

OXFORDSHIRE & NORTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASA

President: Mr John Wilford

Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Bicester on Tuesday 27th September 2011

Present: J.Wilford , P.Shaw , I.Powell , H.Patrick , E.House , J.Murphy , M.Fuller , K.Phillips , A.Minihan ,
& reps from Banbury, Bourne End , CMK , CO , Didcot Barrumundi , Maxwell , Newport
Pagnell , Thame , Witney & Witney Synchro Swimming Clubs. Also Lisa Darnell (SERAO).

Apologies: A.Evans , T.Ward , A.Powell , Tony Jones (Buck Swans).

- 18.0 Minutes of Executive Meeting held on 17th May 2011 were approved and signed.
- 19.0 Matters Arising from 18 : None
- 20.0 Minutes of Executive Meeting held on 5th July were approved and signed.
- 21.0 Matters Arising from 20 :
 - 1. Item 13.p) Welfare Officer :- Ally Brewer (Maxwell) Prop: S-A Clavaud , Sec: H.Patrick
 - 2. Item 13.g) Awards Trustee :- Wayne Patrick (NP) Prop: S-A Clavaud , Sec: J.Murphy
- 22.0 Correspondence:-
 - 1. Invitation from Bucks Sports Awards to nominate 2 volunteers to attend Gala evening in late November. Meeting proposed Heather and Wayne Patrick (NP) who agreed to attend.
 - 2. South East Region Annual Report and ACM details received.
- 23.0 President's Report
John Wilford presented his Report which is attached.
- 24.0 Treasurer's Report
Ian Powell presented his Report which is attached.
- 25.0 Disciplines
 - 1. Swimming:- Ian Powell presented his Report which is attached.
 - 2. Fixtures:- PS presented Alison Powell's Report in her absence and it is attached.
 - 3. Records:- PS presented County Record Claims which are attached.
 - 4. Synchro:- Mandy Fuller presented her Report which is attached.
 - 5. Masters:- No one in Post so no Report.
 - 6. Disability:- Liz House presented her Report which is attached.
 - 7. Masters Records:- David Hall sent in 71 Masters Records to be claimed.
 - 8. Facilities:- Karen Phillips presented her Report which is attached.
 - 9. Officials:- John Wilford presented his Report which is attached.
- 26.0 Funding Applications:- None received.
- 27.0 ASA South East Region:- Lisa Darnell presented her Report which is attached.
- 28.0 AOB:-
 - 1. Keith Corbett (Banbury) proposed that a Commemorative Trophy should be purchased in memory of Val Wilford. The recipient would be someone who has contributed greatly to the County Association over a period of time. The first recipient would be chosen by Keith Corbett and presented at the County Championships in March. That first recipient would then choose his or her successor the following year. Executive agreed unanimously and the Treasurer proposed that ONB would pay for the Trophy.

2. Karen Phillips presented Costs and Visuals for a Commemorative T-Shirt to be sold at the County Championships. It was agreed that Option 1 was preferable , selling at £6.50 (based on a certain volume) form a cost of £6.36. Shirts would have to be pre-ordered by the Clubs and would be distributed on the final day of the Main Champs (18/3/12). If sufficient orders not received from the Clubs then it will not happen.

Meeting closed at 8.33 pm

Date of Next Meeting:- Tuesday 22nd November at 7pm at Bicester Community College

President's Report 27th September 2011

May I congratulate all the swimmers who competed at the Nationals over the summer break, and to the swimmers selected for various training camps.

Congratulation to Bill Elgar on his GB Coaching Selection for the 2011 INAS Global Games in Italy (Sept 24th to Oct 4th) and to Lucy Chenery for being selected to swim in them.

Congratulations to Ian Ashley (Chair CMKSC) – elected to SER Management Board

I have had two invitations - both for last weekend

Sussex County Presidents Dinner at Brighton on the 24th

SER Multi Regional Synchronised Swimming Championships at Haselmere on the 25th

However due to other commitments I was unable to attend either, apologies sent to both.

