

# Nottinghamshire Sports Centre / Leisure Swimming League ( Affiliated to Swim England East Midlands )

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023 at Hucknall Leisure Centre

Clubs Present: Arnold (Dave Palmer), Bircotes (Erika Willis), Carlton Forum (Jo Hunt), Hucknall (Steve Allsop), Kimberley (Denise Swinburne), Nottingham Leander (Joe Bailey), Radford (Bernie Walker), Ripley (Connor Dodson), Sherwood Colliery (Ian Negus), Sutton (Paul Collins) and Worksop Dolphins (Alex McLauchlan).

Clubs Missing: CABSC (New Team)

### 1. Passing of the League Chair:

It was noted of the sad passing of Kate Bull (League Chair), who after a short illness, sadly passed away at the start of October. Kate Bull has been the league chair for the last few years and also officiated at a number of the sport centre league galas over the years. The league pass on their condolences to Denniss and the family at this sad time.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting:

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record.

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes:

None

### 4. Officers Reports:

**Secretary:** Mr Fortescue passed thanks to all clubs again for the support throughout the 2023 League and a massive congratulations to all swimmers who have taken part. It has been a closely fought battle in Division 2 with the league placings constantly changing throughout the year.

**Chairperson:** Unavailable due to Kate Bulls' sad passing.

**Treasurer:** Mr McLauchlan's report was adopted unanimously. Mr McLauchlan also updated all of those present with regards to the change over of the bank account away from HSBC due to the imposed monthly charges, and to Virgin Money. Due to the current situation and the cost of trophies, it was agreed to keep the entry fees as they were in 2022. This would mean that the registration fee for current teams would stay at £20 and new teams would stay at £30.

The accounts for the year were as follows

Income		Expenditure	
Balance brought forward	£ 856.67	Affiliation Fees	£ 50.00
Subscriptions	£ 250.00	Trophies	£ 165.26
Donations	£ 70.00	Bank Charges	£ 66.60
		Room Hire	£ 10.00
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	<b>£ 1176.67</b>		<b>£ 291.86</b>
	<b>Bank Balance:</b>		<b>£ 884.81</b>

It was noted that Alex McLauchlan had donated to the league to cover the bank charges that we had incurred, and this was greatly appreciated, and thanks were given.

### 5. Correspondence

Mr Fortescue reported that the only correspondance to the league for 2023 was regarding new teams expressing an interest to join the league which will be discussed later in the meeting.

## 6. Changes to League Rules

### a. Cannon Relay Clarification

It was agreed that a rule should be added in to state that the cannon relay should be 2 swimmers from each age, with 1 from each gender and that it should be the youngest swimmers first, with the youngest Open/Male first, alternating genders and in ascending age group orders. This will be added in as rule 5.12

### b. Transgender Policy

The Transgender Policy statement set out by Swim England has been added in as rule 4.7.

It was also discussed and agreed to add in a rule 4.8 to state that once swimmers have swam as one gender type, they would not be allowed to change for that half of the year, and must remain the same for that half of the year with respect to the events in the league galas. This will be added in on ratification from Swim England.

### c. Schedule of Events

It was discussed if we were to look at making the relay events all to be Mixed Relays to help reduce the length of the competition since we have had to move to 50m relays rather than 25m relays. It was deemed that the amount of time that this would save, compared to the enjoyment of the events was outweighed, so all agreed to keep the events as they are.

### d. Swimmer Registration

A request was asked, due to recent additions to team selection lists, that we could clarify this in the rules to allow this so all were in the same idea. It was agreed to expand on rule 4.3 to allow the addition of swimmers to the original team selections for swimmers that have not swam for any other team in that half of the year, after the team submission date. This will be added in.

## 7. League Results and Restructure (Relegation/Promotion)

Division 1	League Pts	Gala Pts	Division 2	League Pts	Gala Pts
1. Leander A	35	1535	1. Kimberley	28	1282
2. Sutton	26	1268	2. Worksop	26	1069
3. Sherwood	21	1112	3. Arnold	20	1073
4. Radford	20	1027	4. Hucknall	19	1083
5. Carlton Forum	16.5	1038	5. Bircotes	18	1147
6. Leander B	7.5	844	6. Leander C	14	1017

Congratulations to Nottingham Leander A and Sutton for winning and coming runner up (respectively) in Division 1.

Congratulations to Kimberley and Worksop for winning and coming runner up (respectively) in Division 2.

