

Oxfordshire & North Buckinghamshire Counties ASA

President: Oliver Stockland

Act. Chair: Christine McLintock



MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD on Zoom

ON 16th January 2024 AT 7PM

Present:

Christine McLintock (Treasurer/ADSC)	Iain Rennie (Secretary/Banbury)	Alex Dodd (Thame)	Amanda Readhead (Disability/Maxwell)
Angela Mackay (Maxwell)	Chantal Clavaud (County Lead TM/W&DSC)	Emma Anderson (TM/Banbury)	Sarah Wordsworth (COSC)
Hollie Robbins (COSC)	Karen Underwood (Officials Coord//CoSC)	Oliver Stockland (President/ADSC),	Kate Dingle (AVSC)
Kim Weetman (SwimMark Coord/4SSC)	Simon Joyce (Masters/KGSC),	Stephen Wynne-Jones (Social Media/CMK)	Martin White (W&DSC)
Alice Fairhall (SE Club Development)	Sharon MacNab (Swim Sec/Maxwell)		

	Agenda Item	Discussion and Decision	Action
1.	Apologies/Opening Remarks	Apologies were received from: L Clarke (Welfare/Maxwell) M Fuller (Oxford & Witney Artistic SC) P Shaw (Records/KGSC) S Fabes (Constitution Checker/Didcott) K Hutchinson (SER Development) G O'Dwyer (Banbury) C Brosnan (4SSC Chair) H Wilson (County Coach/CMK)	
2.	Minutes of the Exec Committee Meeting held on 14 th Nov 2023	The Chair asked if all those attending had read the minutes of the meeting and if they were a true record. It was agreed that the minutes were an accurate record, and they were duly signed by the Chair.	
3.	Matters arising from Item 2	ONB Complaint with respect to the behaviour of Kent ASA. The promotor has provided the following response: <i>Thank you for your comments, all of which will be taken on board. I sincerely apologise for the issues we had on the day and I am very appreciative of your team's proactive help and support. Please be assured the review of the allocation signage / process etc. had started before first race was underway and will be overhauled in readiness for 2024.</i>	

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		Coach's WhatsApp Group This is still outstanding. Hannah will aim to set it up at the County Championships Coaches meeting. Also to be covered at the meeting is a discussion on Club Coordination with respect to the new ratios for Regional, Nationals and normal meets.	County Coach
4.	Minutes of Emergency Committee Meeting held on 6 th Jan 2024	The Chair asked if all those attending had read the minutes of the meeting and if they were a true record. The County Championships are a Club Competition. In the promoters conditions a Club can withdraw entries for any of their swimmers in line with them. Suspended swimmers are within their Club's complaints/judicial process and the Swim England Handbook. The decision of the Emergency Committee was ratified and it was agreed that the minutes were an accurate record, and they were duly signed by the Chair.	
5.	Matters arising from Item 4	Clubs should not need to amend constitutions or rules to accommodate this as within the Swim England Judicial process. Promoters conditions were able to accommodate the handling of the issue without amendment.	
6.	Correspondence	Regional Para-Swimming Training and Development Days Action: Distributed to Members Para CPD for Officials - Wed 3rd Jan 7pm – Zoom Action: Distributed to Members Changes to Wavepower and Swim England Handbook Action: Swim Sec advised updates to County Championships, links updated on our website (useful information) County Swim Secretary – Intention to Step Down following current Championships Action: Advertising Role Role essential to be filled by 1st June, if not filled by then the 2025 County Championships will be cancelled.	Oliver to discuss role breakdown with Swim Sec. during Championships County Sec to document the County Championship process with the Swim sec.

