



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2025

Present: Ursula Beck, Alan King, Angela Lake, David Lander, Matt Graham Brown, Geoff Robillard, Jill Stidever, Judy Leader, Helen Bickerstaff, Paul Sippitt, Ron Brewin, Sue Wainscot, Trevor Hicks, Stacey Currie, Zoe Lee and Val Dutton.

Ursula opened the meeting by informing the Executive that Abi Crane had now stepped down for Coalville and Stacey Currie was welcomed as the new delegate for Coalville.

42/25: Apologies: Lee Smith, Sam Winte, Jenny Beech, Tom Whitmore, and Chris Perkins were also absent from the meeting.

43/25: Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2025:

It was agreed that the April 2025 minutes which were proposed by Judy Leader and seconded by Sue Wainscot were a true record. All present in favour.

44/25: Matters Arising from the meeting held on 8th April 2025:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

45/25: Correspondence & Secretary's report:

Angela reviewed the Secretary report and correspondence.

Report attached to appendix.

46/25: County Management Structure:

Currently on pause as we look to get the Event manager role filled.

47/25 Acceptance of Records:

All 3 from Alex Casey

Age Group	Event	Course	Name	Date Achieved	Time achieved	Venue	Competition	Evidence checked?	Date received	Current record	Difference	Cheque Value	Cheque Number	Ratified?
Mens	100m Breaststroke	LC	Alex Casey	15/04/2025	01:02.10	London Aquatic Centre	British Championships	Y	02/05/2025	01:02.47	00:00.37	£15.00		
Mens	200m Individual Medley	LC	Alex Casey	18/04/2025	02:01.86	London Aquatic Centre	British Championships	Y	02/05/2025	02:02.58	00:00.72	£15.00		
Mens	200m Individual Medley	LC	Alex Casey	18/04/2025	02:01.13	London Aquatic Centre	British Championships	Y	02/05/2025	02:01.86	00:00.73	£15.00		

The above records were ratified.

48/25 Reports:

a) Treasurer

Judy discussed the financials from 1st-30st of April.

Main income is the affiliation fees and expenditure as the usual monthly expenditure. We paid for the chair and coaches meeting room hire. Google workspace has increased their fee to £84/month. Some funds have been transferred from current account to the Deposit Account to maximise interest.

Report attached to appendix.

b) East Midland Region

No report this month. Helen informed the Executive that the Swim England National and Regional award nominations details will be released in June in line with National Volunteer week.

c) Swimming Report

Club Chair & Coaches Meeting 10th May 2025

Sue gave brief details of the Club Chair and Coaches meeting that had taken place on Saturday, 10th May.

With regard to next year's County Age Group and Championships, Geoff and Sue have been continuing with preparing the schedules and entry times and, the locations and dates were shared during the meeting for the Championships in the absence of an Events Manager.

A discussion regarding a proposed swim camp was also discussed. A number of questions were raised during the above meeting and Sue had agreed to go back to the organiser to raise the questions.

Events Manager, there is potential that we may have a volunteer, therefore currently we are not planning to send out another job post about it until we know a way forward.

Interclubs 6th September – Leicester Sharks have volunteered to run this and Coalville have agreed to run the Young Teams 29th November. All clubs except LTSC and Market Harborough have provided a decision. Angela to send an email to LTSC to confirm whether they plan to attend aiming to get a response either way by COP Friday 16th of May. Val confirmed that Market Harborough will attend.

The meeting was informed of the County's plans with regard Diversity and Inclusivity and the first step would be to advertise for a Diversity & Inclusivity volunteer. Jamie (CoL) had indicated that Andy Sharp from Northampton SC who had a great wealth of knowledge with regard to disability within swimming may be able to meet with the Officers of the County. A suggested date was 21st May. Ursula said she would contact Jamie to see if this had been sorted.

d) City of Leicester Pathway Report – September/February/May-June.

Report attached to appendix. No further comments with regard to this report. Ursula did say that it was pleasing to see how well the City swimmers had performed at recent events.

e) Masters Report

Alan didn't have a report for this month. Hoping to go live 1st/2nd week in June for the Leicestershire Masters Meet.

f) Rules Revision

Nothing to report.

g) Officials Report

Ron read out his report. Key request is for volunteers for Oxford to officiate on the 2nd of August.

Report attached to appendix.

h) IT Report

A verbal report given by Judy. The website has been given a face lift, changed the look and feel. Previously it didn't display well on a tablet.

We are advertising for a communications officer who can take over the social media element of comms to make things more visible particularly during events.

i) Disability Report

No report from Jill. Jill did advise the meeting that she was retiring from the poolside at the end of this week having been involved with teaching within Leicestershire for 53 years. She did give further details with regard to FIDDS the charitable organisation that had been involved with disability swimming since 2014.

j) Presidents Report

Nothing to report.

k) Any other reports accepted by Chair as relevant

No other reports.

