

OXFORDSHIRE & NORTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASA

President: Mr John Wilford

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Bicester Community College on Tuesday 5th July 2011

Present: S-A Clavaud(Pres) , P.Shaw(Sec) , I.Powell(Tres) , T.Ward(PP) , A.Evans(PP) , J.Wilford PP), J.Murphy , A.Powell , M.Fuller ,K.Phillips, B.Jones & representatives of Bicester , Bletchley , CMK , Didcot Barra, Maxwell , Newport Pagnell , Thame & Witney Synchro S.C's. Also present Lisa Darnell (SERAO).
Apologies: E.House , A.Willis , G.Buck , K.Hoffmann(Kid) , D.Law (AVSC) & D.Haward(Max).

1. The minutes of the AGM of 6th July 2010 were approved and signed.
2. Matters arising from Item 1 :- None
3. Correspondence:-
 - a) Notice of the Annual Council Meeting of the South East region to be held at Guildford Sports Park on September 17th.
4. Financial Report:-

Ian Powell presented his report which is attached.
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 - a) Fixtures Secretary:- Alison Powell presented her report which is attached.
 - b)Swimming Secretary:- Ian Powell presented his report which is attached.
 - c) Synchro Secretary:- Mandy Fuller presented her report which is attached.
 - d) Officials Secretary:- John Wilford presented his report which is attached.
 - e) Masters Secretary:- Andy Willis's report was presented in his absence and is attached.
 - f) Disability Secretary:- Liz House's report was presented in her absence and is attached.
 - g) Press Officer's Report:- Karen Phillips presented her report which is attached.
 - h) Facilities Officer's Report:- Karen Phillips presented her report which is attached.
 - g) County Coach: Greg Buck's report was presented in his absence and is attached.
6. President's Report
Sally-Anne Clavaud presented her report which is attached.
7. Installation of President 2011/12
President-Elect John Wilford was installed as President.
8. Appointment of President-Elect 2011/12
Heather Patrick was appointed President-Elect and will subsequently be installed as President at the 2012 AGM.
9. Election of Honorary Treasurer
Ian Powell was proposed by Bill Jones and seconded by Neil Wheatley and duly returned to office.
10. Election of Honorary Secretary
Peter Shaw was proposed by Alison Powell and seconded by Colin Eddy and duly returned to office.
11. Appointment of Auditor
Janet Smith to be approached to audit 2011/12 .
12. AOB
 - a) Past President , Alun Evans , proposed a vote of thanks to Sally-Anne Clavaud who has been President of the Association for the past 3 years. The Hon Sec would like to add his personal thanks to this tribute.

Meeting closed at 7.55 pm

AGM Treasurers Report 5/7/11

The current set of accounts is for the 12 month period 01/04/10 to 31/03/11 have been audited of which a signed copy is available in the accounts folder should anybody wish to see them.

General Account

This period has seen the county award funding to the value of £3919.92 for Athlete Development, Coach Education, IT equipment and Officials/Volunteer Education of which £1893.42 has been claimed. As at the 31/3/11 we have £7986.42 outstanding funding grants to be claimed. The General account shows an excess of expenditure over income of £3705.59 which is £6133.69 less than the previous 12 months. This is primarily due to funding previously mentioned.

□ County income down by just over £500 due to £300 reduction in Admin Grant, which has now been withdrawn by SER, £100 Swimwear sales and £100 County Gala income.

□ The majority of the reduction in County Expenditure is due to the reduced Funding claims (50% less than actual Funding granted).

Competition Account

The Competition account shows an increase of income over expenditure of £5201.45 which is £2973.51 less than the previous 12 months. The Championship income was down by some £4000 and expenditure down by £1100. This reduction was due to reduced Age group Ind/Relay entries, savings on the trophies reduced the expenditure.

The net fund available to the county including Creditors/Debtor is £30744.19.

