainscot, Helen Bickerstaff

42/23: Apologies: Fiona Conway, Alan King, Paul Sippitt, Jill Stidever, Judy Leader, Maryjoy Appleton. The following were also not present at the meeting – Leslie Johnson and Lindsey Hackworth.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Ursula asked the Executive to reflect on the loss of Chris Pear who had recently passed away at the age of 49. He had been a member of Leicester Penguins and had also been associated with the County prior to him moving to Lincolnshire.

43/23: Confirmation of the Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 9th May 2023

Correction to date of next meeting. Should have read 13th June not 11th June 2023

Following the correction to the Minutes they were proposed by Val and seconded by Sue as being a true record, All in favour.

44/23: Matters Arising from the meeting held on 9th June 2023

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

45/23: Correspondence & Secretary's report:

Nothing to report.

46/23: Acceptance of Records – Trevor Hincks

The following record was accepted by those present at the meeting,

Age Group	Event	Course	Name	Date Achieved	Time achieved	Venue	Competition	Current record
Mens	200m Individual Medley	LC	Alexander Casey	28/05/2023	02:03.24	London	AP Race International	02:03.69

47/23a: Treasurer's Report – Judy Leader

Summary

- Access to online banking now established.
- A reconciliation error in the bank balance was identified and corrected. This was due to double accounting of two Officials Expense claims.
- Accounts for April & May prepared and included in following sheets.

Income

- Income attributed to the Mini Meet and Development Camp
- There were two transactions that had been received in error; these have been refunded, although one not appearing until June's report

Expenses

- All outstanding payments have been made, including Google Workspace

Concerns

The Coaching Bursary that was outstanding has raised a query over the rules. One of the conditions states the application must be received within 90 days of completion of the course, while another says a copy of the certificate

must be included. There is a delay in certificates being issued, often with their receipt by the applicant after the 90-day qualification period, thus technically invalidating the application. The Regional Application conditions state the Application should be received no later than 90 days after the date of the Certificate. Propose the LASA rules are brought in line with the Regional Conditions. Helen confirmed that the Region accepted requests for coaching bursaries up to 90 days from the date of the certificate. It was agreed by the Executive present that we would change our conditions in line with the Region.

Re the Mini Meet, Geoff informed the meeting that a fee of 20p per swimmer equating to £82 would need to be paid to John Hidle. John Hidle would issue a code for payment.

In the absence of Judy, the treasurer's report was accepted.

47/23b: East Midland Region Report – Ursula Beck

There had not been a Board meeting since the last Executive Meeting. However, the delegates were asked to remind all of their clubs of the Regional and National Volunteer Awards for 2023. Closing date was 2nd July 2023. The Region would be considering nominations in the following categories:

Swim England Sports Club of the year (one award per aquatic discipline)

Swim England Volunteer of the Year

Swim England Technical Official of the Year

Swim England Coach of the Year (one award per aquatic discipline)

47/23c: Swimming Report – Paul Sippitt

Mini Meet 2023

The Mini Meet was held on 3rd June with 126 swimmers competing on the night from eight LASA Clubs. The results and a report have been published on the LASA website.

Chair and Coach Meeting June 2023

The first Chair and Coach meeting was held at Whitwick and Coalville on 10th June and was well attended; we had eleven clubs attending together with members of SE East Midlands.

The meeting covered an overview by SE East Midlands of the key areas of the governance that affect us all, pointing out key areas that we all need to be aware of. LASA also provided details of the key areas that it has responsibility for within the SE in structure and making the point that LASA is there for the Clubs; the LASA Executive Meeting is required to have a delegate from all affiliated clubs.

LASA then asked the assembled Clubs to form groups to look at any strengths and weaknesses that they want to make LASA aware of. The three working groups fed back to the meeting the points they had considered. The discussion that followed was open and many good ideas were presented.

LASA then provided updates on the 2024 LASA County Championships and the 2023/2024 LASA Mini Meet, again the discussion was open, and many good points raised.

LASA took all the notes from the three working groups plus the many notes that were taken during the various discussions throughout the session. LASA are pulling together the notes and will be issuing them to all present later this week.