49/25: Any other Business accepted by the Chair:

- a) Rules Revision – Paul said he thought it would be useful to take a look at the Constitution within the next few weeks. Ursula said she would communicate with Paul regarding any rule changes.

Date of next meeting 10th June, meeting finished at 7.42pm

Appendices

1. Angela - Secretary report
2. Judy - Treasurer's Report
3. Lee and Ron – Officials report
4. Sue – Swimming updates
5. Matt - CoLSC head Coach Report

1. LASA Secretary's Report: May 2025

Main Points

- Chair and Head Coaches meeting successfully arranged and attended by most clubs.

Event Manager

- There has been no response from any club in relation to the voluntary Event Manager role.
- One candidate was interviewed, however was not offered the position.

Disability questionnaire

- A Disability Swimming within Leicestershire & Rutland questionnaire was circulated to all Leicestershire clubs in March, we had responses from 6 clubs. We have had no further responses from any clubs since April's meeting other than those who originally responded. Clubs who responded are: Braunstone, Leicester Penguins, Hinckley, Leicester Sharks, COL and LTSC.

Correspondence

- Geoff Robillard sent various emails related to the LASA equipment, emails include Lap Cards & Bells being borrowed by LPSC & Coalville and the LASA laptop is now with Kim Black.
- Geoff Robilliard – the hire agreement form for Braunstone Leisure Centre has been shared to include T&C's, associated costs were also shared on the email chain..
- Sue Wainscot - 50M discussion with the Region
- Sue Wainscot – Swim Camp options and proposals.
- Oadby & Wigston coach – as an output from the Chair & Coaches meeting, the Oadby & Wigston coach communicated their intention to potentially put a team for Inter clubs & Young Teams with Shepshed.

2. LASA Treasurer's Report for May 2025

LASA Treasurer's Report for May 2025 Meeting

Main Points

- The financial reports attached cover the period of 1st – 30th April 2025.
- Income is attributable to Accreditation Fees.
- Expenditure is attributable to the regular outgoings (COL, Workspace, software etc), Records, Room Hire for the Chair & Coaches Meeting and Sundry Expenses (Interview for Event manager).
- Google Workspace have increased their fees from £72 per month to £84 per month.
- Funds have been transferred from the Current Account to the Deposit Account to maximise interest.

Attached reports:

Cash Flow for the Financial Year – showing financial year to date.

Profit & Loss for April 2025 – income exceeded expenditure, as expected due to receipt of Affiliation Fees.

Balance as at 30th April 2025 – showing financial position.

3. Officials Report for May 2025 Meeting

Congratulations to Ian Abbey for passing his poolside starter assessment.

The swimming element of the British Transplant Games are being held at Oxford on Saturday 2nd August 2025. The region who hosted this in 2024 have been asked if we can provide bodies to help run the event this year. They are looking for people to officiate and also volunteers to perform other roles like distributing medals and other non-officiating roles. As it is not a licensed event the poolside staff can also include timekeepers and trainee J1 officials in addition to licensed officials. Travelling expenses will be paid and there will be lunch provided between the morning and afternoon sessions. Other details are sparse at this time but if you can offer your services then please email David Fortescue at da.fortescue@outlook.com

4, LASA REPORT MAY 2025

SWIMMING UPDATES

Chair & Coach Meeting:

Held on Saturday 10th May. Good attendance with only Loughborough Town & Market Harborough not represented by a Chair and/or Coach

Schedule & Qualifying Times issued for 2026 County Championships along with dates.

The plan is the first weekend at Hinckley followed by 2 weekends at Braunstone

Proposal for 4 swim camps from September – December discussed targeting swimmers close to County Times.

Dates & further information regarding format to be investigated.

The Events Manager role was discussed and clarification provided on how the various roles have been split up for the future. The primary responsibility will be managing the organisation of the County Championships along with other LASA Galas

In the absence of an Events Manager Leicester Sharks agreed to organise the Inter Clubs and Coalville offered to organise the Young Teams. Sue to liaise with both clubs.

Thanks to both clubs

Sue Wainscot & Jamie Evans will again work together to select and organise the selection of the Leicestershire Team for the Inter County Team Championships which is scheduled for Sunday 5th October in Sheffield

Discussions took place about how LASA will work towards providing more support to all clubs regarding Diversity & Inclusivity. There has been a link set up with Swim England to support this. An advertisement will be circulated for this role. It was emphasised that this is an information and advisory role and does not involve dealing with any club related issues relating to this which will continue to be covered by the Club Welfare Officer.

Full minutes from the meeting will be circulated in the next 10 days.

