



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2026

Present: Ursula Beck, Judy Leader, Geoff Robilliard, Lee Smith, John Michael, Stacie Currie, Val Dunton, Trevor Hinks, Emma Redwood, Matt Graham Brown, Paul Sippitt, Sam Winter, and Gez McLoughlin

12/26: Apologies: Sue Wainscot, Alan King, Jill Stidever, Ron Brewin, Jenny Baldwin.
Others who did not attend: Tom Whitmore and Chris Perkins

13/26: Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026:

The minutes held on 13th January 2026 were proposed by Judy Leader and seconded by Trevor Hincks as being a true record. All present in favour.

14/26: Matters Arising from the meeting held on 13th January 2026:

11/26 – Judy confirmed that she had spoken with Helen Bickerstaff regarding Bursaries following the last meeting.

15/26 Secretary Correspondence.

As already circulated to the Executive, the County were now looking for a new Secretary. The Job Description would be circulated with the minutes.

16/26: Acceptance of Records.

Trevor said there were no records for ratification this month.

17/26 Reports:

a. Treasurer report - Judy

Judy said that all details relating to the finances had been circulated and unless there were any queries she did not have anything else to add. She said that the Age Group P & L report for the Age Groups would be completed and circulated for the next meeting,

Report attached to appendix.

b. East Midland Report – Ursula

Nothing to report at this meeting.

**c. Events report – Sue and Jenny
Swimming Activity Update – Sue**

In the absence of Sue Ursula briefed the meeting on Sue's report.

Report attached to appendix

Age Group report – Jenny

No report for this meeting. Ursula did however thank all who had supported the Age Groups and for the work that had been done by all volunteers. Fiona Walpole-Bourne, Swim England National Welfare Officer had attended the Championships on the first weekend at Braunstone. She would be sending a report but had said that she had been extremely impressed with the standard of safety for the event, and the friendliness of all she had spoken to. Once the report has been received will circulate.

A thank you to Helen Bickerstaff, Club Development Manager who had visited the Championships at Hinckley and had also volunteered on the Medals Table.

As was normal all clubs would be asked to give feedback from the Championships. This request would be sent out in the next few days.

Ursula also thanked Harry Pickering from CoL for the way he had conducted himself at the Championships. Apart from circulating and communicating with the coaches on the poolside, he had also supported the team of LASA volunteers in preparation for the events at the Leisure Centres.

City of Leicester Report

The report had not been received by Ursula until Monday afternoon so had not been circulated. Will be attached to the Appendix. The report was briefed to the Executive.

Report attached to Appendix

d. Rules revision – Paul

Paul said that following the introduction of the Bye Laws for the County, the Rules for the Records had been moved to the Bye Laws from the Constitution, and it had been noticed that they did not align with the new Constitution. Paul was going to take a look and amend. Trevor and Judy would also be involved as it may be possible to make the form more user friendly on the Website.

e. Officials Report – Lee and Ron

Lee briefly went through his report. It was highlighted that 91 officials had signed up to work at the Age Groups, 23 officials had been supported in their progression. 4 Judge Level 1 and 8 Judge Level 2s had completed their qualifications. Also 4 new trainee referees were able to commence their referee practical side of the qualification with different referees assisting. Lee was thanked for the work he had done with regard to the Officials but also his management of the volunteers over the three weekends.

Judy said she had also been able to recruit Sarah Cross as the County Volunteer co-ordinator.

Judy said the WhatsApp group for Team Managers and Coaches had worked well with them receiving updates as and when required throughout the championships. She suggested possibly having a WhatsApp group for the Referees as well. The subscribers link had also worked well, and it was suggested that those using this link also be asked if they wished to provide any feedback from the Championships.

Geoff said that a trial had been running on the last Sunday of the Championships for live streaming of the events. This will be looked into further for next years Championships.

Report attached to appendix.

f. Masters report – Alan.

In Alans absence from the meeting Ursula confirmed that the County Masters Open Meet due to take place 13th September 2026 had been added to the Swim England calendar of events.

g. IT Report – Judy

Judy said she had nothing to report other than the website had been used constantly throughout the championships to get details of final results.