I will be attending the Inter Counties Competition on the 16th October

John Wilford

County President

Oxon & North Bucks Counties ASA

Exec Income and Spending Between 17/05/2011 and
27/09/2011

Income Categories

Championships Income	£141.00
Investment Income	£7.45
Swimwear	£12.00
Total Income Categories	£160.45

Expense Categories

Sports Gear Purchases	£272.58
Sundry	£405.36
Total Expense Categories	£677.94

Grand Total	<u><u>-£517.49</u></u>
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Exec Net Worth As of 27/09/2011

Account	Total
Bank and Cash Accounts	
Cash - Competition A/C	£23.07
Cash - General A/C	£165.18
Competition Account	£1,962.58
Creditors Account	-£6,214.00
Debtors Account	£0.00
General Account	£403.65
High Interest Business Account	£31,353.32
Net Worth	£27,693.80

The above details the Net worth & income & expenditure since the last meeting.

Ian Powell
Treasurer, Oxon & North Bucks ASA

The license for the 2012 championships has been submitted. Below is an estimated budget for the County Championships using a 6% increase.

	2012	2011
Income Categories		
Championships Income		
Admission Entries	£6,000.00	£6,387.35
Age Group Entries-Individual	£19,475.00	£17,528.50
Age Group Entries-Relays	£2,000.00	£1,355.00
Age Groups Coaches Passes	£1,175.00	£1,175.00
Collection		
Masters Entries		
Photo Commission	£150.00	£172.00
Sponsorship	£500.00	£500.00
Sundry		
Swim Shop	£0.00	£150.00
Total Income Categories	£29,300.00	£27,267.85
Expense Categories		
Championships		
Catering	£4,481.28	£3,447.14
Computer Software/Equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Entry Refunds	£4,575.00	£4,115.00
Hire Charges - Dance Studio	£1,574.56	£1,211.20
Hire Charges - Furniture	£582.99	£448.45
Hire Charges - Pool	£6,413.20	£4,933.23
Hire Charges - Soft Play Area	£28.67	£22.05
Postage	£2.44	£2.30
Printing/Copying	£2,500.00	£2,054.08
Skins Prize Money	£220.00	£220.00
Stationary	£551.98	£520.74
Sundry	£138.81	£130.95
Timing Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00
Trophies	£5,258.94	£4,961.26
Sundry	£0.00	
Donations	£0.00	
Bagcat Photos	£0.00	
Total Expense Categories	£26,327.86	£22,066.40
Income over expenditure	£2,972.14	£5,201.45

Ian Powell

Swimming secretary Oxon & North Bucks County ASA.

Fixtures Secretary Report 27/9/11

Intercounties team has been selected and submitted for the event on the 16th October 2011. 25 swimmers attended the training camp at Bletchley Leisure Centre on 25/9/11. Thanks to Greg/Jo and Andy for supporting this camp. One swimmer has had to withdraw due to injury so further invite has gone out to swimmer to complete the team. Neil Wheatley and Pete Masters have agreed to officiate at the event and our County President, John Wilford will also be attending.

County Captains 2011/2012 have been selected, these are Lauren Ottaway and Matt Masters and I am sure will represent the County well.

Next task is to book the Kingerlee gala for 2012.

MALE*Short Course*Junior

100 IM	Alex Murphy	Didcot Barramundi	59.56	Aqua Vale	18/9/11
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*Long Course*Junior & Open

100 Breast	Alex Murphy	Didcot Barramundi	1.03.75	Sheffield	04/9/11
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Open

100 Back	Joe Canlan-Shaw	City of Oxford	57.10	Portugal *	06/8/11
200 Back	Joe Canlan-Shaw	City of Oxford	2.02.68	Portugal*	05/8/11
200 Breast	Fabian Whitbread	City of Oxford	2.22.75	Sheffield	28/7/11
400 IM	Fabian Whitbread	City of Oxford	4.27.27	Sheffield	31/7/11
800 Free	Ben Flaherty	City of Milton Keynes	8.37.12	Sheffield	28/7/11
1500 Free	Ben Flaherty	City of Milton Keynes	16.14.70	Sheffield	28/7/11