I intend to write back Oxfordshire county council £285 from 2008 & £500 from 2009 Temple Cowley

Affiliation Fees, were suspended as SER provided an admin grant. As previously mentioned this has now stopped, I recommend that affiliation fees for 2011 not be levied but to be reviewed for future years.

Finally I would like to thank Janet Smith for auditing the county accounts.

Ian Powell
Treasurer

Fixtures Secretary report 5/7/11

The year started with the appointment of our County Captains, Hannah Wilson and Tom McLean.

The Lombardian was cancelled due to the pool not being available so took the opportunity to organise a county training session in September for those swimmers who were top ranked in the County and who would be part of the selection for the InterCounties Gala in October.

Intercounties in October was well supported and we achieved a credible 10th place in our Division. Some good swims seen and good support from the parents.

Kingerlee was held in Aylesbury this year, with Oxon and North Bucks coming 2nd overall. Many swimmers representing the county for the first time, was great to see many of the smaller clubs represented by swimmers as well.

I understand some Long course training has been organised for the swimmers in the County who have achieved National times this year. Greg has been coordinating this.

I do not believe the Lombardian will take place again this year, so the suggestion will be to organise a training camp again to coincide with the intercounties selection, dates to be confirmed.

A date to be discussed for the Kingerlee and invites to go out early in order that we can cover more counties if we swim it in an 8 lane pool.

Thanks to the officials/parents/coaches who have supported our County events during the year.

Ali Powell

AGM Swimming Report 5/7/11

The County Championships this year saw the unfortunate withdrawal of the Age group relays due to the loss of Stantonbury Pool (regarding pool length certificate). We were unable to hire Aqua Vale for the two full days of the Long Distance championships in order to run the proposed program. This year also saw the County Champs run as a cardless meet which proved very successful and resulting in only 4 no shows during the whole competition which ensured a fair completion to all swimmers.

The format of the championships for 2012 are intended to include the Age group relays and the 100 IM races gender swapped so that same gender as the 50M Free style to try and reduce the number of rejections.

Qualifying time for 2012 Championships is Accepted 2009 A Grade times -4% and considered times are 2009 A Grade times +4%.

Two British records were broken one British Junior Record for Alex Murphy and one Disability record for Lucy Chennery, plus some 17 County Open or Junior records, 91 Meet best times.

Dates and Venues

Aqua Vale is undergoing a £6M refurbishment and Aqua Vale has said that they can accommodate us provisions for alternative venues are being investigated. So the dates and venues for the 2012 County Championships are as follows:

Sunday 12th February Bletchley Leisure Centre
4 session 1500/800m/9-14 Age Group Relays

Sunday 19th February Aqua Vale
4 sessions 400m/9-14 Age Group Relays

10th/11th March Aqua Vale 3 sessions Main
17th/18th March Aqua Vale 3 sessions Main

Closing date for entries is Monday 23rd January 2012.

All Age Groups will be Age as at 18th March 2012.

All the Pools have been booked for the 2012 Championships. I am in consultation with other pool operators regarding contingency.

I would like to thank all of the people for giving up their spare time and helping at the championships with out there dedication it would not have been such a success. Special thanks goes to Bill Jones the awards trustee, the pool co-ordinator Ian Brewer, Sandra Winterburn for operating the Meet Manager software, Jonathan Smith for operating the AOE and Finally to Peter Shaw for carrying out the duties of the promoter on the event days.

Ian Powell
Swimming Secretary

Annual Report –Synchronised Swimming

This year has seen the growth of a young squad of county synchronised swimmers and for the first time Witney was able to send two teams to National Age Groups in Gloucester. Two swimmers qualified for figures at the Championships and acquitted themselves well. For all 13 swimmers it was their first time at a National level competition and all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

One swimmer, Emma Critchley, 12, has been invited to attend a development camp in August based on her results from Regionals and Nationals.

Steve Fuller from Witney was Meet Director and assistant referee and went on to be Meet Director at the British Championships in April this year, and officiated at the European Cup in Sheffield where Squads from the top European nations attended and the event was broadcast on the BBC red Button –providing a much awaited increase in TV coverage of synchronised swimming in this country.

