

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR  
SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

2021/22 started with the hope that the difficult days of covid were behind us, and to an extent, that was true. All aquatic disciplines were, once again, able to hold competitions. However, covid does seem to have left us a legacy: lethargy.

I have just re-read the Report by our President for 2020/21 and find myself struggling to not just cut and paste from it as almost all of his words still stand.

We have wonderful and amazing young athletes in the County yet we ended up having to cancel the Spring Development Meet completely and only just managing to run the County Championships by the skin of our teeth. An Open Meet held to offer the opportunity of competitive swims to those swimmers disappointed when the Development meet vanished, again, only just survived and we similarly struggled to run the Autumn County Qualifier Development Meet. Why? Lack of staff. There is no shortage of swimmers.

At present water polo, diving and artistic swimming are held Regionally as the numbers of both athletes and staff are too small to run County meets. We are hoping this may change for water polo as the possibility of inter-action within the County is under discussion. Open water swimming is growing and Middlesex County, although still piggy-backing on London Region's competition, made up a very large part of the total entrants to that competition in 2022. Who knows, maybe in 2023 we will be able to host our own County competition.

Speed swimming is organised and run by 4 or 5 volunteers covering all of the work involved before the day. I am immensely grateful for the time and work they, Leah Pullen, Gillian Neal and Brian Kapp in particular, give to the County in this. The task of finding staff, both technical and non-technical, for the meets is arduous and disheartening as we send out endless requests for help.

I would also like to make mention of two other people, Sharon Austin of Haringey Aquatics and Chris Pullen of Ealing SC to whom the County is extremely indebted this year. Without their efforts, at very short notice, we would not have had either a team at the Inter-Counties Competition or been able to fulfil the request by Swim England that we hold the first of three Development Camps for our younger swimmers.

If Middlesex County ASA is to continue to offer our athletes the opportunities they deserve, the pool of people stepping up to help achieve this needs to grow dramatically. Our Committees need new members with new ideas and fresh approaches. We have discovered Zoom so joining a committee does not necessarily mean leaving home to participate. We are endeavouring to break down the various tasks into bite-sized pieces so they can be spread round more readily.

If you want the County to continue supporting its athletes then we need your help.

**Pam Crofts**

### **COUNTY SECRETARY'S REPORT**

With things returning to a new normal, competitions have started to run again for all disciplines.

The County has managed to run a few meets but we have also had to cancel one due to lack of volunteers, which was a great shame.

It is also a great shame that despite the size of the County and the number of clubs we have, it is the same handful of people who are trying to deal with all the organisation that is required before a speed swimming competition, during and afterwards. I am hoping that with a new batch of children coming through the ranks, that we will have a new, enthusiastic band of parents who will assist the County. To those stalwarts – you know who you are – thank you so much for everything.

Unfortunately, we also lost the County Coach just a few days before the Inter-County competition. This was the last hiccup in what had proved to be a very trying lead up to a competition. Many thanks once again to Sharon Austin for being a great Team Manager and Leah Pullen for organising and booking everything. A big thank you too to Lisa Bates and Alexander MacDonald who stepped up at the last minute as coaches for the swimmers.

It has been a very busy year for me and I look forward to working closely with Colin Jones as our incoming President.

**Gillian Neal**

## **FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT**

I am sure that you all know that MCASA's financial year ends on 31 August and on that date this year the County's finances were £19,504 in surplus. That means that the year 2021 to22, our first full year of full swimming since the pandemic was, among other things, a very successful financial year.

The surplus does however hinge on the fact that there was no Inter-County swimming; no Development Days and no overseas trip all of which are important but are also a cost on the County. In days before Covid, the overseas trip every other year worked well. MCASA did pay for the Inter-County competitions that the Water Polo teams actually had but these are more local and nothing like the weekend at Sheffield for the speed swimming.

For this financial year, I am not expecting such a healthy surplus on 31 August 2023 as for the last year. I expect that because this year we have already had the Inter-County Championships in Sheffield, which incidentally the county of Kent won, Development Days and possibly also an overseas trip.