After the final round points we see the Relegation of Leander B down to Division 2 and Kimberley promoted to Division 1 for 2024

We have had correspondence from 3 new teams this year to enter into the league. These being CABSC, Ripley and Sutton (for a B team). With the inclusion of these 3 new teams, we can have a full 15 teams in the league, which makes the formation of a third division and changing each division to have 5 teams in viable.

The three new teams were adopted into the league by all and with this re-structure of the divisions to 5 teams in each sees Kimberley moved down to Division 2, Bircotes and Leander C moved down to Division 3 along with the 3 new teams (CABSC, Ripley and Sutton B) entering in division 3. With the inclusion of a second Sutton team, the original Sutton team in division 1, will be renamed to be Sutton A.

## 8. Dates and Venues for 2024

For the first half of the year Ages as of 19<sup>th</sup> May\*  
 For the latter half of the year Ages as of 24<sup>th</sup> November\*

Date	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Leander Hucknall L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	Worksop Worksop L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	Sutton Lammas L.C. 6:00 - 6:30
Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sutton Lammas L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	Kimberley Hucknall L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Radford Hucknall L.C. 6:00 - 6:30		Ripley Alfreton L.C. 6:00 - 6:30
Sep 7 <sup>th</sup>	Carlton Forum Bingham Arena 6:00 - 6:30	Leander Hucknall L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	Bircotes Retford L.C. 6:00 - 6:30
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>		Hucknall Hucknall L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	CABSC Bingham Arena 6:00 - 6:30
Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sherwood Lammas L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	Arnold Hucknall L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	Leander C Bingham Arena 6:00 - 6:30

\*9 year old swimmers in individual races must be 9 on the day of the swim to compete under Swim England Regulations.

If any clubs exchange dates could they please inform the Secretary and other members of their division

## 9. Election of officers

It was proposed and carried that the following officers be elected

Honorary Chairperson- Mr Bernie Walker ( Radford )  
 Honorary Treasurer - Mr A McLauchlan ( Worksop )  
 Honorary Secretary - Mr D Fortescue ( Arnold )

## 10. Appointment of Representative to Region:

Mr Bernie Walker was appointed delegate for the League

## 11. Lane Draw:

The lane draw was done and resulted in the following for the first round.

Division 1		Division 2		Division 3	
Lane 1	Sherwood	Lane 1	Kimberley	Lane 1	Bircotes
Lane 2	Radford	Lane 2	Worksop	Lane 2	Leander C
Lane 3	Leander A	Lane 3	Leander B	Lane 3	CABSC
Lane 4	Sutton A	Lane 4	Hucknall	Lane 4	Ripley
Lane 5	Carlton Forum	Lane 5	Arnold	Lane 5	Sutton B

## 12. Any other Business:

Denise Swinburne informed the committee that there was a possibility that the main pool at Kimberley LC (Home to Kimberley SC) may be closing next year and therefore, with a lack of a training facility, they may not be able to field a full team throughout the year. It was agreed by the full committee that all clubs will do what they can to help out and as this would be exceptional circumstances, that if the club were unable to field a team for the galas, then it would be considered to weiver the non-attendance fine for Kimberley this year.

Spectator and Raffle Prices were questioned, and although the league do not set these prices as it is up to the host club that set these to offset the costs of hiring the pool for the round they host, it was deemed that the prices charged at some of the competitions were a little high, and the perception of raffle tickets being “forced” onto some parents was not right.

It was agreed by the committee that although the league do not stipulate the prices for door entry due to the above reasons, a “guideline” was to be written into the rules of £4/£1 for door entry and £1 per strip of raffle tickets if available is to be written into the rules, however, this is guidance only.

The comments around being “forced” to have raffle tickets was spoken about and was deemed to be a misconception on the night, but agreed that they should never be forced upon anyone. The “guidance” for clubs will also state that a raffle by the host club will be optional and will be as an addition to entry prices and not included in them.

It was discussed regarding the reduction in competing teams at each competition but the increase in pool hire costs, that we could look at increasing the “non-attendance” fine for teams from the current £50, up to £75. This was voted on with 6 votes for, 1 against, and 3 non-votes. Therefore this motion was passed and the rules will be changed to reflect this.

It was asked if we could re-visit the idea of changing the AGM date in the rules to be within two weeks of the last round rather than the day after the last round. Looking at the current calendar of events for Nottinghamshire Swimming, it was deemed that it would be hard to find an appropriate date for all, even on week days, and therefore deemed that keeping it as is would be the best course.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.00am  
The next AGM to be hosted by Sutton SC  
at Lammas Leisure Centre,  
on November 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 9:30am.**