



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026

Present: Ursula Beck, Judy Leader, Geoff Robilliard, Sue Wainscot, Lee Smith, John Michael, Stacie Currie, Val Dunton, Trevor Hincks, Matthew Graham-Brown, Ron Brewin, Helen Bickerstaff

26/26: Apologies: Alan King, Emma Redwood, Paul Sippitt, Sam Winter, Gez McLoughlin, Jenny Baldwin
Others who did not attend: Tom Whitmore and Chris Perkins,

27/26: Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2026:

The minutes held on 10th March 2026 were proposed by Val Dunton and seconded by Sue Wainscot as being a true record. All present in favour.

28/26: Matters Arising from the meeting held on 10th March 2026:

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

29/26 Secretary Correspondence.

- a) Appointment of County Diversity and Inclusivity Officer – Ursula welcomed Kelly Wright to the meeting and said that with the approval of the Executive Kelly had offered to take on this role. All in favour. Ursula stressed it that Kelly's role would be to communicate with Clubs on any Diversity and Inclusivity information and would be there to support clubs if they needed any advice but would not be getting involved in any Club Welfare Issues.
Kelly would be invited to attend the Executive meetings, and this also would be an opportunity to give out any relevant information received by herself. Ursula said she would inform the Region and SE so that they knew who to communicate with.
- b) Ursula said that they still did not have anyone interested in the County Secretary's role and asked for the delegates to ask around their clubs to see if anyone would like to take on this position.

30/26: Acceptance of Records – Trevor Hincks

There were no records to be ratified this month.

31/26 Reports:

a. Treasurer report – Judy

Judy briefly reviewed the accounts for March 2026. She made the Executive aware that having received the first batch of Affiliation fees it was noted that the value received was £7,514 compared with £8,921.50 in April 2025. This was a difference of £1,407.50 attributable to the change in LTS schemes running within the County. However, it was pleasing to see that Club Complete fees had increased from £3,682 in 2025 to £4,616 for 2026.

Report attached to appendix.

b. East Midland Report – Ursula

Ursula said she did not have a report. Helen informed the Executive that the East Midland Region AGM would be held on Saturday 18th April 2026. All information relating to the AGM had been sent out to clubs. Sue said she had not received any information. Likewise, a number of other delegates said they had not received any details. Sue said whilst she was unable to attend, she would like to see the Annual Report. Ursula said she would send out a copy of the report to the delegates following the meeting.

Helen also confirmed that the new East Midlands Development Funding was now open for clubs to apply for. This funding would only be offered towards membership growth projects or development of athletes. All information was outlined on the East Midlands Region website.

c. Events report – Jenny and Sue

Age Group report – Jenny

In the absence of Jenny, Geoff gave a report as to where we were with regard to the preparation for next years Age Groups and Championships. A copy of the report is attached. It was confirmed that all details should be available to clubs as soon as possible with regard to consideration times and the schedule of events.

Swimming Activity Update – Sue

Whilst a report had not been completed for this month, Sue informed the meeting that it was clear from the meetings being held with all clubs that swim camps for this year if held would be structured more around the coaching staff than swimmers and age of swimmers would also be looked at. This would be one of the topics to be discussed at the next Club Chair and Coaches' meeting which would be organised as soon as the meetings with all clubs had been completed. Hopefully, these meetings would be concluded by the end of April.

Age Group and Championships Report attached to appendix.

d. City of Leicester Report

No report was required this month from City of Leicester

e. Rules revision – Paul

No report for this month.

f. Masters report – Alan.

No report for this month.

g. Officials Report – Lee and Ron

Lee briefly covered his report that had been circulated previously. He said that his report should have read that Kim Black had successfully completed her Judge Level 2 Starters Qualification not Judge Level 2.

Discussion around the new World Aquatic rules with Lee and Ron, both making it clear that it was mandatory for all officials to complete this training. There were two dates set at present, but it was understood that there would be more dates available depending on who attended the first two training sessions being offered. Whilst it was to be hoped that any official working at the Regional events would have completed the training there would be details relating to the changes available from the Referee. It was also made clear that in order to officiate at a L1 gala the training must have been completed.

Report attached to appendix.

h. IT Report – Judy

No report for this month.

i. Disability Report

Following on from the appointment of our Diversity and Inclusivity Officer Ursula said she would change this Agenda item to be the Diversity and Inclusivity Report.

j. Presidents Report

No report this month

k. Any other report

No further reports

32/26: Leicester League

Ursula informed the meeting that talks had been taking place with Trevor Hincks and Richard Stock regarding proposed changes to the Leicester & District League. It had been agreed, subject to approval from the

Leicester & District League Clubs, that the Leicester League would fall under the umbrella of LASA with effect from the new Swimming Year – September 2026. Whilst there would not be any changes to the format of the League the rules and conditions had been reviewed with a number of changes having been made but it was made clear that these changes would not affect the running of the Leicester League.

The next step would be to arrange a Special General Meeting of the Leicester & District League when the agenda item would be the ceasing of the League known as the Leicester & District League to become the Leicester League This would be immediately followed by a general meeting for all Leicester League Clubs to enable them to discuss any concerns or issues.

Providing the clubs were happy with this change Trevor and Richard had agreed to continue for the foreseeable future with the running of the Leicester League. The finances of the Leicester League, whilst being managed by LASA would remain in a separate bank account.

The Leicester League would become an Agenda item for the Executive meetings which would mean that it would be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Ron queried whether the Leicester & District League was licenced at the present time. Trevor confirmed that all competitions within the League were now licenced L4 and this would be the same for the Leicester League, He pointed out that at the present time the Nuneaton Diddy League was not licenced.