The Accounts for last year were approved by the Executive Committee at the meeting on 13 September. The accounts, together with all the other paraphernalia needed by the accountants, were sent to them on the 3 October. The inspected accounts have now been returned and are attached to this report.

I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a splendid New Year.

**Phillip Prentice**

## **MCASA SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The County has managed to run more competitions this year – we have also had to cancel competitions due to lack of officials. Whilst the problem of staffing meets does seem to be a nationwide issue, the fact that the County has in excess of 300 officials yet struggles to get 20 on poolside for each session is very disconcerting. As has been mentioned in my other report and that of our President, it is falling to the same few people all the time. The majority of the more senior officials no longer have children (or even grandchildren!) swimming yet they still turn up to support the new swimmers coming through.

Having said that, the meets that did take place, ran very well. Numbers are slowly getting back to pre-Covid levels. However, getting pool time to run the meets is still proving a huge problem and it means that we sometimes have to use pools which are very expensive. This, obviously, means that the swimmers have to pay higher entry fees unfortunately.

We have the new system development days starting next month, with the help of Gerry Gillespie and Chris Pullen.

Regarding a new County Coach, a job description will be (or already is) on the website and we welcome applications from any coaches within the County.

**Gillian Neal**  
**Swimming Committee Secretary**

## New County Records Set September 2021 to August 2022

### SWIMMING OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

No Report received

### OPEN WATER REPORT

It is great to report a most successful year since becoming the County Secretary for this discipline. Never before have we had such a level of success at both Regional and National levels. Could it be that the decision by London Region to combine the event with East Region at the excellent facilities at Whitlingham Watersports Centre gave our swimmers the impetus to gain such remarkable results? Looking at those from our region, we outnumbered other Counties overall substantially with 37 from Middlesex out of a total of 62 from all 4 Counties.

The competition is structured by distance and age groupings which ranges from 2k for the 12/13 years; 3k for 14/15 years; and 5k for 16, 17/18 years, plus some older age grouping.

As it is only the first 3 swimmers in each even who qualify to swim at Nationals, we provided 21 out of the London Region quota of 39. It was good to see that, of this number, 17 competed at Thryberg Park, Rotherham (Nationals).

Bearing in mind that this was their first time competing at this level against some experienced Open Water swimmers, there were some excellent results:

Girls 12 years	2K	Delilah Paisley	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Boys 16 years	5K	Billy Bainbridge	5 <sup>th</sup>
Boys 13 years	2K	Arthur Greenwalker	6 <sup>th</sup>
Boys 16 years	5K	Dante Sinnot	6 <sup>th</sup>
Boys 17/18 years	5K	Cameron Carlos	6 <sup>th</sup>

These results do not reflect how close the results can be with only a couple of seconds separating the competitors despite the length of the races.

May I convey a huge thank you to the coaches and, of course, the parents for the huge effort that has brought about this dramatic change, particularly in the distances involved. Let us hope that we can continue to build on this year's results and look to greater success next year.

In closing, I need to make a heart-felt apology to all the swimmers for the lack of County medals so far which is due to having operations on both eyes due to cataracts and stigmatism. This has resulted in a problem of close vision and being unable to read results. Fortunately, the operations were a success and I am hoping to return to full sight in the very near future.

Looking forward to next summer and the return to Open Water!

**Brian Kapp**  
**Open Water Secretary**

### PARA SWIMMING REPORT

Didn't we have a lovely day the day we went to The Len Badcock Memorial Disability Meet.

Yes, we did. The athletes, their coaches, carers and parents all agreed. Leah has received numerous emails saying how much they had enjoyed the meet and how much they had all got out of it. It was a happy and uplifting day. One swimmer, William Roberts, had such a good time that he has been able to send off the paperwork to claim a new European Record for 200m individual I/M.

Fortunately, thanks to a couple of clubs and a band of enthusiastic and generous trainees, we were just compliant with the license conditions. How dreadful it would have been if William had achieved the time but could not claim the record through lack of officials.