* Portugese National Championships , Povia de Varzim

FEMALE

Long Course

Junior

50 Fly	Jocelyn Ulyett	City of Milton Keynes	29.51	Sheffield	28/7/11
100 Back	Charlotte Evans	City of Milton Keynes	1.07.64	Sheffield	24/7/11
200 Back	Charlotte Evans	City of Milton Keynes	2.21.17	Sheffield	21/7/11
200 Fly	Caitlin Wheatley	Maxwell	2.23.11	Sheffield	27/7/11
4 x 100 Free	City of Milton Keynes (Isobel Jones , Charlotte Evans , Merryn Odell , Lauren Parker)		4.10.36	Sheffield	22/7/11

Junior & Open

200 IM	Jocelyn Ulyett	City of Milton Keynes	2.19.33	Sheffield	28/7/11
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Open

4 x 100 Free	City of Milton Keynes (Rebecca Marshall , Jocelyn Ulyett , Natasha Pike , Hannah Wilson)		4.02.38	Sheffield	28/7/11
4 x 200 Free	City of Milton Keynes (Rebecca Marshall , Jocelyn Ulyett , Natasha Pike , Sorchia Smith)		8.46.37	Sheffield	30/7/11

COUNTY SYNCHRO REPORT
SEPT 2011

Over the summer, swimmers took part in a trial event for places on Witney Synchro's National Age Group Squad. A Squad of 11 was chosen -8 Team and 3 reserves. (One reserve has since declined her place). It was a new experience for all swimmers with the trial being conducted over several elements – stamina, Speed, Flexibility, Figures and Ability to pick up Choreography. There was mixed reaction to the trial but overall was thought to be a good learning experience for all swimmers (and parents).

Louise Fuller is currently completing her Level 1 Synchro Coaches qualification –the final day is on Saturday.

Many thanks to the County for their support for this course.

Last Sunday 25th the South East, South West and London Regions held a Multi-Regional Age group Competition. Unfortunately the 19 & Under team are not yet ready for Competition. This meant that we had one swimmer Emma Critchley enter the 12&Under Figures and Solo. Emma came a creditable 13th from 32 swimmers and saw her swim her solo to gain 5th place overall (3rd in the South East).

News of a former Witney Swimmer –Hannah Green who now swims for Reading . Hannah 16, has earned a place on the Senior GB Squad training at Aldershot. Many Congratulations for all her hard work and dedication.

Witney are now using Radley pool once a month for deep water training following Headington School Pool closure and refurbishment (not yet reopened).

Witney have advertised and are trying to run a new group in Headington. This is aimed at 8-10 year old swimmers. All schools in the area have been contacted and a small number of interested swimmers have been in contact but at present not enough to cover costs (pool hire). The committee is currently making a decision as to whether it is able to support a loss in order to promote this group.

Mandy Fuller

Oxon and N Bucks Counties ASA

Disability Officers Report – 27th September 2011.

Congratulations to Lucy Chenery of Maxwell Swimming Club on her selection to the GB team taking part in the INAS 2011 Global Games in Italy. She is currently there at the moment and we wish her every success.

Liz House

OXON & N.BUCKS 'MASTERS' NEW RECORDS AS AT SEPTEMBER 2011
SHORT COURSE RECORDS

BACKSTROKE

1	200	MEN	25 - 29	CHRISTOPHER MARSH	Co Oxford	06-May-11	2:32.74	"Midland District", Leamington
2	200	MEN	65 - 69	CHRIS SCOTCHER	Co Oxford	06-May-11	3:44.59	"Midland District", Leamington

BREASTSTROKE

3	50	MEN	55 - 59	TOM MORROW	CMK	03-Apr-11	36.26	Gloucester Open
4	100	MEN	55 - 59	TOM MORROW	CMK	05-Mar-11	1:20.18	Bracknell
5	200	MEN	55 - 59	TOM MORROW	CMK	05-Mar-11	2:55.35	Bracknell

BUTTERFLY

6	50	MEN	40 - 44	GAVIN GOUGHTY	Witney & Dist	08-Apr-11	28.53	Gloucester Open
				(equalled record)				

