



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2023

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 2024

Present: Ursula Beck, Tony Andrews, Rachel McLaren, Alan King, Paul Sippitt, Ron Brewin, Abi Crane, Geoff Robilliard, Judy Leader, Jenny Beech, Rick Moore, Jill Stidever, Maryjoy Appleton, Angela Lake, Kate Rose, Val Dunton, Lee Smith, Lee Taylor.

1. Apologies:

Apologies had been received from Sue Wainscot, Trevor Hincks and Helen Bickerstaff

Welcome from the Chair:

Ursula welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending the AGM.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13th December 2022:

The minutes of the AGM meeting held on 13th December 2022 had been circulated prior to the AGM and were also accessible via the LASA Website. Proposed by Abi Crane and seconded by Judy Leader as being a true record. All in favour.

3. Presentation & Adoption of Reports:

All reports had been circulated prior to the meeting and Ursula asked that these be accepted by the AGM.

a) Chair:

Ursula confirmed there were no additions to her circulated report. Proposer Abi Crane, Seconder Judy Leader. All in favour.

b) General Secretary:

In the absence of a General Secretary there was no report. Ursula again reiterated to those present to ask at their Clubs whether anyone would be interested in taking on the role of County Secretary. If someone is interested to contact her.

c) Treasurer:

Judy gave a summary of the Accounts for 2023. She asked that it be put on record that having taken over from John Thompson she had found the accounts to be in good order and wished to thank John on behalf of the Executive for the work that he had done over the many years he had been the County Treasurer. At the end of the financial year the County had a net balance of £57,363 against a net balance of £52,697 in 2022. She also said that whilst she still had a Finance Committee, she had asked the Managers of all relevant Standing Committees to attend the budget meeting with their proposed budget for the following year. She felt that this had worked well and would continue to do this. Ursula thanked Judy for the report and for the work she had done during 2023 as Treasurer. It was proposed by Val Dunton and seconded by Maryjoy Appleton that the report be accepted. All in favour.

d) Swimming:

Paul briefly summarized his report. As stated in his report, although those events that had taken place had been very successful, it had been disappointing that a lack of support from clubs for the mini meet in October had resulted in only two teams supporting the event and the Young Teams event in November had not been held due to the small number of clubs entering. However, it was to be hoped that having had two very successful Club Chair and Coaches meetings this had now been sorted and hopefully future County events would be well supported. He thanked the Swimming Committee for their support throughout the year and said he was looking forward to a successful 2024 events program. Ursula thanked Paul for his

work as Swimming Manager and asked that his report be accepted. Proposed by Paul Sippitt and seconded by Abi Crane. All in favour.

e) LASA Development:

In the absence of Sue Wainscot, Paul briefly went through the Development report. Sue was thanked for the hard work that she had put into ensuring that the County Camps went well and for organizing the Club Chair and Coaches meetings. Val said that she had been at the Camps and all the children had said how much they had enjoyed the camps. Proposed by Judy Leader and seconded by Val Dunton that the report be accepted. All in favour.

f) Officials:

Ron Brewin said he did not wish to add anything to his report other than to thank Lee for the work he had done over the year with the J1 and J2 trainee Officials and the support that he had given Ron. He did add that the figures in the report may not be up to date as at the present time as there were issues with the reporting system at Swim England which Swim England had said should be corrected by the end of the year. Once he had an accurate report, he would send the details over to Sue Wainscot for the Age Group & Championships. He said to remind all officials that if they attended a minimum of 12 sessions for the County then their license renewal would be paid by the County, and they would also be given free entry as a spectator at the County Galas. Ursula thanked Ron and Lee for their work during the year and asked that the report be accepted. Proposed by Abi Crane and seconded by Ron Brewin. All in favour.

g) Masters:

