



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2024

Present: Ursula Beck, Judy Leader, Ron Brewin, Geoff Robilliard, Sue Wainscot, Alan King, Paul Sippitt, Trevor Hincks, Abi Crane, Lee Taylor, Angela Bird, Lee Smith, Jill Stidever, Val Dunton, Helen Bickerstaff, Jamie Evans

34/24: Apologies: Maryjoy Appleton, Rachel McClaren, Jenny Beech. Leslie Johnson was also absent from the meeting.

35/24: Confirmation of the Minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 9th April 2024

Proposed by Trevor and seconded by Sue as being a true record. All present accepted the minutes.

36/24: Matters Arising from the meeting held on 9th April 2024.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

37/24: Correspondence & Secretary's report:

Email received from Geoff thanking the County for nominating him for the position of Regional President for 2024. He said he hoped he would do the County justice and also said when he started out on his journey never did he imagine being LASA President/LASA Life Member and certainly not SE East Midland Region President. He felt it was a huge honour and thanked the County. Ursula said she hoped that he enjoyed his year as Regional President.

Ursula again put out a plea to the delegates to go back and see if any parent would like to take on the role of County Secretary.

38/24: Acceptance of Records – Trevor Hincks

Age Group	Event	Course	Name	Date Achieved	Time achieved	Venue	Competition	Current record
Mens	100m Freestyle	LC	Jacob Mills	04/04/2024	00:50.30	London	British Championships	00:50.84
Mens	50m Freestyle	LC	Jacob Mills	06/04/2024	00:22.91	London	British Championships	00:22.99
Mens	200m Individual Medley	LC	Alex Casey	05/04/2024	02:02.74	London	British Championships	02:03.24
Mens	100m Backstroke	LC	Charlie Poole	03/04/2024	00:56.56	London	British Championships	00:57.50

Trevor asked that the records for Jacob and Alex be ratified. All in favour of these records being accepted. With regard to the record for Charlie Poole Trevor explained that this record was again for an event swam for Stirling University which was not affiliated to LASA. He therefore asked that this record not be accepted. All agreed and Trevor said he would email Charlie's parents to explain the situation again.

39/24a Treasurers Report – Judy Leader

Main Points

Judy said it was a quiet time with regard to finances at the present time with a healthy capital balance of £75,135.

- The Swimmer Affiliation fees of £9089 were received in April (Apr 2023 - £8223):
 - o 15 clubs/leagues @ £45 (15 @ £40)
 - o 1381 Club Train @ £3.50 (1377 @ £3)
 - o 1021 Club Compete @ £3.50 (1154 @ £3)

Val said that clubs had been advised that they only needed to have Club Compete members if they were competing in Open Meets and County/Regional or SE championships. Judy said this probably explained the difference in the numbers for last year against this year.

- Expenditure is attributable to the regular outgoings (COL, Workspace, software etc) and Trophy Engraving.
- Consideration for next year's budget has commenced and a spreadsheet for the 2025 Age Groups has been created and is available on Drive to those who have access.

Attached reports: Previously circulated.

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

Profit & Loss for April – income exceed expenses this month as expected.

Balance as at 30th April 2024

39/24b: East Midland Region Report – Ursula Beck

The next Board meeting was due to be held on 18th May 2024. As already mentioned at the Annual Council Meeting held on 25th April, Geoff had become the Regional President for 2024.

39/24c: Swimming Report – Paul Sippitt

Swimming Committee Meeting held on 11th May and the following is a summary of the meeting, the full meeting notes will be issued with the Executive Meeting notes:

1. LASA County Championships 2025.
 - a. The dates have been confirmed as advised at the last Executive meeting. The pools are now booked.
 - b. The Entry Times and Schedule will be issued to the Clubs before the end of May 2024 and will be uploaded to the LASA website. Now circulated to Clubs and placed on the Website.
 - c. The Entry conditions are being reviewed and will be issued to the Clubs no later than the end of September 2024.
2. LASA Inter Club Relay event
 - a. Braunstone pool has been booked for the event.
 - b. The invite to the event will be issued to the clubs no later than the end of May.
 - c. The invite will also include a reminder of the dates of the Young Teams event.
3. LASA Young Team Relay event
 - a. Braunstone pool has been booked for the event.
 - b. The invite will be issued to the clubs no later than the end of June.