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		Trophies Officer - Intention to Step Down following current Championships Action: Role to be advertised County Development Programme Phase 2 Action: Passed to County Team Coach, Lead Team Manager and County Coord Sec. Resignation of County Welfare Officer. Just received – Role to be Advertised. Urgent as this is a mandatory Role	Treasurer to do a debrief with Welfare Officer and thank her
7.	Chair's Report	N/A	
8.	Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer's report had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. No Changes.	
9	ONB Risk Register Review	The Risk Register had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. Swim England approved No Changes.	
10	ONB Equality and Diversity Action Plan Review	The Equality and Diversity Action Plan had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. Swim England approved No Changes.	
11	Disciplines		
	a) Swimming	The Swimming Secretary's report had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. Putting out a message to clubs • spectators are not permitted poolside • Clubs must confirm whether a Parent/Club does not consent to photos being taken. • The Dress Code for photos Changes to wavepower require any photo posted on social media can only be taken on a Club owned device. Club iPad will need to get to County Coach in time for camps. No longer able to re-tweet photos unless we are able to confirm source of images are on the Club that originally posted's own Devices. Had to withdraw photos from 1500 event due to dress code and will re-do during later sessions at the County Championships.	Treasurer to arrange to purchase ONB iPad for taking photos County Sec to send reminder to County Clubs on new Wavepower constraints on taking Photos

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		County Championship equipment needs a location for storing. Including Laptops and Printers. Coaches Debrief: Tuesday 13th February 6pm on zoom County Debrief: 27th February 2024 at 7.30pm on Zoom	and posting them. Social media Sec to post reminder to clubs of constraints. Committee to see if their clubs can provide some space
	b) Fixtures & County Camp	No Submission.	
	c) Artistic Swimming	The Artistic Swimming Secretary's report had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. No changes.	
	d) Disability	The Disability Secretary's report had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. No additional changes.	
	e) Officials	Good turnout of officials for the Long Distance events. Need Officials to sign up for the Main weekends, especially the Finals. The Application forms for Referees has now been released and we have 3 people putting themselves forward. Oliver is working with them already. Reminder to new J2's doing post qualification hours that the hours must be done in a J2 role to be credited.	
	f) SwimMark Coord	The SwimMark Coordinators report had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. No Changes.	
	g) Constitution Checker	The Constitution Checker report had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. No Changes.	
	h) Masters	The Masters Secretary's report had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. No changes.	
	i) Masters Records	The Masters Records Officer report had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. No changes.	

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	j) Records	The Records Officer report had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. No additional changes during the meeting,	updated records received following meeting and uploaded to website
12.	County Team Coach Report (to include Dev Camp Report)	The County Team Coach report had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. Camp went well with a good turnout. Planning for next years already started. No changes.	
13.	Welfare Officer Report	No Report received.	
14.	Funding Applications	None Received	
15.	Policies and Governance	Governance Code Chairs Statement needs signing Welfare Officers Statement needs signing and require new Welfare Officer Risk register approved Equality Action Plan Approved Risk assessments have minor comments ONB Workforce A thank you to all the members of the ONB workforce for providing their details for the creation of their membership records. These are now being processed by Swim England. Constitution to be uploaded Swim England has issued an update to Wavepower for 2024 and also the Swim England Handbook. There drop in sessions on the updates for those holding key roles at clubs, details sent directly to clubs by Swim England.	
16.	Swim England South East	The Swim England South East Region report had been issued prior to the meeting and is attached. No changes.	
17.	SE Club Health Tracker Year 2	Alice Fairhall presented on the Club Health Tracker Year 2. It was highlighted that the simple questionnaire is able to be completed in about 10-15min. The specifics are private. Clubs then have access to benchmarking reports and additional support from Swim England (Nationally or Regionally) where it is required. Clubs may be asked to be case studies for other clubs to benefit from on best practice. Results are fed back to all areas of Swim England on what Clubs are requesting.	

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		If a club does not have their login's then by contacting Alice they can be resent. Also if they have any questions. Alice Fairhall (Swim England Club Development): alice.fairhall@swimming.org	
15.	AOB	None.	