Alan King reported this had been another positive year including a successful Open Meet followed by an excellent result from the Regional Inter Counties Masters competition held in November. Following a correction of the points at the Regional Inter Counties Competition Leicestershire finished 4th and 19th out of the 29 Counties within Swim England. Alan was thanked for the work he had done over the year. Paul asked whether it would be possible to consider a Masters section for county records. Ursula said she would add this to the next Executive meeting Agenda for discussion in January.

h) Emergency/Discipline/Rules:

Paul Sippitt confirmed that there had not been any emergency or disciplinary issues within the county during the year. He confirmed that the Rules Standing Committee had reviewed the Constitution during the year, and this would be addressed later in the meeting. He explained that Swim England had now put together a County Constitution template which the County had received late October and whilst they had attempted to bring the Constitution into line with the new template there may still be areas that needed to be addressed. Having said that it was felt that the present constitution was very much in line with the template. It had also been identified that Counties worked in different ways and therefore whilst the template could be followed there would inevitably be differences in some parts. Should there be changes then these should be made as soon as possible with an SGM being arranged to accept the additional changes. Paul was thanked for the hard work that had gone into updating the constitution and Ursula asked that report be accepted. Proposed by Ron Brewin and seconded by Judy Leader. All in favour.

4. Other Reports:

a) Honorary President:

I would like to start by saying it was a great honour to be nominated to take up the role of Honorary President for LASA.

My first engagement was attending the Open Masters Championships in December at Moorways Sports Village, this was the first master's long course meet in the pool and it was a privilege to be invited to. This was closely followed by hosting Stephen Ward, East Midlands Regional President at our County Championships where we presented numerous awards to our swimmers and volunteers. Following the County Championships,

I had the honour of visiting many of the LASA base Clubs to present swimmers with their LASACAT awards, all visits were during the clubs' training sessions ensuring the swimmers got the recognition they deserved.

I was then kindly invited to attend the Artistic Swimming Champs and Master competition at the beginning of April in Walsall, I had a great afternoon watching and supporting a discipline which I knew very little about.

It has been a pleasure to represent Leicestershire at a variety of events and disciplines and one which I will look back on with fond memories and I am thankful for being given this honour.

Abi Crane Honorary President 2023

Abi was thanked for her time as Honorary President and Ursula said a small gift was being sent to her to say thank you from the County.

5. County Records:

In the absence of Trevor, Ursula briefly commented on his report. It was interesting that there had been no female records broken during 2023 and it was to be hoped that this would not be the case in 2024. Those that had broken records during the year were congratulated. Trevor was thanked for his continuing support in maintaining the records. All in favour of accepting his report.

6. Constitution & General Rule Changes:

Paul Sippitt reported that there had been several changes made to the Constitution, firstly to the Constitution in line with the new County template and also to ensure that the wording within the Constitution was correct in all places. As previously mentioned, should Swim England require any further changes these would be made and a SGM would be called to accept any such changes. The proposed changes to the Constitution had been circulated prior to the AGM along with a clean copy of the Constitution. The changes were taken to the Executive meeting in November and have been accepted. It was asked that the changes be accepted by the members of the AGM. Proposed by Val Dunton and seconded by Judy Leader that the changes be accepted. All in favour.

7. Vote of Thanks given by the Chair:

As those of you who have been asked to give a vote of thanks will know, it is always very difficult to know where to start because you don't want to miss anyone out and I do apologise if this happens because it would not be intentional. I have already in my own report thanked a number of people, but they are very much worthy of another mention.

I think it is only fair at this time to say thank you to John who resigned as Treasurer earlier in the year. John Thompson had been our Treasurer for many years and had continued throughout that time to keep our finances very much under control. Judy, as you all will be aware, took over from John as LASA Treasurer at very short notice and has continued to control our finances. If that was not enough Judy also manages our Website which is very much up to date and very informative for all to see. So, a very big thank you to Judy.

I also want to thank Sue, Paul, Geoff, Trevor, Ron, Abi and Lee for the work they have done throughout the year in their various roles. They have a plethora of knowledge between them which very much comes into play when we are organising various events within the County.