So, a very big thank you to those who came along to help and a suggestion that those who didn't, get the date in their diaries for next year. If you weren't there, you missed a real treat.

Thank you to Colin, our President Elect, for assisting with the presentation of medals, certificates and rosettes.

Thank you to Leah for all the time and effort she put into organising the event as well. The athletes all left saying "See you next year".

**Brian Kapp**  
**Para Swimming Secretary**

## WATER POLO REPORT

No Report received

### Water Polo Representative

## MASTERS REPORT

Susie Breslin

Susie is recovering and working hard to improve. We all wish her well.

MCASA Masters Competition - 22 May 2022 – Barnet Copthall Pools

At last the Masters County competition returned fully and was held at Barnet Copthall. The competition attracted 12 clubs including the Metropolitan Police. Congratulations to all the swimmers. Results and rankings are shown below:-

### Women - Team Scores

Place	Team		Points
1	Cally Masters Islington	Cally Masters Islington	678
2	Camden Swiss Cottage	Camden Swiss Cottage	307
3	Barnet Copthall	Barnet Copthall	208
4	Otter	Otter	164
5	Teddington	Teddington	156
6	Enfield Swim Squad	Enfield Swim Squad	154
7	Metropolitan Police	Metropolitan Police	74
8	Frognaal Masters	Frognaal Masters	55
9	Out To Swim	Out To Swim	50
10	Haringey Aquatics	Haringey Aquatics	36
11	Ealing	Ealing	35

### Men - Team Scores

Place	Team		Points
1	Out To Swim	Out To Swim	479
2	Camden Swiss Cottage	Camden Swiss Cottage	343
3	Cally Masters Islington	Cally Masters Islington	272
4	Barnet Copthall	Barnet Copthall	202
5	Teddington	Teddington	166
6	Frognaal Masters	Frognaal Masters	121
7	Enfield Swim Squad	Enfield Swim Squad	96
8	Otter	Otter	93
9	Broomfield Park	Broomfield Park	80
10	Haringey Aquatics	Haringey Aquatics	43
11	Ealing	Ealing	29

		<b>Combined Team Scores</b>	
<b>Place</b>	<b>Team</b>		<b>Points</b>
1	Cally Masters Islington	Cally Masters Islington	1,004
2	Camden Swiss Cottage	Camden Swiss Cottage	742
3	Out To Swim	Out To Swim	535
4	Barnet Copthall	Barnet Copthall	446
5	Teddington	Teddington	322
6	Enfield Swim Squad	Enfield Swim Squad	250
7	Otter	Otter	257
8	Frognal Masters	Frognal Masters	186
9	Metropolitan Police	Metropolitan Police	111
10	Broomfield Park	Broomfield Park	80
11	Haringey Aquatics	Haringey Aquatics	79
12	Ealing	Ealing	64

Congratulations to Cally Masters Islington and Out To Swim

#### Masters Inter Counties Competition - LAC, Sunday 20 November 2022

I'm very pleased and grateful to announce that Middlesex will be able to field a team in the South East Region heat of the Masters Inter Counties competition this. A huge thank you to Gina Heyn (Teddington) for stepping forward and coordinating the team this year. It really makes such a difference. We have a very promising team this year with many highly ranked swimmers being able to compete.

Our officials attending will be Neil Procter (Barnet Copthall) and Richard Walton (Out To Swim).

Thank you everyone and good luck.

#### Plans for 2023

We will continue to promote the Masters County Competition next year and will confirm details and dates as soon as possible.

I hope that our Inter-counties team will also continue to develop and improve after our upcoming return to the 2022 competition in November. Thank you once again to Gina Heyn (Teddington) for her hard work putting the team together.

Thank you for your support and assistance over the past year.

Wishing all swimmers, officials, coaches, clubs and supporters of Middlesex ASA greater success in 2023.