4. CoLSC Head Coach Report – May 2025

It has been a very busy few months for the swimmers, coaches and volunteers at CoLSC. Below are a few highlights from over the last three months (National Window period).

Current National Qualifying Stats.

CoLSC have now raced at three/four open meets within the national window. We currently have the following swimmers sitting in National positions:

- British – 17
- English – 25
- Scottish – 6
- Welsh – 1

This adds up to 67 swims at British (28 boys, 39 girls), 77 swims at English (51 boys, 26 girls), 35 swims at Scottish (23 boys, 12 girls) and 5 swims at Welsh (5 girls). This will of course be updated once the window closes.

Regionals (Moorways and Corby).

Swimmers from County, Regional, NAG and NYG squads all raced at both weekends of the East Midlands Regional Championships. We had 75 swimmers qualified in 638 event and 6 relays.

The 75 swimmers qualifying for Regionals 2025 can be broken down as follows:

- NYG - 21 swimmers (185 swims)
- NAG - 23 swimmers (196 swims)
- Regional - 15 swimmers (152 swims)
- County - 16 swimmers (105 swims)

We entered in 491 swims over the two weekends.

We only have 11 swimmers miss out on qualifying in the top four squads at CoLSC (5 from NAG, 5 from Regional and 1 from County). This means 15 swimmers in the whole programme (covering all squads) currently miss out on qualifying.

I think the most impressive stat is last year out of the County Squad swimmers only 1 Regional time was achieved, and some only took part in their second LASA Championships this year. Thank you for the supporting base clubs helping/supporting these swimmers develop.

Below is the final medal table from the Regional Championships 2025:

		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	CoLSC	58	45	33	136
2	Repton	50	44	26	120
3	Nova	30	34	45	109
4	Corby	18	14	17	49
5	DX	16	8	21	45
6	NSC	15	20	23	58
7	Loug Uni	12	6	4	22
8	Chesterfield	5	10	5	20
9	Lincoln Vulcans	5	2	5	12
10	Long Eaton	4	9	2	15
11	Grantham	4	7	7	18
12	BSS	2	2	6	10
13	Worksop	2	0	0	2
14	South Lincs	1	1	2	4
15	Uni Notts	1	3	1	5
16	Carlton Fourm	1	2	0	3
17	Daventry	1	0	0	1
18	LSSC	0	4	3	7
19	Belper	0	3	1	4
20	Derby Phoenix	0	2	2	4
21	Lincoln Pen	0	1	6	7
22	Notts Leander	0	1	1	2
23	Eckington	0	1	0	1
24	Loughborough Town	0	1	0	1
25	Louth	0	1	0	1
26	Melton M'bray	0	1	0	1
27	Wellingborough	0	1	0	1
28	Rushden	0	0	2	2
29	Hinckley	0	0	1	1
30	Mansfield	0	0	1	1

CoLSC also had 214 finals achieved over the two weekends of racing this is a 64% medal swimming final position. The CoLSC swimmers performed very well over the Regional Championship weekends with a PB percentage of 65%.

Medal Table per Squad:

	County	Regional	National Age Group	National Youth Group
Gold	2	12	15	28
Silver	3	4	17	20
Bronze	3	7	10	13
Finals	27	45	72	70

Swimmers racing at World Trials

Congratulations to the following swimmers for racing at World Trials:

- Darcie P (NYG - BSC) – 200 IM (41st), 400 IM (41st)
- Sophie SG (NYG - CSC) – 200 Brs (85th)
- Frankie H (NYG - BSC) – 200 Fly (54th), 400 IM (29th)
- Niamh D (NYG - HSC) – 200 Brs (50th)
- Jess L (NYG - LSSC) – 200 Fly (71st)
- Janie F (NYG - HSC) – 400 IM (34th)
- Alyssa Lo (NYG - BSC) – 200 Fly (29th), 200 Fc (87th), 400 Fc (39th), 100 Fly (61st), 800 Fc (39th)

Although there were no finals or Junior International teams made, I'd like to congratulate all the swimmers. Some swimmers (6) had never raced at Trials or at the London pool before, so it was a big learning curve.

CoLSC Coaches on Programmes

Jamie

- Selected for Swim England Senior Team (Competition - Mare Nostrum series)
Declined

Wayne

Wayne has hit the grown running and is working well with the Regional, County and Link squads. Wayne is looking forward to meeting the Leicestershire Coaches and LASA Committee members.

A massive thank you to the supporting Base Clubs in Leicestershire. Without your skills and ability to develop and identity swimmers for the Leicestershire Pathway these results wouldn't be possible.

We have a few Club visits pencilled in, if you'd like a coach from CoLSC to attend a club training session please let me know via email (headcoachcol@gmail.com).

Thank you again for everyone's support.

Jamie