Six volunteers from Witney qualified as Scorers this year –subsequently judging methods have changed and led to this qualification being changed and every scorer will have to re-qualify if they wish to continue and will then be known as “recorders” .

Squads have attended two competitions this summer and two swimmers, Emma Critchley and Hannah Butcher, swam well enough to qualify their Solos in the Warwickshire Open Competition. Individual medals were also won in the Reading Novices Competition including gold by Josephine Marinho who is also a member of Witney Swimming Club.

One Coach attended the second Oxfordshire Sports Coach Conference and three coaches attended a seminar on Combination Team Choreography given by Jenny Gray.

Mandy Fuller was made Chair of the Communications Group for the ASA Technical Synchronised Swimming Committee in June.

Difficulties in training venues are being faced after the announcement that Headington Girls School Pool is to be shut for repairs and alterations leading to a “shallowing” of the depth to 2 metres from its’ current 3 metres.

Alternative venues are currently being trialled.

The County welcomes Henley Synchro back to registration and the County synchro secretary hopes to make contact as soon as possible.

A full list of achievements is attached.

County Report

Notable achievements 2010-11

Witney Synchro Club Swim 21 Revalidation Achieved

Multiregional Championships

12&Under Figures: 10th Emma Critchley

National Age Group Championships

12 & Under Figures: 22nd Emma Critchley –winner of Margaret Smart Trophy

13/14 Figures: 36th Genevieve Randall

12& Under Recreational Combo Team : 6th -

Eloise Archer, Rhiannon Archer, Lucy Butcher, Emma Critchley, Amy Longden, Josephine Marinho, Alice Wilson + injured Charlie Critchley.

19 & Under Recreational Combo Team: 5th –

Hannah Butcher, Louisa Dack, Kelsie Donnelly, Eleanor Marinho, Laura Perry, Genevieve Randall.

Reading Novice Competition

Open Figures “C” (13-19years) Alice Wilson 12th, Rebekah Mann 16th, Hannah Lonsdale 19th.

Open Figures “C” (12 & Under): Millie Perry 32nd, Olivia Hunt 33rd, Eloise Archer 40th,

Open Figures “B” section (12 & Under) Josephine Marinho 4th, Lucy Butcher 9th.

Open Figures “B” section (13-19 years) Laura Perry 5th

Open Figures “A” section (13-19years) Rhiannon Archer 6th

Open Combo Team –5th –

Eloise Archer, Rhiannon Archer, Lucy Butcher, Josephine Marinho, Olivia Hunt, Millie Perry, Hannah Lonsdale, Rebekah Mann

County Competition Standings: Oxford, Berks and Bucks

A Figure Section-13-19 Years 3rd Rhiannon Archer

B Figure Section : 12 & Under : 1st Josephine Marinho, 3rd Lucy Butcher

B Figure Section 13-19 years : 2nd Laura Perry

C Figure Section 12& Under: 23^r Eloise Archer, 17th Olivia Hunt, 16th Millie Perry

C Figure Section 13-19years: 6th Alice Wilson, 10th Hannah Lonsdale, 9th Rebekah Mann

OPEN FREE Combo TEAM- Bronze –

Eloise Archer, Rhiannon Archer, Lucy Butcher, Josephine Marinho, Olivia Hunt, Millie Perry, Hannah Lonsdale, Rebekah Mann

Warwickshire Invitation Competition

Figures 12 & Under: 3rd Emma Critchley, 12th Lucy Butcher, 19th Josephine Marinho, 20th Charlie Critchley, 27th Eloise Archer

Figures 13/14 Years: 14th Rhiannon Archer.

Figures 15-17 Years: 8th Hannah Butcher,

Open Figures: 5th Louise Fuller

12 & Under Solo – 3rd Emma Critchley.