**Ian Woollard**  
**Masters Secretary**

## **SYNCHRO (ARTISTIC) SWIMMING REPORT**

No Report received

## **DIVING REPORT**

No Report received

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**

**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

### BUSINESS INFORMATION

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**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**

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Mrs Gillian Neal  
Mr Phillip Prentice

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# MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

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## MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

### CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

#### ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

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In accordance with the engagement letter dated 16 September 2008, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association for the year, set out on pages 2 to 6 from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given to us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at [icaew.com/membershandbook](http://icaew.com/membershandbook).

This report is made to you, in accordance with the terms of engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to you that we have done so, and state those matters we have agreed to state to you in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the committee, for our work, or for this report. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release TECH08/16AAF as detailed at [icaew.com](http://icaew.com). To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than you, for our work or for this report.

You have approved the accounts for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for them, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the accounts.

**Smith Malhotra Limited**

**Chartered Accountants**

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**

**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
<b>Net surplus / (deficit) from competitions</b>				
Autumn Development		5,389		-
Spring Development		(577)		-
County Championships		16,366		-
Championships Masters		2,030		-
July Invitational meet		-		1,154
Len Badcock		(211)		-
May Open		20,849		-
Movement in Stocks		1,605		1,368
		<u>45,451</u>		<u>2,522</u>
<b>Cost of county teams</b>				
Intercountry Events (Water Polo)	580		-	
	<u>580</u>		<u>-</u>	
		(580)		-
<b>Sundry expenses of committees / competitions</b>				
Training	511		-	
Clothing, Medals, Rosettes	9,371		-	
Expenses	3,816		939	
		<u>(13,698)</u>		<u>(939)</u>
<b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Honorarium	500		500	
Engraving	588		-	
Poolside passes	8		-	
Repairs and renewals	220		-	
Postage, Stationery and Telephone	495		8	
Computer running costs	590		865	
Website Costs	4,210		4,444	
Hire of Room	364		173	
Accountancy	1,062		1,098	
Bank charges	116		84	
Storage costs	4,483		3,420	
Sundry Expenses	(35)		1,419	
Depreciation on Equipment	623		831	
		<u>(13,224)</u>		<u>(12,842)</u>
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>		17,949		(11,259)
<b>Other income</b>				
Interest Receivable	6		2	
Sundry Income	430		86	
Other - Receipts	1,120		-	
		<u>1,556</u>		<u>88</u>
<b>Tax</b>				

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**

**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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Corporation tax payable		(1)		-
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	42.91%	<u>19,504</u>	442.94%	<u>(11,171)</u>

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

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	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	1		1,869		2,494
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		25,653		26,539	
Prepayments		6,419		2,052	
Cash at bank and in hand	3	103,745		88,414	
		<u>135,817</u>		<u>117,005</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors		<u>9,191</u>		<u>10,509</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>126,626</u>		<u>106,496</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>128,495</u>		<u>108,990</u>
<b>Capital account</b>					
At 1 September 2021			108,991		120,161
surplus/(deficit) for the year			19,504		(11,171)
			<u>128,495</u>		<u>108,990</u>

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 16 September 2008, I approve the accounts set out on pages 2 to 6. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts, including the appropriateness of the accounting basis as set out in note 1 to the accounts, and for providing Smith Malhotra Limited with all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

Mr P. Prentice

Date : 24 November 2022

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial information is compiled on an agreed accounting basis that:

- Enables a surplus to be calculated such as to meet the requirements of Section 25 of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005; and
- Provides sufficient and relevant information to enable the completion of a tax return.

#### 1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial information is not intended to achieve full compliance with the provisions of UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

#### 1.3 Income

Income represents amounts receivable net of cost for events, competitions and goods.

#### 1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% Reducing Balance
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#### 1.5 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

**2 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Fixtures, fittings &amp; equipment £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 September 2021	10,972
Disposals	(620)
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At 31 August 2022	10,352
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<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 September 2021	8,480
On disposals	(620)
Charge for the year	623
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At 31 August 2022	8,483
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<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 August 2022	1,869
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At 31 August 2021	2,494
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**3 Cash at bank and in hand**

	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Cash at bank current account and in hand	81,622	103,618
Deposit account	17,219	17,191
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	98,841	120,809
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