With regard to the seating for the spectators for the Inter Club Relays and the Young Teams Relay events Paul explained that due to the high number of swimmers for these two events it was clear that there would not be sufficient seats for spectators and therefore it had been decided that seats would be allocated to each club for them to give to the parents prior to the events rather than on a first come first served basis on the night. Clubs would be asked to pay for their block of tickets prior to the event.

4. SE Inter Counties Team Relay Event
 - a. SW and JE are working on the selection of the team and provisional team will be sent to the Club Coaches at the end of June, to allow times from open meets to be uploaded to SE Rankings.
 - b. The final team will be selected in good time to ensure LASA can select the best team for the event.
5. LASA Pathway
 - a. LASA have received the latest version of the MoU from Tom McManus of SE.
 - b. The MoU will be issued the Club Coaches and Chairs shortly. Confirmed now circulated.
 - c. There may need to be one final drafting meeting should the clubs request, otherwise a meeting will be organised to for all parties to sign the MoU.
 - d. The aim is to have in place for the New swim season.

39/24d: LASA Development Report – Sue Wainscot

Inter County Team Event 6th October 2024:

Long list of swimmers being considered to be issued in the next 7 days for a final selection at the end of June. This will enable swimmers' times to be reviewed with two local Open Meets taking place over the last two weekends of June. The selection criteria will also be circulated to Head Coaches

Coaches to be contacted at the same time to establish if any Club Coach wishes to attend along with Harry Pickering (COLSC) to support the Team.

Club Chair/Head Coach Meeting:

The next meeting to be arranged ASAP before the summer break. In addition to progressing the LASA Pathway Document the following items will be on the agenda:

1. National inter County Team Championships
2. Inter Clubs & Young Teams Relay Galas
3. Development Camps for 2024/2025 season
4. Introduction of Skills/Long Course Camps
5. LASA Open Meet: to discuss format, location & organising group

Potential dates being looked at prior to the 8th July when the schools break up for the summer.

There are a number of Open Meets set for this period including:

22/23rd June: City of Leicester

29/30th June: Leicester Sharks Open Meet

6/7th July: Northampton Open Meet

Coaches & Chairs to be contacted ASAP to set a date. There is a possibility that either 22nd or 29th am can be used as both Open Meets start around lunchtime. Venue likely to be Thorpe Astley Community Centre.

Sue Wainscot, Development Manager

39/24e: City of Leicester Development Report – Jamie Evans

The development squad have been training towards two meets - Regionals and Rotherham Metro Lv3.

We are all delighted to be back to our full training programme of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings plus Saturday morning. The squad have had an excellent attitude towards training.

The sessions have consisted of two key aerobic sessions per week, Tuesday being front crawl based and Saturday IM based although if the children were racing for their base clubs on a Saturday, this session was moved to Wednesday. The rest of the session time has been spent on stroke technique, kicking technique, underwater technique and race skills including HVO starts, turns and finishes. The squad have also enjoyed partaking in relays over short distances in order to sharpen their race skills and to work on speed.

Notably, 9 Development Squad swimmers took part in the recent Regional Championships including swimmers from Leicester Penguins, Coalville, Loughborough Town, Hinckley, Leicester Sharks and Leicester Neptune. Between them they qualified for 54 events, 19 finals and gained 4 medals (2 x silver and 2 x bronze). Two of the swimmers were swimming in the lower age of the dual age band with both reaching multiple finals and one gaining two medals. All in all, every one of them did themselves, City of Leicester and their base clubs proud.

Next week the whole squad are off to Ponds Forge to compete in the Rotherham Metro Lv3 Open Meet.

Thank you again to the base clubs for accommodating the extra swimmers in your squads.

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.

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39/24f: Masters Report – Alan King

Some of our Leicestershire Masters swimmers have been involved with various Events through April. The main Masters events I am aware of and received information included: - British Masters Long Course Championships held in Swansea, and the Derby Masters Open Meet which was held in Moorways pool Derby. I was advised that Swimmers from Leicester Masters, Loughborough, Market Harborough (to name a few) took part in these events - and I would like to say many congratulations to everyone who took part (some doing exceptionally well) and thanks for keeping me updated.

Re preparations for our Leicestershire Masters Meet to be held Sunday 15th September at Braunstone Leisure Centre, the work continues behind the scenes. I will be following up with Fiona and also Judy regarding hopefully our Masters Meet going Live for Entries in June – same as we did last year. At this stage we are on track, and I remain hopeful our Masters swimmers will be able to enter our Masters Meet very soon.