15-17 years Solo – 6th Hannah Butcher

9-19 Years Combo Team : 5th - Hannah Butcher, Kelsie Donnelly, Eleanor Marinho, Laura Perry, Alice Wilson

12 & Under Combo Team: 4th –

Eloise Archer, Lucy Butcher, Charlotte Critchley, Emma Critchley, Olivia Hunt, Josephine Marinho, Millie Perry.

Skill Levels achieved 2010:

Skill Level 1 Libby Foster, Lucy Butcher

Skill Level 2: Emma Critchley, Libby Foster

Skill Level 3 Genevieve Randall

Scorer’s Qualification: Caroline Critchley, Libby Foster, Mandy Fuller, Steve Fuller, Jacqui Guerin, Tracy Longden.

2011

Skill Levels Achieved: Skill Level 1: Charlie Critchley, Kelsie Donnelly, Eleanor Marinho, Josephine Marinho, Laura Perry

Skill Level 2: Rhiannon Archer

Skill Level 3: Libby Foster, Emma Critchley

Officials Sec: Report July 5th 2011

The number of new officials is still progressing very well, more people becoming qualified, and a lot of people (40) wishing to become officials, so it is ongoing. We do still have a few issues regarding the availability for mentoring and suitable venues for final assessments but we are getting there, so on the whole a good year.

Can I thank all those officials who have helped with mentoring and the Assessors for their time and effort during the past year.

To date the County has a total of 314 registered officials, an increase of 74 officials on this time last year, but due to the changes that will take place as of 1st September 2011, our numbers of officials available for certain levels of competition will be diminished. We will still have 314 officials but only those licensed at Judge Level 1 and above will be eligible to officiate at Level 2 and above competitions. The Counties are licensed at Level 2. There is also the issue of people leaving the sport for various reasons – swimmers leaving the sport and moving on education wise, resulting in parents no longer being involved, along with the retirement of people who have been involved for a long time. However the number of officials who are licensed / becoming licensed / renewing their licence is on the increase so hopefully by the time of the Counties in 2012 we will be OK regarding numbers.

The County Championships this year ran very well, albeit after a few hiccups, with adequate numbers of officials, in fact in some cases we were a little overstaffed, also again a very big thank you to all the back room staff without whom the Counties will just not happen.

I would like to thank all officials who have helped, at galas and competitions during the year in whatever capacity they have officiated and at whatever level; it is much appreciated by the County Association for your support for swimming both within the Counties and the South East Region.

John Wilford

Hon: Officials Sec: Oxon & North Bucks Counties ASA

Oxon & North Bucks

Masters Secretary Report for AGM on 4 July 2011

My initial focus at the start of this role was to understand what masters were looking for from the county. A limited number of responses from clubs indicated the following:-

- A desire for a Masters County Championships
- Clear roles and responsibilities for:-
 - Team selections
 - Maintaining County records
- A desire to establish an improved network across the county to further the interests of masters within the County. With a view to:-
 - Establish interest in Masters Open meets
 - Improve the selection and organisation of the county team

Having tried to explore a number of these with, again, a limited response rate we unfortunately end the year in much the same position as where we started.

There has, however, been excellent county representation in the two major masters competitions:-

- The 2010 British short course championships took place at the end of October in Sheffield. The county was represented by over 20 swimmers from 6 clubs. Over the three days of competition we ended up with 29 podium finishes (including 5 golds).
- The 2011 long course championships took place in June in Leeds. The county was represented by 15 swimmers from 5 clubs. Over the three days of competition we ended up with 50 podium finishes (17 gold, 14 silver and 19 bronze).

Looking ahead, it is clear to me that to really move things forward (if this is what is wanted by the masters clubs in the county) a greater investment of time would be needed. Simple email communications is not sufficient to stimulate activity and face- to-face meetings with key members from each club is likely to be more effective.

With my current commitment to coaching young age group swimmers and having recently started a new "paid" job I cannot, unfortunately, provide the level of investment needed to make a difference in this area. In this respect I will not be standing for the position of Masters Secretary this year.

