

**Nottinghamshire Sports Centre / Leisure Swimming League
(Affiliated to Swim England East Midlands)**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 24th day
of November 2024 at Lammas Leisure Centre**

Clubs Present: Arnold (David Fortescue), CABSC (Kath Needham), Carlton Forum (Jo Hunt), Hucknall (Steve Allsop), Kimberley (Denise Swinburne), Nottingham Leander (Judith Hedley), Radford (Bernie Walker), Ripley (Connor Dodson), Sherwood Colliery (Ian Negus), Sutton (Paul Collins) and Worksop Dolphins (Alex McLauchlan).

Clubs Missing: Bircotes (Withdrawing from the League)

Before the meeting started David Fortescue informed everyone present that he would be there as Arnold SC's representative for this year due to staffing issues, however, as league secretary, he will not be voting on any items to remain impartial and Arnold SC are aware by this that they will not have any input into this meeting and therefore will go with whatever is decided. Everyone present were happy with this.

1. Minutes of the last meeting:

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record.

2. Matters arising from the minutes:

None

3. Officers Reports:

Secretary: Mr Fortescue passed thanks to all clubs again for the support throughout the 2024 League and a massive congratulations to all swimmers who have taken part. It was a pleasure to be officiating at the final round watching all the clubs battling it out with some very close finishes, and also seeing different teams winning races constantly throughout the evening.

Chairperson: I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to be Chair of the Nottinghamshire Sports Centre League, with the sad passing of Kate who gave her full support to the league over the years I would like to thank her. Also a big thanks needs to go to the clubs for there support over the years to enable the running of the leagues and with the involvement of so many clubs it makes it a very exciting league and is enjoyed by all. I would like to thank you all for your support and may your support continue.

Treasurer: Mr McLauchlan's report was adopted unanimously. The League finances can be seen below.
Due to the current situation of the accounts and the cost of trophies, it was agreed to keep the entry fees as they were in 2023. This would mean that the registration fee for current teams would stay at £20 and new teams would stay at £30.

The accounts for the year were as follows

Income		Expenditure	
Balance brought forward	£ 884.81	Affiliation Fees	£ 50.00
Subscriptions	£ 330.00	Trophies	£ 247.89
	<u>£ 1214.81</u>		<u>£ 297.89</u>
	Bank Balance:		£ 916.92

4. Correspondence

Mr Fortescue reported that the only correspondence to the league for 2024 was regarding Bircotes wishing to withdraw from the league for 2025 due to changes at the club and a new focus for the club as a whole.

5. Changes to League Rules

a. Swimmers Changing Between Teams

It was asked if we could look at the rules regarding swimmers changing between teams within the 2nd half of the year. Currently teams are free to interchange between teams within the first half of the year, but after the mid point they may promote from a lower team to a higher, but once swum for a higher team, they cannot swim for the lower team again. This was asked due to swimmer availability and having to swim up, but then not able to swim back down and therefore then not having enough swimmers to field a full team in the lower galas at the back end of the year. This was voted on and 2 votes for the change, with 8 votes against. **No change to be made to the current rules.**

b. 9 year old category

The 9 year old swimmers category was discussed at length. As questions were asked regarding the 9 year old category and the age at date Mr Fortescue informed the committee the ins and outs of the league licensing and Swim England Regulations which defines us as a league, and why we have the different age at dates and how that affected the 9 year olds. Discussions were had about changing the lower age group to 10/under but this was voted unanimously against. Discussions took place to decide if we should remove the 9 year old event completely. This was voted on and unanimously it was agreed to keep the 9 year old individual events, but remove the 9 year old relays, but keeping the 9 year old age category as part of the cannon relay make up. **The Schedule will be updated along with all documents and the rules adjusted where needed for this.**

c. Number of Individual Swims

Discussions took place regarding the number of swims any individual swimmer can do in one gala. Currently there is no limit, but it was deemed that this can lead to over swimming swimmers, when guidance should be to limit the number of competitive races within one day.