As is normal we ran an excellent Age Group & Championships and Mini Meets this year, and this was down again to those behind the scenes. Those of you who organise open meets will very much understand the amount of work that is needed to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible.

Alan once again put on a superb County Masters Meet in September so thank you to Alan.

I hope Abi has enjoyed her year as County President and would thank her for her support attending various events throughout the year.

Thank you to Fiona and Helen, our Club Development Officers. They continue to support us.

I also thank the Club Delegates who have supported the County throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank all volunteers, parents, and swimmers within our County for their continued support. I know that volunteers work very hard within their clubs and for the County and as I always say, we would not exist if we did not have the support of our volunteers. This is the same for the parents of our swimmers who spend many hours sitting on the poolside and not forgetting our swimmers who train so hard to compete throughout the year. I hope that our swimmers are achieving the goals that have been set for them or they have set themselves.

Thank you.

Ursula Beck – Chair

Abi also said that on behalf of the County she would like to thank Ursula for the work and support she gave to the County.

8. Election of Honorary President

A nomination had been received and voted on at the LASA Executive held in October 2023

Honorary President 2024 – Judy Leader- Citations

Geoff Robilliard's nomination

I would like to nominate Judy Leader for our next LASA Honorary President as she has over many years supported LASA by being on the Executive committee and various sub committees.

She is also a very respected referee, attending not only County Events but supporting clubs with their galas.

She has given the county an excellent new website which she continues to maintain supporting others to add to the website and latterly taken over the reins of LASA Treasurer, from a long serving member, and it has been seamless.

Her contribution has been immense in helping the county move forward.

Ron Brewin's nomination

I should like to nominate Judy Leader as LASA president for 2024.

Over the past year she has set up and maintained a new website which is considerably more user friendly than the previous version and contains current and useful information.

Also, she has taken over the role of County treasurer and changed the reporting of the county's financial information making the reports much easier to read and understand,

She has supported the county at a variety of galas during the year.

Secunder for these nominations Sue Wainscot with all in favour of Judy being nominated had been accepted at the October 2023 Executive meeting. This would be confirmed at the AGM.

All present were in favour of the nomination being accepted with Judy duly being elected as the Honorary President for 2024. Judy was congratulated and it was agreed that the official handover of the President's Chain of Office would be arranged shortly.

Judy said it was a great honour to be nominated and she was very much looking forward to her year as Honorary President

9 Election of the Officers for Leicestershire & Rutland ASA:

As per the LASA Constitution nominations for Officers are accepted at the November meeting of the Executive.

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

Position	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Chair	Ursula Beck	Geoff Robilliard	Ron Brewin
Secretary	No nomination		
Treasurer	Judy Leader	Ron Brewin	Sue Wainscot

10. Election of Managers of Standing Committees:

As per the LASA Constitution nominations for Standing Committee Managers are accepted at the November meeting of the Executive.

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

Position	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Development	Sue Wainscot	Ron Brewin	Geoff Robilliard
Rules	Paul Sippitt	Ron Brewin	Geoff Robilliard
Finance	Judy Leader	Geoff Robilliard	Ron Brewin
Swimming	Paul Sippitt	Sue Wainscot	Geoff Robilliard
Masters	Alan King	Pam Tilley	Tracy Goodson

It was noted that following the changes to the Constitution having been accepted, the Standing Committee Role for Disciplinary/Emergency and Rules Manager had been changed to be just the Rules Standing Committee Manager with Disciplinary and Emergency issues to be dealt with by the Officers of the Association in the first instance with support from others if required. The Role of Masters Manager had also changed to be Masters Swimming Officer and in this respect the nomination for Alan King would be held over to the January Executive Meeting when his nomination would be confirmed as per the new Constitutional rules.

Confirmed that the date of the next AGM would be 10th December 2024.

Date of Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday 9th January 2024

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The AGM was closed at 19.56 pm.