Regards

Andy Willis

Oxon & North Bucks
Disability Report – AGM 5th July 2011

The most notable achievement from this year was that of Lucy Chenery of the Maxwell Swimming Club, when she broke her own British record in the 800 metres Freestyle in the S14 Classification.

– It was a brilliant achievement and many congratulations go to Lucy.

Once again we had Multi Disability Events at the County Championships, but only a few swimmers attended this due to clashes with scheduled National events. However, one new swimmer from the Bucks Disability Club did attend the championships. Hopefully there could well be more participating next year, especially as there has recently been a gala held in Oxford open to newcomers in Disability Swimming for classification purposes.

The South East Region (S.E.R.) Disability Group has held two development camps this year focusing on the preparation of swimmers for national events. The region is also holding a second County Development Day at the Oxford University Sports Centre. This is taking place on Thursday 6th July 2011 and six new swimmers from our county have been invited to attend.

Swimmers with visual impairments and physical disability are being targeted nationally to offer them an opportunity in swimming. I have been asked to provide S.E.R. Disability Group details of any Special Schools in our county. The region will be setting up a ‘Hub Club’ in each county to which swimmers with disabilities will be directed. The ‘Hub Club’ for Oxon & N. Bucks is going to be the Bucks Disability Swimming Club who will then direct swimmers to other clubs in the county as and when appropriate. This new drive to encourage people with disabilities to take up swimming could mean that we see more swimmers filtering through to county level in due course.

Liz House
4/07/2011

Press Officer's Report

Reports prepared and posted on the County web site;

Age Group Nationals 2010
Youth Nationals 2010
Inter Counties 2010
Long Distance Counties 2011
Counties Main Champs 2011
Kingerlee Trophy 2011

Miscellaneous;

Preparing designs for county champs commemorative t-shirt. Will present, with costs, at next executive meeting.

Karen Phillips
1st July 2011

Temple Cowley/Blackbird Leys

Latest at Friday 3rd June 2011

CONTROVERSIAL council plans for a £16m swimming complex in Blackbird Leys moved closer to reality last night after planning permission was reaffirmed. Labour-controlled [Oxford City Council](#) granted planning consent for the council's project in April, but that was subsequently called in for review by opposition councilors, then reaffirmed.

The move paves the way for the authority to build a £16m pool complex in Pegasus Road to replace the Temple Cowley Pools. The council will only be committed to the project once contracts are signed with a builder and that will depend on estimated costs coming in within budget.

Those fighting to keep the Temple Cowley baths open say it is ideally located for people in the south of the city and could be updated for £3m. The council claims the Cowley pool, which has a £2.6m maintenance backlog, has reached the end of its life.

It says it is more cost-effective to build a new pool next to Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre and share its facilities. The existing Blackbird Leys pool, which is open on a limited basis, would also close as part of the council's plan.

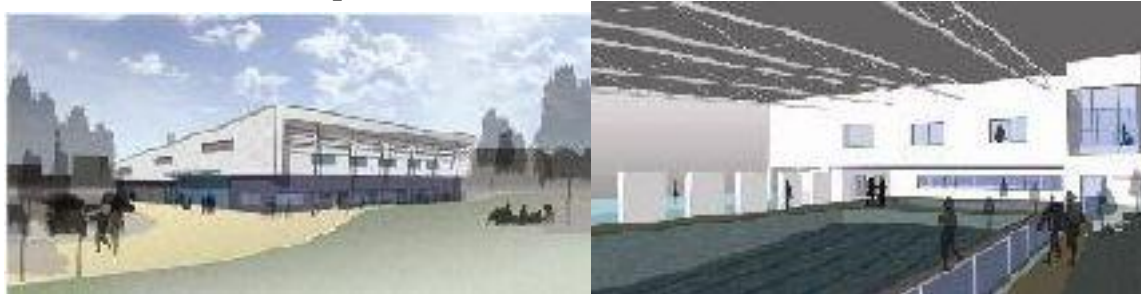
Stantonbury Campus

Work commences 4th July for a twelve-week period. The campus is committed to delivering a 25 metre certified pool at the end of this time.