FREESTYLE

7	50	LADIES	55 - 59	SUE HODGE	Co Oxford	03-Apr-11	31.23	Gloucester Open
8	200	LADIES	50 - 54	MARGARET SMITH	Co Oxford	06-May-11	2:36.97	"Midland District", Leamington
9	200	LADIES	55 - 59	SUE HODGE	Co Oxford	03-Apr-11	2:37.72	Gloucester Open

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

10	100	MEN	45 - 49	MATTHEW GOMEZ	Co Oxford	06-May-11	1:09.95	"Midland District", Leamington
11	100	MEN	55 - 59	TOM MORROW	CMK	06-May-11	1:17.55	"Midland District", Leamington
12	200	MEN	25 - 29	GRAEME SPENCE	Co Oxford	06-May-11	2:16.07	"Midland District", Leamington
13	200	MEN	55 - 59	TOM MORROW	CMK	05-Mar-11	2:51.21	Bracknell
14	400	MEN	25 - 29	CHRISTOPHER MARSH	Co Oxford	16-Jul-11	5:10.36	Barnet Distance meet
15	400	MEN	35 - 39	DAVID DENNY	Co Oxford	06-May-11	4:55.08	"Midland District", Leamington

SHORT COURSE RELAYS

FREESTYLE RELAYS

16	4 x 50	MEN	100 +		Co Oxford	08-May-11	1:38.24	"Midland District", Leamington
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LONG COURSE RECORDS

BACKSTROKE

17	50	LADIES	17 - 24	Sarah Turner	Maxwell	18-Jun-11	33.87	British Gas Nationals
18	100	LADIES	17 - 24	Sarah Turner	Maxwell	18-Jun-11	1:11.07	British Gas Nationals
19	200	LADIES	17 - 24	Sarah Turner	Maxwell	18-Jun-11	2:33.30	British Gas Nationals
20	50	MEN	25 - 29	Marcos Viera	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	30.14	British Gas Nationals
21	100	MEN	25 - 29	Marcos Viera	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	1:06.59	British Gas Nationals
22	200	MEN	25 - 29	Christopher Marsh	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	2:39.12	British Gas Nationals

BREASTSTROKE

23	200	LADIES	17 - 24	Alice Dinsdale-Young	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	3:17.97	British Gas Nationals
24	50	MEN	45 - 49	Matthew Gomez	Co Oxford	19-Jun-11	34.09	British Gas Nationals
25	50	MEN	55 - 59	Thomas Morrow	CMK	19-Jun-11	36.65	British Gas Nationals
26	100	MEN	45 - 49	Matthew Gomez	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	1:17.34	British Gas Nationals
27	100	MEN	55 - 59	Thomas Morrow	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	1:22.83	British Gas Nationals
28	200	MEN	25 - 29	Graham Cable	Witney	17-Jun-11	2:42.52	British Gas Nationals
29	200	MEN	45 - 49	Matthew Gomez	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	2:51.90	British Gas Nationals
30	200	MEN	55 - 59	Thomas Morrow	CMK	17-Jun-11	2:59.03	British Gas Nationals

BUTTERFLY

31	50	LADIES	17 - 24	Sarah Turner	Maxwell	17-Jun-11	32.16	British Gas Nationals
32	50	LADIES	30 - 34	Zsuzsanna Felvegi	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	32.80	British Gas Nationals
33	50	LADIES	50 - 54	Margaret Smith	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	34.91	British Gas Nationals
34	50	MEN	17 - 24	Jonathon Quainton	Bletchley	17-Jun-11	27.94	British Gas Nationals
35	50	MEN	25 - 29	Olivier Dudas	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	28.13	British Gas Nationals
36	50	MEN	45 - 49	Matthew Gomez	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	29.97	British Gas Nationals
37	100	MEN	45 - 49	Matthew Gomez	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	1:08.01	British Gas Nationals
38	100	MEN	55 - 59	Thomas Morrow	CMK	18-Jun-11	1:22.40	British Gas Nationals

