

Oxfordshire & North Buckinghamshire Counties ASA

President: Oliver Stockland

Chair: Karen Underwood



MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT Ardley with Fewcott Village Hall

ON 14th November 2023 AT 7PM

Present:

K Underwood (Chair/Officials/COSC)	I Rennie (Secretary/Banbury)	Christine McLintock (Treasurer/ADSC)	S MacNab (Swim Sec/Maxwell)
P Shaw (Interim Chair/ Records/K&GSC)	C Clavaud (County Lead TM/W&DSC)	S Fabes (Constitution Checker/CMK)	C Brosnan (4SSC Chair)
Martin White (WIT)			

	Agenda Item	Discussion and Decision	Action
1.	Apologies/Opening Remarks	Apologies were received from: Emma Anderson (TM/Banbury), Paul Baybutt (County/CMK) Amanda Fuller (Oxford&Witney/Artistic Swimming Secretary) Amanda Readhead (Maxwell/Disability Secretary) Andrea Fijalkowski (Witney) Hollie Robbins (COSC) Kate Dingle (AVSC) Heather Patrick (Past President) Stephen Wynne-Jonnes (CMK/Social Media) Simon Joyce (KGSC/Masters secretary) Nick Ray (WWHSC) Lucie Clarke (Maxwell/Welfare Officer) Mark Sims (Thame) Louise Croft Baker (Thame) Oliver Stockland (President) Kate Hutchinson (Swim England South East Region) Grace O'Dwyer (Banbury) Kim Wheatman (4SSC/Swim Mark Coordinator) S Wordsworth (COSC) H Wilson (County Coach/CMK)	
2.	Minutes of the SGM Meeting held on Thursday 28th September 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	None	

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4.	Minutes of Executive Meeting held on Tuesday 28th September 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.	
5.	Matters arising from Item 4	<p>Interim Chair and other posts: Peter Shaw (Chair 2017-2020) has offered to be Interim Chair until the 2024 AGM and this has been agreed. Peter Shaw has assumed the Chair's duties following the outgoing Chairs report.</p> <p>Martin White has provisionally offered to hold the post of Interim Vice Chair until the 2024 AGM, to be confirmed by weekend. Note. This is now confirmed.</p> <p>The challenges with putting together the team for the County Team Championships (Intercounties) and having to acquire swimmers already committed to the Maxwell Meet was discussed in detail.</p>	ONB Secretary to schedule votes at next meeting for Chair and Vice Chair
6.	Correspondence	<p>Swim England Club Health Tracker Year 2 Swim England has emailed all club secretaries their usernames and passwords for the Club Health Tracker.</p> <p>Club Health Tracker is reopen for Year 2 for the annual, 8 week window. All club secretaries should have received an email with links, log ins and passwords for their clubs/club sections. If you did not receive your details or would like other assistance, please contact the club development team on clubdevelopment@swimming.org. If you would like a quick introduction on how or why to use the Club Health Tracker, you are very welcome to attend one of our 20 minute webinars.</p> <p>Club Health Tracker Introduction Webinars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 17th Nov – 12.00pm-12.20pm • Monday 27th Nov – 7.00pm- 7.20pm <p>Further information and registration link – https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GRYCRSC</p> <p>Swim England's Alice Fairhill to be provided a slot to present on the tracker at the next meeting.</p> <p>Swim England South East Region notified the County of the following press release:</p> <p>Over £440,000 awarded to support swimming pools in South and Vale</p> <p>Press release attached at end of minutes.</p>	County Secretary

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		Aylesbury Vale SC had a query about the county entry times and how the cut off times for counties will work. Passed on the Swimming Secretary to respond.	
7.	Chair's Report	<p>The Chair's report had been issued prior to the mgt and is attached.</p> <p>At this point Karen Underwood stepped down and Peter Shaw took the Chair.</p> <p>No Changes.</p>	
8.	Treasurer's Report	<p>The Treasurer's report had been issued prior to the mgt and is attached.</p> <p>No Changes.</p>	
9	Disciplines		
	a) Swimming	<p>The Swimming Secretary's report had been issued prior to the mgt and is attached.</p> <p>No Changes.</p>	
	b) Records	No changes.	
	c) Artistic Swimming	<p>The Artistic Swimming Secretary's report had been issued prior to the mgt and is attached.</p> <p>No changes.</p>	
	d) Officials	<p>The Officials Coordinators report had been issued prior to the mgt and is attached.</p> <p>It was agreed that Member Clubs should provide the vouchers for their Officials and that ONB would cease to provide them directly.</p> <p>It was highlighted that across the county we had a shortage of officials and were losing referees. Oliver Stockland has said he is stepping down as an Official and Referee Tutor. Mark Govan along with Karen Underwood/Gary Blissett have volunteered to train as Referee Tutors but there is currently no information available about how they can proceed. Three candidates are interested in training as referees.</p> <p>No additional changes.</p>	
	e) Masters	<p>The Masters Secretary's report had been issued prior to the mgt and is attached.</p> <p>No additional changes.</p>	
	f) Disability	<p>The Disability Secretary's report had been issued prior to the mgt and is attached.</p> <p>No additional changes.</p>	
	g) Masters Records	The Masters Records Officer report had been issued prior to the mgt and is attached.	

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		No additional changes.	
	h) SwimMark Coord	No Report received.	
	i) Constitution Checker	No Changes.	
10.	County Team Coach Report (to include Fixtures/Dev Camp Report)	<p>Issue arose at the County Team Championships with respect to seating and there were a number of exchanges between ONB and Kent.</p> <p>ONB lodged a complaint about the behaviour of Kent ASA.</p> <p>The team had a good performance, better than the previous year though it would have been even more improved with a full strength team.</p> <p>It was noted that it was a very long day for the children and an overnight stay would be considered again for next year.</p> <p>The pathway was discussed and the U13 selection. The 200 IM is used for the selection process and 36 swimmers were selected.</p>	Chair
11.	Welfare Officer Report	No Report received.	
12.	Funding Applications	None Received	
13.	Swim England South East	<p>The Swim England South East Region report had been issued prior to the mgt and is attached.</p> <p>No changes.</p>	
14.	SE Governance Code for Counties - update	<p>Activity to identify and capture the ONB workforce details. The list has 2 aspects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If we are engaging someone directly and not through a request to the clubs to provide them then we have to list them on our OMS record and they are Dual Clubbed so to speak. If we end up the primary club for them then we have to pay the Club Support membership for them <p>However, if we just ask clubs to provide people then they are not our “workforce” and so we don’t need to include them. ONB Constitution requires an update to bring it into line with Swim England accepted Constitutions requiring a short SGM. It was agreed to schedule that as part of the January meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed the new Governance documentation would be uploaded to the Portal and not submitted to SER first.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that there is a major re-write required of the constitution for the transformation to a Charity.</p>	County Secretary Swim Secretary County Team Coach County Team Manager

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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