Aqua Vale

£5.8 million upgrade announced. Unsure when work will commence.

Wolverton Pool Plans Update



The planning application for the new pool at Wolverton has now been submitted and information on the application will be on public display in the lobby area of Wolverton Town Council/Library, Creed Street, Wolverton from 27 June to 19 July 2011. Please note comments to be received by 19 July 2011.

Following consultation much work has been done on the development of the design and now you can view the plans for the new community pool that is to be built on the site of the existing pool in Aylesbury Street West.

As well as the 6 lane, 25m community pool (with disabled access), other facilities will include a learner pool, fitness gym, multi-use studio, café with high quality vending and seating for 40, café terrace and CCTV security.

The project is being funded from the Government's Growth Area Fund. Work on the new pool is expected to commence later in the year with completion early summer 2013.

The planning application is going to Development Control Committee on 18 August 2011.

Should this all go ahead it will only be suitable as an (much needed) additional training pool for CMKSC.

MK North and South Future Plans

Need for 2 more swimming pools to fulfill MK's sports strategy, very sketchy at this stage!

Karen Phillips
1st July 2011

Re:

<http://mail.aol.com/33912-111/aol-6/en-gb/mail/PrintMessage.aspx>

From: Greg Buck <gregbuckcmk@yahoo.co.uk>
To: shawpd <shawpd@aol.com>
Subject: Re:
Date: Tue, 5 Jul 2011 14:14

Hi Peter,

Please accept my apologies for not attending as I will be coaching tonight.

County Coaches report

For reasons of duplication I wont mention as I expect the Team manager will report on gala performance.

Other county team activities included the two training camps. The first in September for the Inter county team. This was held at Stoke Mandeville and gave swimmers a chance to get together prior to he meet, train with each other and perhaps different coaches and practice relay takeovers. The second group of camps was the 3 Long course Sunday PM sessions in Coventry for swimmers competing at Nationals.

Participation in both was not 100% which was disapointing but certainly benefitted those that attended. It was especially good to see a higher number of younger coaches getiing involved in either of these camps for experience and for improving inter club communication.

Performance in the county as a whole is strong with some season highlights such as British Junior records from Alex Murphy (Didcot Barramundi) and a Senior National victory for Jack Marriot (Oxford Uni) in 50m Fly, European Disability LC record for Lucy Chenery (Maxwell) and Bronze at British Champs in March for Craig Gibbons (Maxwell). I felt that there was a stronger presence at Regional Chamionships this year from the countys clubs and look forward to seeing what National age-groups hold in store later this month.

Greg Buck
CMK Head Coach
ONB County Coach

Presidents Report

July 2011

Firstly I would like to say how sad I was to hear of the loss of Val Wilford, who was an official for the County for over 25 years and a past president. She was a lovely lady who will be sadly missed by all. Our thoughts go to John and family at this sad time

Over the last year I have attended the Inter County gala at Sheffield and the Home Kingerley Trophy, as well as the County Championships. There were many good swims to watch and exciting final sessions. The first Championships being 'cardless' was a success and wish the promoters good luck again next year, especially with the refurbishments on Aqua Vale! The standard of the County has improved over the last 2/3 years thanks to Regional and County funding to coaching qualifications.

A special well done to Alex Murphy for his 3 Junior British records in the Breastroke events, and also to Jocelyn Ulyett for her 21 individual open and junior county records, plus being part of a further 7 relay records over the past year. One final well done to Craig Gibbons for Dual In The Pool.

Good luck to all swimmers who will be competing at the National Championships this year, I wish them every success.

Finally I have enjoyed the past 3 years as County President, I have seen many exciting swims over the years at club championship finals, County Championships and Inter County Gala's. I wish the swimmers and the County Team good luck in the following years.

Sally - Anne Clavaud

P.S Well done to any one that got tickets for swimming at the Olympics!