FREESTYLE

39	50	LADIES	17 - 24	Sarah Turner	Maxwell	18-Jun-11	30.03	British Gas Nationals
40	50	LADIES	50 - 54	Margaret Smith	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	31.77	British Gas Nationals
41	100	LADIES	17 - 24	Sarah Turner	Maxwell	19-Jun-11	1:05.61	British Gas Nationals
42	200	LADIES	50 - 54	Margaret Smith	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	2:44.64	British Gas Nationals
43	50	MEN	17 - 24	Jonathon Quainton	Bletchley	18-Jun-11	24.89	British Gas Nationals
44	50	MEN	45 - 49	Matthew Gomez	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	27.85	British Gas Nationals
45	100	MEN	17 - 24	Jonathon Quainton	Bletchley	19-Jun-11	55.61	British Gas Nationals
46	100	MEN	25 - 29	Marcos Viera	Co Oxford	19-Jun-11	57.03	British Gas Nationals
47	400	MEN	17 - 24	Jonathon Quainton	Bletchley	18-Jun-11	4:31.22	British Gas Nationals
48	400	MEN	30 - 34	Simon Joyce	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	5:04.43	British Gas Nationals
49	800	MEN	25 - 29	Christopher Marsh	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	9:39.88	British Gas Nationals
50	800	MEN	30 - 34	Simon Joyce	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	10:20.03	British Gas Nationals
51	1500	MEN	30 - 34	Simon Joyce	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	19:41.64	British Gas Nationals

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

52	200	LADIES	17 - 24	Alice Dinsdale-Young	Co Oxford	17-Jun-11	2:55.43	British Gas Nationals
53	400	LADIES	17 - 24	Alice Dinsdale-Young	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	6:22.32	British Gas Nationals
54	200	MEN	25 - 29	Christopher Marsh	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	2:28.81	British Gas Nationals
55	200	MEN	45 - 49	Matthew Gomez	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	2:36.13	British Gas Nationals
56	200	MEN	55 - 59	Thomas Morrow	CMK	18-Jun-11	2:54.21	British Gas Nationals
57	400	MEN	25 - 29	Christopher Marsh	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	5:15.59	British Gas Nationals

1ST EVER LONG COURSE RELAY RECORDS

LONG COURSE RELAYS

FREESTYLE RELAYS

58	4 x 50	MEN	72 +	}	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	1:43.36	British Gas Nationals
59	4 x 50	MEN	100 +		Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	1:43.36	British Gas Nationals

MEDLEY RELAYS

60	4 x 50	LADIES	72 +	}	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	2:24.81	British Gas Nationals
61	4 x 50	LADIES	100 +		Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	2:24.81	British Gas Nationals
62	4 x 50	LADIES	120 +	}	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	2:24.81	British Gas Nationals
63	4 x 50	MEN	72 +		Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	2:00.04	British Gas Nationals
64	4 x 50	MEN	100 +	}	Co Oxford	18-Jun-11	2:00.04	British Gas Nationals
65	4 x 100	MEN	72 +		Co Oxford	19-Jun-11	4:42.93	British Gas Nationals
66	4 x 100	MEN	100 +	}	Co Oxford	19-Jun-11	4:42.93	British Gas Nationals
67	4 x 100	MEN	120 +		Co Oxford	19-Jun-11	4:42.93	British Gas Nationals
68	4 x 100	MIXED	72 +	}	Co Oxford	19-Jun-11	5:04.76	British Gas Nationals
69	4 x 100	MIXED	100 +		Co Oxford	19-Jun-11	5:04.76	British Gas Nationals
70	4 x 100	MIXED	120 +		Co Oxford	19-Jun-11	5:04.76	British Gas Nationals
71	4 x 100	MIXED	160 +		Co Oxford	19-Jun-11	5:04.76	British Gas Nationals

Cowley/Blackbird Leys Update

Published Tuesday **13th September 2011 (Oxford Mail)**

BLACKBIRD LEYS Parish Council has objected to the bid to turn Blackbird Leys Park into a Town Green. Campaigners fighting the proposed £9.2m swimming pool at the Blackbird Leys leisure centre in Pegasus Road last month submitted the Town Green application in a bid to stop the scheme.

[Oxford City Council](#) said it was frustrated at the move by supporters of Temple Cowley Pools, which would close under the plans. Council service director Tim Sadler last month told the Oxford Mail: “We are quite frustrated that we have gone all this way and a small group intent on protecting the Temple Cowley Pools have submitted this Town Green application.”