33/26: Any other Business accepted by the Chair:

- a) Judy said that with the proposed new rule that required all 400m events to have lap cards she had given thought as to whether the County could provide each club with a set of lap cards. However, it transpired that at the present time you could only purchase lap cards with odd numbers. Stacie said that they had managed to find a company that supplied lap cards but at a cost of £60 per set of lap cards equating to £816 for a six lane pool.

Stacie gave details of the company they had used and following discussion it was thought that perhaps because of the cost of supplying all clubs with a set of lap cards, LASA could purchase possibly two or three sets that would be available for all clubs to use either in their entirety or if extra lap cards were needed if using an 8 lane pool.

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

Date of next meeting 12th May 2026.

Appendices

1. Judy - Treasurer's Report
2. Jenny – Age Groups and championships report
3. Lee and Ron – Officials Report

1. LASA Treasurer's Report for April 2026 Meeting

Main Points

- The financial reports attached cover the period of 1st March 2026 – 31st March 2026.
- There was no income during March
- Expenditure this month is attributable to the regular outgoings (COL, Workspace, software etc), Bursaries and the Age Groups & County Championships:
 - o Melton Mowbray SC – 1 X Coach,
 - o Facilities Hire – Outstanding invoice from LCC for Braunstone LC
 - o Officials & Sundry Expenses

Affiliation

- Affiliation Fees are received in batches throughout the year April- December. April is the month in which the bulk and biggest batch is Fees are received following the Clubs' submissions Jan Mar. Receipts. Subsequent batches these are generally in the region of £100-£200 each.
- The first batch for 2026 was received on 7th April and is showing in the Cash Flow report but will be covered in next month's financial reports.
- The value received was £7514.00 compared to £8921.50 received in April 2025. This is a difference of £1407.50 attributable to the change in some LTS schemes.

Summary of Categories

		2025		2026	
No Club Team	14	@ £45	£630	14	@ £45 £630
No Club Train	1315	@ £3.50	£4602.50	566	@ £4.00 £2264
No., Club Complete	1052	@ £3.50	£3682.00	1154	@ £4.00 £4616
Other Fees	2	@ £3.50	£7	1	@ £4.00 £4

2. LASA Events Manager report for April 2026

LASA Age Groups and Championships 2027 - update Meeting 13/04/26

- **All 3 weekends** will be at Braunstone Leisure Centre-Pools being booked this week.
- Dates are **WK1- 23rd/24th January 2027, WK2 30th/31st January 2027 and WK3 6th/7th February 2027**
- **Consideration times** are expected to be completed very soon. Comments made are also forming part of that work and partly the reason for delay. Small committee to review next week. They will be definitely available by end of this month if not sooner. Fully aware everyone is awaiting them.
- **Schedule** is also being reviewed in light of comments and decisions being made at this meeting (13/04/26) to see that changes all work. Also, will be released asap.
800m/1500m will not be on Friday night due to no pool being available and LC schedules.
- **Hoodies** will have names on the back for 2027. Details of colour/design will follow later in year.
- Towels will be available too, along with other merchandise which will be detailed also later in year.
- **LASA will also be booking part of Sports Hall** for accommodating spectators and athletes as per the experiment at last Age Groups 2026.
- **Sports Shop** will again be in attendance. Details later in the year
- **Medals and the lanyards** are being reviewed.
- **Pennants/Bookmark type for all finalists** outside of medals recognising their achievements. Actual design to be finalised.
- Decisions will be made later on any revised prices for events/spectators.
- **Numbers competing** may be/will be reduced dependant on revised schedule and consideration times.
- **Officials and Volunteers** Swim Meet sign ups will continue.

- **The Entry files** will be the same as this year, but all events will be under a single button. Male under button B and Female under button G. That includes the long distance events.
- A sign up to LASA Newsletter and social media platforms is highly recommended as some information will then fall directly to you as soon as it is released.

Other Information: -

- **Chairs and Coaches meeting** will be in May -date yet to be set.
- Proposed **Inter Clubs Relay Gala** (5th September 2026) and **Young Teams Relay Gala** (28th November 2026) will be on again. **Dates awaiting confirmation of pool booking.**
- LASA will continue to reinvest monies in our athletes.
- Vacancies still exist for a LASA Secretary.

LASA Events Manager - Jenny Baldwin (report prepared by Geoff on behalf of Jenny)

3. LASA Officials Report for April 2026

Congratulations

We would like to offer our congratulations to Kim Black of Leicester Sharks on completion of their Judge Level 2 Starter Qualification. Well done.

East Midlands Events

There are 2 Regional competitions happening in the coming weeks.

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

Officials will be required for both 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.

World Aquatics Rules Update

Following the briefing given to referees on 19th March each region has been asked to put on update presentations for all other officials and for referees who missed the event on 19th March.

If you attended on 19th March, please ignore this.

The new World Aquatic rules are in place as of 27th March 2026 for Level 1 meets and will come into effect for all other meets / galas on Monday 11th May 2026. There will initially be two presentations, the first one on Thursday 16th April followed by one a week later on Wednesday 22nd April. They will start at 18:30 and are booked to finish at 20:00.

Terry Bream, the Regional Coordinator will be presenting the information; there will be time for questions at the end.

To book a place you will need to click on the Swim-Meet link below.

<https://www.swim-meet.com/Availability/?m=8904>

Swim-Meet has been used to allow us to easily collect the details of those present for each of the update sessions.

Any questions, please let me know.

Regards

Lee and Ron.