Lee was thanked for completing the LASACAT and other trophy winners' details, these would be added to the website. The subscriber's link was also used throughout the Championships.

h. Disability Report

No report for this meeting

i. Presidents Report

No report for this meeting.

- j. Any other report**
No further reports

18/26: Any other Business accepted by the Chair:

- a) Val said thank you for making her experience at the Championships when receiving her Life Membership very enjoyable.
- b) Trevor said that he and Richard had proposed a rule change to the Leicester Leage competitions whereby the 11 and under individual events in the Leicester Diddy League will be 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle. The 11 and under individual Butterfly will stay as 25m. By making this change it would allow the results to be added to the rankings. He said they were still waiting a reply from a small number of clubs re this proposed rule change.

There being no further business for discussion the meeting closed at 7.31 pm.

Date of next meeting 10th March 2026.

Appendices

1. Judy - Treasurer's Report
2. Sue – Swimming Activity Update
3. City of Leicester Report
4. Lee and Ron – Officials Report

1. LASA Treasurer's Report for February 2026 Meeting

Main Points

- The financial reports attached cover the period of 1st January 2026 – 31st January 2026.
- Income this period is from Age Groups & County Championships:
 - Entry Fees
 - Door takings
 - Sale of Merchandise
 - A full breakdown will be provided next month when the finances for the Championships have been completed and finalised.
- Expenditure this month is attributable to the regular outgoings (COL, Workspace, software etc), and the Age Groups & County Championships:
 - Purchase of merchandise to replenish sold out stock.
 - Further sundry items, such as stationery, extension leads, computer mouse for AOE desk & replacement earpiece for radios.
 - Engraving of trophies.
 - A full breakdown will be provided next month when the finances for the Championships have been completed and finalised.

Age Group & County Championships

A full P&O report of the competition will be provided in next month's report once all invoices and expense claims have been received and processed.

Please can all expense claims, both general expenses from the Events Team and travel expenses from Officials, be submitted to me no later than 18th February 2026.

2. LASA Executive meeting report from Events Manager

Swim Clinics:

Feedback from clubs was requested by the end of January. To date only Market Harborough SC has sent a response.

It is appreciated that Coaches have been busy with the County Championships and a reminder will be sent out in the next few days.

Relay Team Events:

At the January meeting I reported that perhaps some consideration should be given for the timing of the Young Teams & Inter Club Relays galas for 2026.

I will ask for feedback regarding this when I email the reminder out to Clubs about the Swim Clinics

A further option possibly worth considering is to incorporate these events into the County Age Groups & Championships?

This would obviously be part of a wider review of the County Age Groups & Championships from 2026.

Sue Wainscot 9.2.26

3. LASA/City of Leicester report February 2026 Meeting

I hope everyone enjoyed their 2025 short course season. Below is a roundup of the last few months at CoLSC.

November

Below are our regional s/c Championship stats for 2025, any questions please do let me know.

CoLSC had 45 swimmers qualify to race at the East Midlands Regional s/c at Nottingham. Thank you to our team of volunteers and officials who helped the Championships run smoothly. Thank you to our team of TM's who braved the cold sports hall to look after the swimmers.

Stats from the weekend of racing:

- Heat Swims – 97
- Finals – 34
- Golds – 4
- Silvers – 7
- Bronze – 10
- Junior Champions – Frankie H (1500m Fc), Jacson C (800m Fc), Frankie H (400m IM), Frankie H (800m Fc)

We now sit in one of the fastest Regions short course within the Country, making a final is now an achievement when we are up against the juggernauts of Repton School and Loughborough University.

Congratulations to the Coaches of Leicestershire for helping the swimmers achieve these results. Without your help and development, they wouldn't be who they are today.

Swim England Camps – NAGDP

Holly, Jacson, and Kais attended their camp at Oundle School. I attended the NAGDP Camp in Huddersfield as Head Coach and was joined by ex-Leicestershire swimmer Candice Hall. For more information regarding the Swim England pathway please see the link below:

Swim England Talent Pathway

December

CoLSC had 14 swimmers qualify to race at a Winter National s/c event.

