



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2025

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 2026

Present: Ursula Beck, Judy Leader, Geoff Robilliard, Ron Brewin, Lee Smith, Val Dunton, Paul Sippitt, Alan King, Trevor Hincks, Lee Garaghty (Leicester Neptunes) Angela Lake, Emma Redwood, John Michael, David Lander, Stacey Currie, Sue Wainscot, Richard Armitage, Gez McLoughlin.

1. Absences: Apologies for absence received from Stewart Mairs and Sam Winters (Leicester Neptune SC)

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th December 2024:

Proposed by Val Dunton and seconded by Ron Brewin as being a true record. All present in favour.

3. Presentation & Adoption of Reports:

Ursula thanked everyone for the reports.

All reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

- a) **Chair** – Ursula confirmed that there were no additions to the circulated report. Having reported in her report that LTSC Masters had been short listed for the Charnwood Sports award Team of the Year she said she was pleased to say that they had come second. Well done to the Loughborough Swimming Club Masters. It was proposed that the report be accepted. All present in favour.
- b) **Treasurer** - Judy gave a summary of the Accounts for 2025
Judy said there was a mistake re the paragraph Funding of Special Projects. The three remaining camps would be held in November not December as documented. The Inspector of accounts had found no issues with them. The Report was accepted by all present in its entirety. Ursula thanked Judy for the report and the work that she had done during the year.
- c) **Events Manager**
 1. Events and Project Report – Sue said she had no further comments to make to her report, however congratulated Braunstone on winning the Young Teams and thanked Coalville for organising the event. Last swim camp for the year is on Saturday 13th December. Full camp with 60 swimmers. Sue's report accepted.
 2. LASA Age Groups and Championships – Geoff's surname is misspelled Should read Robilliard not Roboliard. This is to be corrected with apologies to Geoff. Geoff thanked LASA for the privilege of running it for the last few years, now to be taken over by Jenny Baldwin. He said he was aware that there were a number of Open Meets prior to the closing date for the Age Group and Championships 2026, and he asked that delegates go back to their clubs and remind them that all results needed to be posted immediately to enable the swimmers to have the correct times. Geoff's report was accepted by those present.

- d) **Officials** – Lee had nothing to add to his report, all information is there. Any questions please send Lee an email. Lee was thanked for the work he and Ron were doing to ensure the County had sufficient officials. Report accepted by those present.
- e) **Masters Report** – Masters year was very strong. Alan mentioned he ~~was~~ had been lacking volunteer help for the Leicestershire Masters event in September. Next year he will be reaching out for support early. Other than this it has been a very good year for the Masters. Report accepted. Alan was thanked for the work he was doing for the Masters Events.
- f) **Rules and Revised Constitution and Bye Laws** – Paul said the main task this year had been to remove certain rules from the present Constitution and set them up as Bye Laws. There had also been a number of rule changes to bring the Constitution in line with the Swim England template for Counties. Both the Constitution changes and the new Bye Laws had been sent to Swim England for acceptance. They had asked for a number of changes to be made to the rules, which had been done and then sent back to Swim England following which they had asked again for a small number of minor changes. With the final changes being confirmed as acceptable by Swim England on Monday, 8th December it was just left for him to ask that the AGM ratify the proposed changes to the Constitution. The draft constitution and byelaws had been circulated prior to the AGM. Those present accepted the proposed changes to the Constitution.

One of the main changes to the Constitution was that the accounting year would change to be in line with the Swimming Year September to August and this would also mean that our AGM would be held in November instead of December moving forward.

He said that he with his Rules committee would be reviewing the Bye Laws next year and asked that if the delegates had any comments relating to the Bye Laws to make him aware.

Ursula thanked Paul and his committee for the work they had put into revising the Constitution and setting up the Bye Laws.

4. Other Reports:

a) Honorary Presidents Report - David Lander

Ursula thanked David for the support and work that he had done during the year as the County President' For his support and entertainment during the meetings.

David thanked all for the opportunity to join in, enjoying being part of the group and believed it was important to project this throughout swimming. Commending those who worked on the Constitution.

5. County Records:

Trevor informed the AGM that Alex Casey had broken 14 records and Sean McCann broke 2. Last time a girl's record was broken was December 2018. Sue also pointed out that one of Sophie Smith's Regional records had only just been broken. Sophie had held this record since 2013. The Records were accepted by those present and Ursula thanked Trevor for his continued support in maintaining the Records.

