

MINUTES
LAMSC
Monday, 6th December 2021 – Skype

Present: Marianne Bailey, Louise Churchill (Chair), Wendy Cox, Sally Ferguson, Duncan Loraine, Dave Palmer, Justin Ratcliffe

Apologies: Craig Ferguson, Tony Nicholls, Lucy Schofield, Natalie Ray

1. Minutes from Last meeting

Approved.

2. New Business

Mark Goggins has resigned from his committee role. LC thanked Mark for all his hard work and commitment over the years.

ALL

2.1 Welfare Report

None.

2.2 Coaching Report

In the Pool

- November was all about gearing up towards our county qualifying Club Champs events held at the back end of the month. The events went well, despite having only 25-30 swimmers at each of the mini galas. We also ran a couple of Junior galas which gave all of our Academy and most of our 11-14 Group C swimmers their first taste of competitive swimming.
- Final Counties qualifying tally = 151. (2020 was 208 with harder CQT's). Very happy with the spread of events. A lot of work to be done to bring the level of our younger swimmers up to county level.
- 45% of eligible swimmers achieved at least 1 county time (42% in 2020).
- Senior sessions attendance for November: Average 17.8 per session → 42% attendance.

Competition Calendar - Results

- Arena League Round 3: West Bromwich November 13th. Finished in 4th place on the night, only four teams competing. 9 points off 3rd place. Another solid team effort, with injuries preventing us from competing in many of the 11/u. Points breakdown by age:

Competition Calendar – Coming Up

- We've officially joined the PGL league for 2022. 1st round is 6pm, 8th January @ Perdiswell. We are hosting Round 2 on Saturday 5th March.
- Counties 2022. Long distance 26th Jan (Wolverhampton), Weekends of 5th / 6th Feb (Worcester) & 12th /13th Feb (Wolverhampton).

Longer Term Thoughts

- Malvern Active link lane on Thursday & Friday nights is up and running. One swimmers has already moved across to the club. We're in the process of getting some club info onto Malvern Active site.

Membership Changes

- Membership currently standing at 84. We lost four swimmers in November and one joined our 11- 14 Group C. Academy @ 28 swimmers with hopefully two more to join.

Financials

- Expected monthly income as per current squads & fee structure is ~ £4147
- Expected monthly pool hire costs: ~£2780 (allowing for MA using 2 x 1 lane hours per week)

2.3 Financial Report

We have £36,397 as at 30.11.21, although we have payments pending for £2242 each for October and November to Malvern College, £1953 for DL, £528 for Halo, £645 for medals and £410 for a hat order which will reduce our balance to below £30,000. All to note

We are receiving money in for county kit orders.

2.4 Membership Update

We have 84 members. See above. ALL

2.5 Workforce Update

3 timekeepers assessment have been sent off for validation. Hannah Urbanski J1 is almost done. SF to sign up for J1 in the New Year. Younger swimmers parents have volunteered at the recent gala for timekeeping which is encouraging. Some have been referred to the sign up on the SE website. SF

2.6 Communications Update

DP said we need content, particularly competition information. Natalie has volunteered to help with social media. DP to give access to social media accounts. DP

TN to forward email to LC from Grace Grove re banners and LC to follow up. TN
LC

2.7 Parent & Coach Liaison

County t-shirt order letters have gone out to parents. WC

2.8 Venue Update

Xmas dates to go out to venues. LS

2.9 Press/PR Report

One article appeared in the Malvern Gazette.

MB said she would mention our sponsors for the raffle in any write up. MB

2.10 Swim England fees

Swim England fees for 2022 are £17.35 for category 1, £36.15 for category 2 and for category 3 it is £7.75. Worcester County aren't charging.

JR to revive the Swim England letter to go out to parents early next year. JR

TN said that Julia Forsyth and Sally Snee are happy to continue with their roles.

The aim is to get all swimmers category 2 registered as this makes gala entry easier although for the PGL League it is not essential.

2.11 Coronavirus Update

Watch this space. There are no changes at present. ALL

2.12 Bus

TN is struggling to find a bus for Saturday 11th December. He is waiting for confirmation from P W Jones. TN

2.13 Xmas Party

The Xmas party is taking place on Sunday, 19th December in the pool and in the Gryphon Room. Times are:

Juniors Party Room 2.45 – 3.45 pm
Juniors Fun Gala 3.45 – 4.45 pm

Juniors and Senior Awards and raffle 4.45 – 5.15 pm

Seniors Fun Gala 2.15 – 3.45 pm
Senior Party Room 3.45 – 4.45 pm

- LC to send out email to members. LC
- MB to buy Haribo and Drummonds sweets for afterwards. MB
- MB to ask Rob if we can borrow pool equipment. MB
- MB to purchase plates, drinks, cups, jugs and rubbish bags. MB
- We will also need skipping ropes and tight t-shirts. ALL
- Awards to follow.
- DL to ask Jonathan Kennedy for job description for club captain role. DL
- Club Captains do not have to be defined in terms of boy/girl but could be junior and senior.
- MB to check on previous history on volunteer award. MB
- Jo Kennedy has agreed to do certificates.
- Raffle prizes to date are green spider, flip out, chocolate hamper, Halo one month membership, Malvern College one month membership, and £50 for club kit from Kerry.
- Raffle tickets to sell for £1 each, £5 for a strip. ALL

2.14 Club Kit

More research is needed on the choice of suppliers. Decision to be made after Christmas. All to do some research. ALL

2.15 Poolside/coach rota

Thursday, Friday and Sundays are good. JR helps out on Wednesdays. Need someone else to help on Tuesday nights but it can be done on own but the seniors get less attention. ALL

Marion is keen to run an academy lane after Xmas. This will be finalized this week.