Swimmers from NYG (English)

Holly G, Jack S, Alyssa Lo, Darcie P, Niamh D, Jess L, Oliver D, Harry L, Freddie B, Frankie H, Will, Jacson C and Janie F. CoLSC had the most 14/15yr swimmers qualify for the English Winter Nationals out of all the clubs attending.

Swimmers from NYG (Scottish)

Arthur B

Stats from the Winter National s/c events are as follows (English and Scottish):

- Heat Swims – 44

- Finals (Junior or B finals) – 10

The swimmers performed well and big improvements were seen when swimmers made finals. Thank you to the base clubs in Leicestershire for developing swimmers within their programmes, giving us some great foundations.

DX Open Meet

Regional, County and Link Squads attended the Dx Open Meet as their end of long course season open meet. Swimmers picked up additional regional times during the two days at Moorways. Feedback from the coaches was the skill level from all swimmers was very high. Again, thank you to the base clubs of Leicestershire.

January and February

Two very busy months for all swimmers in Leicestershire. NYG and NAG swimmers raced up in Sunderland on the first weekend of the LASA Championships. Swimmers produced multiple swims which were inside the World Trials qualification times. CoLSC currently have six swimmers qualify for World Trials in London (April 2026) in 15 events. Ranging from 100m events up to 800m events, including multi stroke (Fc, Brs, Fly and IM).

Congratulations to LASA and the Clubs in Leicestershire for a great three weekends of racing at the LASA Championships. CoLSC had the following swimmers racing from each Club:

33 for BSC, 15 for LPSC, 13 for HSC, 11 for CSC, 9 for LSSC, 6 for LTSC, 3 for LNSC and 1 for MHSC.

This is every member at CoLSC enjoying racing for their Club at the LASA Championships in 2026.

Harry has taken on the County Communication role at CoLSC between CoLSC, Clubs and LASA. Harry has worked hard during the LASA Championships, making sure he was available for poolside conversations and even lending a helping hand on the accreditation table from time to time. If anyone would like to arrange a visit to the CoLSC programme, please contact Harry (regionalcoachcol@gmail.com). He'll be more than happy to have you down at BLC, NPLC or DMU to talk anything swimming.

Harry has also communicated 17 trial invites to 5 Clubs in Leicestershire. Invites/trials are all for Link, County and Regional Squads at CoLSC.

CoLSC now prepare to take 30 swimmers from NYG and NAG to Tenerife (14th-21st February). This is our second time at the T3 venue, if any Clubs would like information or help planning their training camps, please let us know.

Swimmers and Coaches on Swim England Camps

Swimmers on Programmes

Frankie H, Jack S and Janie F NYDP Camp at Loughborough in January.

Alyssa Lo attending the Edinburgh International Meet in March with SE (DiSE).

Coaches on Programmes

Harry to attend the Edinburgh International Meet with SE (DiSE) in March.

Harry Regional Development Head Coach

Jamie NAGDP Head Coach

Thank you for everyone's continued support, please do get in contact with us if you wish to talk swimming, want to know about the CoLSC programme or want to ask about life after Leicestershire as we have some great links with Universities (UK and America).

4. Officials Report for February 2026

I'm really pleased to share how well the officiating went over the three weekends of the County Championships. The response from our county officials was brilliant, and I want to highlight the hard work they put in to make the event a success.

By the Numbers

Having a strong team on poolside made a huge difference to the atmosphere and the workload.

- We had 91 individuals step up to help across the championships.
- Because of this high turnout, we comfortably met all the Level 2 license criteria, ensuring the meet stayed fully compliant without any last-minute stress.
- We were able to offer over 50 mentoring opportunities.
- 23 different officials benefited from this support, covering everything from J1 through to Referee roles.

Supporting 23 officials in their progression shows that Leicestershire is committed to building a strong, qualified team for the future. It's great to see the more experienced officials passing on their knowledge, and the newer ones gaining confidence in a supportive environment.

A result of the mentoring was having 4 Judge Level 1's and 8 Judge Level 2's complete their qualifications. We were also able to give referee experience to 4 new referee trainees starting their referee qualification.

A massive thank you to everyone who volunteered. The energy and commitment over the three weekends were exactly what we needed to deliver a top-tier championship for the swimmers.

Regards

Lee and Ron.