The application to [Oxfordshire County Council](#) could scupper the Leys pool plan, and will delay it beyond the original target to complete it in 2012, the London Olympics year.

Wolverton Update

Published **Wednesday 24 August 2011 (MK News)**

After years of campaigning, a town will finally get its new year-round swimming pool. Plans for the 25-metre pool in Wolverton were given the green light by Milton Keynes Council’s development control committee on Thursday night. Sited on Aylesbury Street, where the open air pool is currently located, the facility will also boast a state-of-the-art health and fitness gym and a new car park.

Work is now expected to start in November, with the new pool due to open in spring 2013. Ward councillor Mike Galloway has welcomed the plans, but says the development is tinged with sadness as the famous open air pool will have to be replaced. He said: “At long last I’m glad to see that the pool is actually moving ahead. “I’m sad that the outdoor pool has to go, but to be financially viable the pool needs to be open all year round.”

Stantonbury Update

Info from CMKSC

The pool was reopened on Monday 19th September. Swimmers will be pleased to know that “Metal Mickey” has been removed from lane 5! Following modifications, the pool was measured when empty. At the moment, lanes 5 & 6 are still not compliant with the timing pads in but the pool will be measured again when it is full of water and we anticipate the necessary 1mm expansion. We are still waiting a date for the pool to be re-measured.

Aqua Vale Update

Published **Wednesday 24 August 2011 (Bucks Herald)**

THE cost of upgrading Aylesbury’s Aqua Vale leisure centre has shot up by more than £600,000 since it was given the green light, new figures have revealed. Extensive work on the centre – which draws 500,000 visitors a year – is now set to cost £6.45million. Compared to the £5.85m it was budgeted at back in October. District council bosses have blamed rising steel costs, and said ground works came in at more than expected. But they say they are still confident the work will pay for itself. Extra repair work costing £163,000 has also contributed to the rising costs.

Critics say they were not surprised that the cost has gone up. Work on the Park Street centre is set to start next month, with a retractable roof being fitted to the outdoor pool, the cafe relocated, and a new power unit installed to increase energy efficiency. Changing rooms will also be revamped, and a mezzanine gym area will also be added.

This week Councillor Robin Stuchbury, Labour group leader, said: “All these projects seem to be coming in at 10 to 12 per cent more than they were originally estimated. “For Aylesbury it’s a good thing, I’ve got no problem with them improving the site, and you’ve got to maintain it.”

But he said people elsewhere in the Vale were disgruntled at the amount of cash being spent in Aylesbury. Councillor Paul Hughes, Lib Dem shadow cabinet member for leisure, said: “This administration hasn’t got a great record for delivering on budget and on time. “We just want them to get on with it, the sooner they get people on site the better, and the better for the Vale.”

Councillor David Thompson, cabinet member for leisure, said the £6.45m figure includes a five per cent contingency, which the council hopes it will not need. He said: “Since last October, we’ve decided to take the opportunity to carry out some additional repairs and maintenance items such as additional re-tiling and updating some of the plant. “It clearly makes sense to do as much repairs and maintenance work as we can whilst extending the building. “The updated plant has slightly increased the capital cost of the project but as the new plant will be more efficient to run, it makes financial sense in the longer term.”And he continued: “In terms of other additional costs, the steel work has come out slightly more than estimated as has the groundwork.

“The fees are slightly higher than last October but reflect the additional work on the design to include the maintenance items and the fees associated with the improvements to the plant. The business case has not changed.”

The improvement work is set to be completed in August next year.

Report ends, 20th September 2011

Karen Phillips
Facilities Officer

Officials Secretary Report 27th September 2011

We are still continuing to carrying out assessments for both Judge L1 and Judge L2. More assessments are being done at the Maxwell Meet Oct 1 & 2. To date the pass rate is very good (100%). It is my intention to run a further Judge 1 and a further Judge 2 course in October, subject to dates, numbers and venues. I have agreed with Thame SC to run courses for them, just need to confirm dates, subject to numbers there could be spaces available. There are still Timekeeper Courses in the pipeline.