6. Vote of Thanks given by the Chair:

I am going to start my vote of thanks by firstly thanking all of our County and Club volunteers who have continued to support throughout the year. It doesn't get any easier for our clubs to seek support and so often parents are juggling their time between many activities for their offspring and really do not have the time to offer their support at all sporting that their children take part in.

Whilst I am going to thank a number of persons individually I would not like those I do not mention by name to think they are not included in my thanks.

Firstly, I must thank Judy for her continued support. She is always there to offer support and guidance. As you will already be aware Judy has now become a life member of the County, a position well deserved.

Thankfully we now have a Secretary and Angela hopefully is now getting her feet under the table for a long stay. She, like Judy understands my limitations when it comes to IT involvement and is there to assist me. I keep hoping I will improve but it doesn't seem to be so.

Another person I would like to thank is Sue. Sue gave up the position of Development Manager at the end of 2024 when I think she thought life would be easier. Not so, no title but Sue has continued to be involved in all County Events, in fact I would say possibly no different as to when she had a title. I am deeply grateful for her support.

All of our County Events have been very successful, In particular the Age Group and Championships which again were very much supported by Geoff and his team. Thank you to Alan for his work with the Masters and Paul who has the onerous task of keeping our Constitution up to date. Lee who is slowly taking over from Ron, thank you to both for ensuring that our officials are always well supported and of course thank you to the officials who support both their clubs and the county.

As always, a big thank you to the Club delegates that have supported the County throughout the year.

My thanks must also go to the East Midlands Region staff who are always there to support the county if needed.

I will finish as I started by thanking all volunteers, parents and swimmers for their continued support within their clubs and county.

I wish all a very positive and successful 2026

7. Election of Honorary President:

A nomination had been received for Gez McLoughlin. Proposed by David Lander and seconded.

Ursula read out to the meeting the Citation received in respect of this nomination:

President LASA 2026 citation:

I would like the executive to consider Gez McLoughlin as president for the coming year. He is a thoroughly nice chap who has overcome many personal hurdles in achieving his status as referee. Further, I'd go so far as to say a darned good referee!

He is thorough and diligent in his manner and is approachable to any who need to speak with him on any matter. He makes himself available poolside and will treat any enquiry - however small or involved - with care and consideration for the enquirer.

He regularly accepts early responsibility as lead referee for the Age Group Championships, well ahead of the due date and commits to his involvement over most sessions.

Compared to many of his compatriots - he's young. But he seeks support and guidance from his peer group from time to time. Perhaps even when he doesn't need it - but it makes some of us more 'mature' individuals, feel that we may still have something to give.

A capable, reliable, efficient, thorough pair of hands at all times. And to boot - he's good looking, affable, pleasant - and young! What's not to be jealous of?

He has earned, through his diligence and support, the respect and love of those around him.

Gez is worthy of recognition and should be considered for this position.

All present were in favour of this nomination being accepted with Gez duly being elected as the Honorary President for 2026.

Arrangements will be made for the Chain to be passed over to Gez at the County Age Groups.

8. Election of the Officers for Leicestershire & Rutland ASA:

As per the LASA Constitution nominations for Officers and the Rules Standing Committee Manager are accepted at the November meeting of the Executive.

The following nominations had been received at the November Executive Meeting and had been circulated prior to the AGM, and all nominees were duly elected by all present at the AGM.

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

9. . County Badges:

Ursula said she was pleased to confirm that two County Badges would be awarded to Lee Smith and Kim Black following acceptance by the AGM and would be presented during the forthcoming Age Groups.

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.

Accepted by those in attendance.

10. Life members

Ursula said she was pleased to say that there were two nominations for Life Membership of the County, which were accepted by those present.

Val Dunton proposed by David Lander and second is Judy Leader proposed by Geoff.

Val Dunton - citation

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

Judy Leader citation

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

11. Date of next AGM meeting:

It was confirmed that the date of the next AGM meeting would be 10th November 2026.

Date of the next Executive Meeting - 13th January 2026.

The Chair thanked all for attending the AGM and wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. The AGM closed at 7.30pm.