2.16 £62 fee for senior swimmers

Lily Forsyth has left the senior section. Most reasons for leaving are not to do with money but it is a consideration. DL to look at the numbers to see if we can do a reduction and report back next month. DL

2.17 Update on banking signatories and internet banking

LC has updated her signature on the bank account. Internet banking is being activated. LC/TN

2.18 Update on noticeboards and insurance certificates

We will get new certificates for the year shortly so will wait for this now.

2.19 Update on Platform Community Chest Fund/Tesco

Kate West has applied for a starting system at approximately £1700. She is still applying for the Tesco bid. LC said we could probably apply to the Platform Community Chest Fund again next year.

LC to look at financial targets going forward. We need fund raisers to accompany the crowd funding. This could incorporate kit and coach fund raisers. LC

2.20 PGL Gala

This is for swimmers 9 – 14 years. It was agreed that no bus would be organized for these galas as they are so local. ALL

Gala 1 – Saturday, 8th January @ Perdiswell at 6 pm

Gala 2 – Saturday, 5th March

Gala 3 – Saturday, 9th April @ Abbey Stadium at 5 pm

Gala 4 – Saturday, 7th May @ Abbey Stadium at 5 pm

We are the host club for gala 2 and will need to book a venue. ALL/LS

2.21 Crowd Funding

See above point.

Would like to raise funds for new starting blocks at Ledbury. However, DL said they were not standard size lanes. We would not be able to keep them in situ and there is very little storage for them as the newer starting blocks are much larger than what we have currently. The other major problem is the fixtures and fitting. Review next year. ALL

2.22 Update on Worcester County AGM

Viv Hewitt is stepping down as President. J1 evidence is changing. Founders Prize was awarded. ALL

2.23 Malachi Cashmore

He paid his membership subs for November. DL to monitor his attendance.

LC suggested a Chairperson Award for exceptional achievement. We would pay his membership fees for a year at 2 x a week. DL to chat to Malachi. DL

2.24 Changing Rooms

All OK. Will not re-introduce showers for the present with the increasing infections.

2.25 Xmas Closure Dates

We will finish on 23rd December. This will be our last session although Duncan will not be present. One extra session will take place on Thursday 30th December during the holidays. We will return on Tuesday, 4th January. Email from the Committee to go out. DL to ensure all venues are covered with poolside help. This will include the junior turkey buster session on the 30th. LC

3. Any Other Business

- a. Swimpath do club kit for larger swimming clubs including swim hats.

4. Date of next meeting is to be Monday 10th January at Colwall Park Hotel at 7 pm. All to note

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 6.12.21

- We would be grateful if all standing order payments are scheduled for the 1st of the month. Standing order payments are amortised across the year and take account of the summer and Christmas training breaks. Fees are payable every month of the year. The notified monthly fee is payable regardless of the amount of sessions attended.
- Club night will be held on Thursday and Friday nights where there will be a Committee Member in attendance to answer any of your queries and questions.
- Xmas Party/Fun Gala will be held on Sunday, 19th December. All are welcome. Please bring raffle prizes and food donations!
- Our last training session before Christmas will be 23rd December. We return on Tuesday 4th January 2022 but have a turkey buster session on the 30th December.
- Swim England fee letters will be sent out in due course to all swimmers for a January payment deadline.
- Thank you to Jonathan K for organizing and running our Club Championships in November. Well done to all those competing, some for the first time! Thank you also to all our volunteers.
- Please return any trophies you may have at home.
- PGL League is for swimmers 9 – 14 years. The dates are as follows: Gala 1 – Saturday, 8th January @ Perdiswell at 6 pm, Gala 2 – Saturday, 5th March – venue to be decided, Gala 3 – Saturday, 9th April @ Abbey Stadium at 5 pm, Gala 4 – Saturday, 7th May @ Abbey Stadium at 5 pm. Selection lists will be sent out in due course.
- We urgently need more poolside helpers for our swimming training sessions. Please contact us and let us know if you can help. No experience necessary.
- We urgently need more officials to help run our club galas. Please let us know if you would like to train as a timekeeper or a J1 official. All training is provided, some of which is virtual. We cannot run galas without our volunteers. No times, no rankings and no entry to open meets.
- Please continue to send in any activities or other ideas of things to share in our next newsletter and social media.
- We have a 'what's app' group for sharing second hand club kit. If you would like to be on this circulation list please contact us.
- All rankings and times for swimmers are on the Swim England website. They are up to date and easy to access. Website is www.swimmingresults.org.
- Have a great Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year!

OUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS contact@lamsc.co.uk FOR ANY CLUB QUERY.

Our next Committee Meeting will be on Monday, 10th January 2022 at 7 pm. This will be at the Colwall Park Hotel.

Contact Details

Please update your contact details with the Membership Secretary if you have moved house or changed your telephone number(s). Also update your swimmer's medical history if anything has altered. Thank you.