The group all agreed that we should hold another meeting in 4 to 6 months.

In the absence of Paul, Sue said that only two clubs did not attend the Club Chair and Coaches meeting, namely Leicester Penguins and Market Harborough. She had offered to meet with the Chairs to brief them but to date had not had any response. Val said at their committee meeting the following night she would query why no one had attended and ask them to contact Sue. At the meeting Val explained that Nic could not attend any meetings on Saturday mornings as she worked on Saturdays. Sue had been made aware of this, and Chris was supposed to be attending,

Paul Sippitt, Swimming Manager

47/23d: LASA Development Report – Sue Wainscot

The first camp is scheduled for Sunday July 9th at Market Harborough Leisure Centre

There are 32 confirmed swimmers attending and the programme and required medical forms will be sent out to them during the coming week.

Matt Lowe and I have had a meeting to finalise all the arrangements for the first camp and this will be circulated to the Lane Coaches in the next few days. There is also a requirement to obtain DBS, Safeguarding & Qualification information from the Coaches.

Currently we would still like to add 2 more skills coaches to the personnel for the day

It was disappointing that there was no response from any club to my recent appeal; there must be a couple of perhaps less experienced coaches/assistant coaches who would benefit from attending.

There are two main purposes for running the camp. Firstly, to give swimmers an experience of attending a swim camp prior to hopefully being selected for Regional camps at an older age. Secondly, it is to develop Coaches within the county and expose them to different coaching environments. Attendance at a county camp is a requirement if a coach would like to get involved in camps at a Regional Level

Josh Simpson at Oadby & Wigston has mentioned he may have Jack, one of his coaching team interested and I am liaising with him at present.

If any club would like me to talk to a potential skills coach, I am happy to pop down to a training session at their club

Swim England are currently reviewing the format of national; Regional & County Camps for 2024. This could involve increasing the age for each level by one year. I am still looking at the impact of this on the county. This is because the potential change would mean the same swimmers that have been selected this year being the cohort for 2024. This is despite these swimmers already having been selected for 2022 & 2023. There would be very little benefit in a third year covering very similar topics even if there may be a few swimmers who would be new to the camp environment
Sue Wainscot

47/23e: City of Leicester Development Report – Jamie Evans

The Development swimmers have had two racing opportunities this month. Some raced at the LASA Mini Meet and produced some great swims. All raced at the Nova Open Meet (L/C) and again produced some great swims and other programmes commented on the swimmers well rounded technique.
The Development squad now focus on their end of season Open Meet which is Northampton LC. We will use the CoL Summer Splash as a test event.

Jacob Mills is heading to the European Juniors and EYOF this summer.

Sean McCann is racing for Scotland at the Youth Commonwealth Games this summer.

After three weekends of the Regional Championships the City of Leicester SC have:

30 – Golds medals 32 – Silvers medals 29 – Bronze medals

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.
Jamie headcoachcol@gmail.com M.07912732023

Jamie had taken note of the criticism given at the Club Chair and Coaches meeting. He said if any club wished to know more about what City were doing, they should contact him. Lee (Shepshed Club) said he would like to have a chat with Jamie and Ursula said she would send Jamie's details to Lee.

47/23f: Masters Report – Alan King

Leicestershire Masters Open Meet Sunday 17th September 2023 We have been busy getting ready for Entries to go Live on July 1st. We moved the status of our Masters meet from Provisional to confirmed.

Fiona has kindly prepared things behind the scenes regarding the 2023 entry files and pay pal links and provided the update website Link. Judy has updated our Website with our Meet Information pack for 2023 now live and available to view in preparation for online entries to go Live July 1st.

Our LASA website has a news Blog advising our Master meet entry pack is available to view ready for online entries July 1st. I have also posted out the same message on our Leicestershire Masters Facebook page.

Good progress so far, and a big thankyou to Fiona Judy and Geoff for their help to move us forward to this stage.

Midland Masters Inter -Counties competition.