Also, I will be reminding everyone that our Masters Meet will also provide the opportunity to enter our Leicestershire Masters Championships as well, and so I will be promoting all this with all Leicestershire Masters Clubs once we go Live. Many Thanks Alan King LASA Masters Representative.

Lee said he would set up the Swim Meet for Officials to try and encourage Officials to support this gala.

39/24g: Rules Revision—Paul Sippitt

Confirmed that SGM had taken place prior to this meeting and the revised Constitution had been accepted. Moving forward the Rules Committee would be looking at the Constitution with regard to moving a number of the present Rules to become By Laws as suggested by Swim England.

39/24h: Officials Report – Lee Smith and Ron Brewin

I have been asked to reiterate the request for officials to check their contact information is correct.

Membership Details check. Request to all clubs to encourage their member's to log in and check their details are up to date via: <https://www.swimmingmembers.org/> We have sent out a number of invites recently where the emails have bounced due to incorrect or no longer used emails being in place

This year the British Transplant Games are being held at Harvey Hadden. The swimming events are just one day on Saturday 3rd August 2024.

If you can help, the sign up link is <https://www.swim-meet.com/OfficialsSignup/Notts/?h=534>

Don't forget to add your T-Shirt Size as there are specific T-Shirts for the event.

The event is not licensed so trainees would be very welcome and if we have sufficient numbers, mentoring will be available.

Ron did express concern that trainees were not in some instances receiving sufficient mentoring which meant that they were not fully aware of the rules. There was a list of questions that trainees were required to know the answers to, and he was finding that trainees could not provide the answers making it impossible for him to sign off their logs. He said he would remind the mentors of the need to ensure that trainees were fully conversant with the rules.

Ron Brewin.

We have been emailed the latest list of officials for the County by the Regional coordinator. It was quickly highlighted by other County coordinators within the East Midlands that the newest list had some errors.

I looked into Leicestershire's officials list and we have had 19 officials drop off the list since the last, after looking on Swim England's Membership check, following reasons can be given:

- 1 - Moved County
- 5 - No Qualifications showing on SE profile, so I can't check their licence card end date
- 2 - Qualifications show on SE profile but there is no licence card end date visible
- 5 - No longer have a SE membership profile, so assuming they are no longer members
- 6 - Have a profile, qualifications are showing, and all have a valid in date licence card.

The Regional coordinator has said that Swim England are looking into the errors reported, due to errors I have not updated my list with the new one.

Lee Smith

39/24i: I.T. Report - Judy Leader

The issue connecting the Instagram Account to Wix has been resolved, meaning when a news item is posted on the Website it will also be posted to Facebook and now Instagram.

The SE Insurance Summary has been uploaded to the Resources page.

Traffic is currently steady, although nothing like that of during the Age Groups, with the Leicester League page being a popular destination. The League have asked if we can create a method for Clubs to update their own contact details and for that information to be made available to all clubs in the league. Investigations required to find a suitable solution and to check an impact on GDPR.

Should we consider adding a Gallery page for photos?. Pictures such as the recent SE East Midland's President appointment and some key images from the Age Groups and LASA Presidents tour of clubs are examples. Images are generally posted to FB, but not everyone uses FB but do visit our site. It was agreed that this was a good idea and suggested that the photographs be put in year order.

Judy also suggested that the County purchase a banner which could be placed in the foyer for swimmers to stand in front of to have their photograph taken. This was accepted as being a good idea and Sue said she had a couple of contacts which she would pass over to Judy.

39/24j: Presidents Report

I had every intention of posting images from the trophy presentations to FB but had been waiting for all photos to be provided from clubs. These are now received, but I feel the moment has passed to post them now; they have generally all been posted on clubs' own FB pages and website. It is this that has prompted my thoughts around a website Gallery page.

39/24k: Disability report

No report. Jill said they were ticking along.

39/24k: Any other Reports:

No further reports

40/24: Any other Business accepted by the Chair as relevant.

- a) Val said that Market Harborough pool would be closing for repair. The date of the closure was still not confirmed but it was thought to be 9th June 2024. They were trying to obtain water time from other Clubs, namely Lutterworth, Oadby & Wigston and Oundle. Jamie said to ask him if the Club needed any assistance. Val thanked him for the offer.
- b) Abi asked the delegates to go back to their clubs and remind those swimmers who had Junior and Open trophies to ensure that they were engraved prior to being returned at the end of the year.

Confirmed date of next meeting 11th June 2024 commencing at 7.00 pm via google meet.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.00 pm.