The Exec Cttee Meeting closed 20:18Hrs.

The next Meeting, which will be an **ONB Executive Committee Meeting, which** will be held at **7.30pm on Tuesday 12th March 2024, via Zoom**. Details to be sent out nearer the date.

County Championships: Coaches Debrief: Tuesday 13th February 6pm on zoom

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Iain Rennie
ONB Sec

Date: 12th March 2024

Chair Signature:

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Over £440,000 awarded to support swimming pools in South and Vale

Swimming pools across South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse have been awarded a total of £441,542.

The award will help ensure residents continue to have access to good swimming facilities across the two districts.

Recent research has shown swimming positively contributes to physical and mental wellbeing, to individual and community development, and helps to reduce the burden to the health and social care system.*

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils successfully secured this funding through Sport England to help finance the running of six of its Better UK swimming facilities. The funding is part of the government's Phase 1: Swimming Pool Support Fund (SPSF).

Day to day the centres are managed by the council's leisure contractor GLL. There has been huge increase in costs to manage the pools over the last few years due to the rising energy costs and other financial pressures because of the Covid-19 pandemic and GLL will use this additional revenue to help finance the maintenance of the indoor swimming pools at leisure centres in South Oxfordshire and the Vale.

Cllr Debra Dewhurst Cabinet Member for Leisure Centres and Community Buildings at Vale of White Horse District Council said: "We are so pleased to have been awarded this funding from Sport England as it will help us to continue to maintain and run the swimming facilities across the Vale.

"Our swimming pools are very popular and it's important that we do all we can to keep them open and available to use for the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors to the area."

Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing at South Oxfordshire District Councils said: "The rise in energy costs has had a huge impact on our budgets for the leisure centres. We are proud to have retained this important service at a time that many around the country are closing.

"I would like to thank our dedicated officers that have worked hard to secure this much needed funding to enable us, in partnership with GLL, to help our leisure centres to continue to recover and to make sure that the pools are there for our residents to use whether it's for fitness or for fun!"

A total of £20 million was available for organisations to apply for in Phase 1 of the Swimming Pool Support Fund from Sport England and nearly 200 leisure centres have been supported by the fund.

Applicants were required to provide evidence of increased cost pressures, leaving them most vulnerable to closure or significant service reduction.

South Oxfordshire Better UK swimming pools have been awarded £285,465 and £156,077 will be going to the Vale of White Horse facilities.

Kevin Williams, GLL Partnership Manager for South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse said: “Swimming pool operators across the UK have been the victims of a ‘perfect storm’ with spiralling utility costs, global chlorine shortages and the aftereffects of the Covid pandemic, combining to create significant financial pressures. Some pools have been forced to close.

“The funding that has been awarded to six pools across South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse is a huge boost and will help secure their future. It’ll mean residents will be able to continue to enjoy the numerous health and social benefits that swimming and pool-based activities offer.”

The councils are now in the process of applying for funding for the Phase 2 of the Swimming Pool Support Fund which will be used to improve the energy efficiency of its Better Leisure facilities across the two districts.

Notes to Editors

The Swimming Pool Support Fund has been allocated to the following leisure centres:

Abbey Sports Centre
Didcot Wave
Henley Leisure Centre
Thame Leisure Centre

Faringdon Leisure Centre
Wantage Leisure Centre

You can find out more about the Swimming Pool Support Fund on the [Sport England website](#).

Sport England is a public body and invests up to £300 million National Lottery and government money each year in projects and programmes that help people get active and play sport. It wants everyone in England, regardless of age, background, or level of ability, to feel able to engage in sport and physical activity. That’s why a lot of its work is specifically focused on helping people who do no, or very little, physical activity and groups who are typically less active - like women, disabled people and people on lower incomes.

*[The Value of Swimming Report](#) by Swim England, September 2023.

The councils have worked with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to set the fund criteria and will act as the accountable body for its administration and monitoring.

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