Swim England have confirmed that going forward the competition will revert back to be a joint East and West Midlands event covering 9 Counties. The event this year is booked for Sunday 12th November at Moorways pool, Derby, with an 11.30am warm up and the competition will be short course.

I have loaded a Blog news on LASA website and also confirmed this situation on Leicestershire Masters Facebook page so all are aware.

A number of Leicestershire Masters swimmers took part in national Masters competition.

I understand this was a very good event for all participants and hopefully I can report any successes next time.

In summary it has been a busy month for our Leicestershire Masters which is great to see.

I look forward to keeping the momentum moving through to our Master meet in September, and so please keep the date free.

If any Officials can help us on the day Sunday 17th September this would be greatly appreciated.

Many Thanks

Alan

40/23g: Emergency/Disciplinary Rules —Paul Sippitt

In the absence of Paul there was nothing to report.

47/23h: Officials Report – Ron Brewin/Lee Smith

Sportsys and AOE training.

Only 3 people turned up for the presentation of SportsSystem software and Quatum AOE training.

Thanks to Simon Corbett, Ryan Ludlam and Simon Lane. Hopefully, along with the people who volunteered this year ,we will have sufficient bodies to run next year's County Age Group Championships.

Festival of Swimming

The 2023 East Midlands Festival of Swimming will be held at Moorways Pool, Derby on the 22nd and 23rd of July. Full information along with entry information 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 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. If you have a swimmer, we will ensure someone relieves you of your post during their swim so you are able to watch.

Leicester City Primary schools are holding a swimming gala on Tuesday 27th June at Wigston Swimming pool, 10-2pm. They are looking for officials both licensed and J1 trainees to assist in running the gala. If you can help, please contact Charlotte Spencer at CSpencer@crownhills.leicester.sch.uk

Ron Brewin.

Ron said it was disappointing that only three people had turned up for the AOE training.

There was still a concern that not all Officials had completed the World Aquatics Rules update which they required to do to officiate. Ron asked Helen if there would be any possibility of obtaining a list of those who had completed

their training from the Region. Helen said she would investigate it for him. Rachel questioned whether there was a deadline for completing the update. The new rules had officially come into being on 10th March 2023 and it was important that all officials had completed the training for them to fully understand the rules when on poolside officiating. There did not appear to be a date when the training should have been completed by.

47/23i: I.T. Report - Judy Leader

Website:

Traffic increased this month attributed to the Leicester League and the Mini Meet. Devices used continue to be mobile (79%), desktop (19%) and tablets (2%).

Number of views for each News/Post for period:

Mini Meet - 322

Diddy League- 209

Winter League - 120

Masters Open Meet Entry Details and link to SportsSys to be added to the Masters pages.

Social Media:

Access to FB given to Maryjoy Appleton so she can assist with posting and 'liking' posts etc.

Data Storage:

A Google Drive Folder has been created for the Leicester League data & files. It doesn't look like anything has been stores there yet.

I have also created the following folder and shared with all officers & managers:

- ADMIN folder, for commonly used files e.g. Forms, the Constitution, Exec Meeting Minutes.
- DEVELOPMENT
- MASTERS
- OFFICIALS
- RECORDS
- RULES
- SWIMMING

Jamie asked if we could place on the Website all records when broken and swimmer's achievements. Ursula said that this could be done but it was necessary to pass the information to Judy for this to be done.

47/23j: Disability Report – Jill Stidever

On behalf of Jill, Ursula reported that 2 swimmers had been chosen to represent Leicestershire in the English School Primary Schools relays, one from Leicester Penguins and one from Hinckley.

47/23k: Any further reports

There were no further reports.

48/23: Any other Business accepted by the Chair as relevant

- a) Ursula said she had received a request from Melton Mowbray to ask for support from the County in their request for a new pool which was being considered at the present time. Ursula said she was aware that Andy Jack from Swim England was involved, and the County would support as and when required. Helen suggested that Melton contact Doug Whitlam from Derbyshire as he had been heavily involved in the new Moorways pool in Derby.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.50 pm

Confirmed date of next meeting 11th July 2023 commencing at 7 pm via google meet.