Several people have asked of possibility to run a Starters Course.

Please be reminded that you must be a member of the ASA and have a valid registration number before attending a course, "registration applied for is not acceptable".

As you are aware the requirements (numbers off and qualification/license) of Officials, for various levels of licensed competition changed as of September 1st 2011 they will change again as of September 1st 2012.

As I have mentioned before it is up to the Competition/Meet organisers (not the Referee) to ensure they have enough officials on the day for the competition to be able to go ahead or for Mentoring to take place.

Could I please ask most politely for I do not wish to fall out with anybody, for clubs to try and not organise competitions/meets/club championships on the same weekends or following weekends as other clubs. Not all officials want to or are prepared to give up all their time at weekends. In June/July we had a classic example – 6 weekends straight off

11/12 Jun - SE Region, 18/19 Jun - Maxwell L3, 25/26 Jun - CMK L3, 3 July - Abingdon, 9 July - Bletchley L3, 16/17 July - Oxford L3

In the finish people had just had enough, each club is only concerned with their own relevant weekend but the officials are expected every weekend. In some cases, clubs own officials did not attend their own Meets, but others were expected to attend so the Meet could run.

I have had many phone calls from officials wondering what is going on, they turn up to help officiate, only to find that the host clubs officials are very limited in numbers. The outcome being people are losing interest. A Club's officials must support their own meets, even if they have no child swimming. If this carries on Competitions/Meets are going to struggle to find enough officials, failure to do so will mean someone is going to miss out – and having to cancel.....

John Wilford

Hon: Officials Sec: - Oxon & North Bucks Counties

OXFORDSHIRE & NORTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

September 2011

Regional update

The Region has been working hard to keep engaged with its clubs and deliver the participation agenda at the same time. The region is still keen to push the Network of clubs to ensure that they are swimmer focused and allowing clubs to identify where they can share resources and pool time to meet their swimmers needs, thus allowing them to improve. The Network in Milton Keynes, Swim MK, is likely one of the first to be supported by the Region.

The Region has had a change to its board at its ACM with John Ingram (Guildford City) resigning and being replaced by Ian Ashley (CMK). It is great to have representation from the north of the Region again. The Board also passed a motion to provide provision if it was not quorate at an ACM, with a procedure now in place if this instance occurs. At the next board management meeting we will be looking at succession planning for the board and its discipline groups.

The coaches conference we are holding on the 22nd October looks like it will be a great success with all 120 places being sold and 15 teachers and coaches attending the event from ONB county. This has been so successful that we are looking to see if the Region can put another event in the New Year.

Date for Diary; please note that the ASA annual council meeting is being held on the 22nd October and if you are able to attend, I am sure the ASA would like to hear as many views as possible. For more information log onto:

<http://www.swimming.org/asa/get-involved/online-booking/>

Also the ASA are bringing out online membership renewals. This workshop is aimed at those individuals who are involved in processing members information e.g. membership secretary, registration officer, but everyone is welcome. The workshop will provide information about the Online Membership System, how it works, how we envisage it will be used and key dates until the go live date in January 2012. <http://www.southeastswimming.org/calendar/showevent.php?id=608>

Just in case it has been missed, the ASA have announced that there are to be
CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE OF THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS

As a result of feedback from Coaches and swimmers the following changes will be made to the structure of the ASA National Age & Youth Championships in 2012:

1. Both championships will be age at 26th July 2012
2. Swimmers age groups will be aligned.
3. Events will be introduced within the National Youth Championship Programme for older swimmers.

Please see attached sheet for further information.

Finally the ASA is reviewing its strategy for the coming funding cycle, The Region have been asked to hold consultation evenings regarding the new strategy, These will be taking place in the first week in November. Once we have further details we will send out invitations.

ONB area update

County Sports Partnership Sports Awards:

It is the time of year for the Sports Awards again!! Both Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire have released their nomination forms for the 'big night'

Bucks –

Closing date for applications - Monday 3 October 2011

<http://www.buckssport.org/en?&t=/Default/gateway&i=1172035124225&application=menu&l=0&active=n&o&ParentID=1312467781256&intro=1&xref=>

Oxon –

Closing date for nominations - Friday 23 September 2011

<http://www.oxfordshiresport.org/page.asp?section=1782§ionTitle=Oxfordshire+Sports+Awards+2011&preview=1>

If you have coaches, teachers, committee members, teams or swimmers in your club who deserve recognition for their achievements, this is the opportunity to let them shine:

Time 2 Listen Courses for welfare officers

The date is the 29 September – Thursday! If you have anyone you would like to book on, please let me know.

Swim 21

Thank you to the ONB clubs who submitted revalidation paperwork on time. The Regional Panel recommended the clubs for revalidation, official confirmation was awarded at the National S21 Panel on 21st September. Clubs will receive their official paperwork over the coming 2 weeks.

City of Oxford SC

Maxwell SC

Wantage White Horses SC

Please note a change in the revalidation procedure. From the September National Panel onwards, clubs which do not revalidate on the due date will forfeit their IoS Online Credit for that year.

With regards to reaccreditation, clubs will no longer be able to defer their reaccreditation by 3 months, (unless there are extenuating circumstances, which will have to be agreed by the National Panel members). If clubs do not reaccredit on the due date, their accreditation will be removed until such time as they have achieved the required standards and resubmit.

If clubs would like to submit for accreditation/reaccreditation or revalidation online, please note you can now obtain your club password from Helen Mack on Helen.mack@freedom-leisure.co.uk

City of Milton Keynes SC, Newport Pagnell SC, Thame SC and Witney & District SC are due to revalidate at the November Regional Panel meeting. Deadline for submission is Friday 28th October.

Deadline for File Submission	Regional Panel	National Panel
Friday 4 February	Thursday 24 February	Wednesday 23 March
Friday 29 April	Thursday 19 May	Wednesday 22 June
Friday 29 July	Thursday 18 August	Wednesday 21 September
Friday 28 October	Thursday 17 November	Wednesday 14 December

More clubs are changing to submitting on line. Please note, clubs can submit for revalidation online. If clubs would like a password to go down this route they need to contact **Kim Stevens** on kim.stevens@swimming.org to request a password.

British Gas Funding.

The next deadline for British Gas Funding applications is 4 November 2011.

Club submits to Region	Region forwards to National Panel	National Panel	Notification
14 February	11 March	23 March	1 April
9 May	10 June	22 June	1 July
15 August	9 September	21 September	3 October
4 November	2 December	14 December	21 December

Completed applications should be sent through to Joan by the submission deadline. Application form available on request.

Team Managers

We are getting ever closer to confirming a Team Managers module 2 'overnight stay's and trips abroad' course. The course will take place in Oxford City; details regarding the course will come out as soon as they are confirmed.

South East Region Newsletter

Following the re-launch of the South East Region newsletter, we are always looking for news and stories to share, if possible with pictures to brighten the pages! Please send those articles to Joan.massie@swimming.org and ensure you note in the subject that it is for the newsletter.

The newsletter can be viewed on the Swim South East website. It contains information about funding and articles about clubs and swimmers across the region.

UKCC courses

Coming up soon:

Level 1 teaching –
Leon School – October half term
Aquavale – October half term
Kidlington – October half term

Level 2 teaching –
Aquavale – starts 29 October
Kidlington – starts 4 October
Wantage – starts 29 October

Level 1 coaching –
None currently booked in Ox/Bucks

Level 2 coaching –
Course booked for May next year – Abingdon School

Information on the IOS online website:

www.theiosonline.com is the place to go for all your aquatic education and training needs.

Visit the site today and explore! You will soon start to see the benefits for yourselves:

- Live information on course and seminar dates, availability and locations
- Quick, simple and secure credit card payment
- Instant booking confirmation
- Download your course resources in advance
- Create your own individual learning pathway at 'My IoS'
- Visit the library of resources to improve your aquatic knowledge
- Access 15% discount on online learning options

Don't worry, the registration process is simplicity itself but to help you with any queries, attached is a copy of the IoS online user guide.

If you require any help with booking onto courses please do not hesitate to contact Katie Fensome at the IOS (Katie.fensome@swimming.org or 01509 640470)