This was voted on and the majority of the vote went to say that it should be 3 individual races by any swimmer in age group, with the number of swims in relays excluded from this. **This will be added into the league rules**

6. League Results and Restructure (Relegation/Promotion)

Division 1	L.Pts	G.Pts	Division 2	L.Pts	G.Pts	Division 3	L.Pts	G.Pts
1. Leander A	25	1060	1. Leander B	22	962	1. CABSC	25	1054
2. Sherwood	17	869	2. Worksop	20	890	2. Ripley	20	916
3. Sutton A	17	840	3. Kimberley	15	827	3. Bircotes	12	678
4. Carlton Forum	10	785	4. Hucknall	13	719	4. Leander C	9	630
5. Radford	6	707	5. Arnold	5	612	5. Sutton B	9	624

Congratulations to Nottingham Leander A and Sherwood for winning and coming runner up (respectively) in Division 1.

Congratulations to Leander B and Worksop for winning and coming runner up (respectively) in Division 2.

Congratulations to CABSC and Ripley for winning and coming runner up (respectively) in Division 3.

After the final round points we see the Relegation of Radford down to Division 2 and Leander B promoted to Division 1, and then the Relegation of Arnold down to Division 3 and CABSC promoted to Division 2 for 2024.

We have had correspondence from Bircotes to sadly withdraw from the league which will now leave Division 3 with only 4 teams and 4 rounds.

7. Dates and Venues for 2025

For the first half of the year Ages as of 18th May*
 For the latter half of the year Ages as of 23rd November*

Date	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Jan 25 th	Sherwood Water Meadows 5:00 - 5:30	Kimberley Hucknall L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	Ripley Bingham Arena 6:00 - 6:30
Mar 22 nd	Sutton Alfreton L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	Worksop Worksop L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	Leander Hucknall L.C. 6:00 - 6:30
May 17 th	Leander Bramcote L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	CABSC Bingham Arena 6:00 - 6:30	Arnold Hucknall L.C. 6:00 - 6:30
Sep 6 th	Carlton Forum Bingham Arena 6:00 - 6:30	Hucknall Hucknall L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	Sutton Lammas LC 6:00 - 6:30
Oct 18 th			
Nov 22 nd	Leander Bingham Arena 6:00 - 6:30	Radford Hucknall L.C. 6:00 - 6:30	Arnold Water Meadows 5:00 - 5:30

*9 year old swimmers in individual races must be 9 on the day of the swim to compete under Swim England Regulations.

PROVISIONAL DATE, TIMES AND VENUE - POOL STILL TO CONFIRM

If any clubs exchange dates could they please inform the Secretary and other members of their division

8. Election of officers

It was proposed and carried that the following officers be elected

Honorary Chairperson- Mr Bernie Walker (Radford)
 Honorary Treasurer - Mr A McLauchlan (Worksop)
 Honorary Secretary - Mr D Fortescue (Arnold)

9. Appointment of Representative to Region:

Mr Bernie Walker was appointed delegate for the League

10. Lane Draw:

Due to timings the lane draw was not done at the meeting, but was carried out away from the meeting by the secretary and was witnessed by 2 independent people to the league. Due to the AOB that was raised regarding Newark, it was agreed that 2 draws for Division 3 were to take place, one with Newark, and one without, depending on the outcome of the discussions that will take place with Newark SC. Therefore the first round draws were (due to Newark declining the offer:

Division 1		Division 2		Division 3	
Lane 1	Sherwood	Lane 1	CABSC	Lane 1	
Lane 2	Leander B	Lane 2	Worksop	Lane 2	Arnold
Lane 3	Sutton A	Lane 3	Hucknall	Lane 3	Leander C
Lane 4	Carlton Forum	Lane 4	Radford	Lane 4	Sutton B
Lane 5	Leander A	Lane 5	Kimberley	Lane 5	Ripley

11. Any other Business:

Mr Allsop highlighted an issue at the competition that they hosted in 2024 that a certain club had entered the poolside before the host club team were even on site and stuck signs over some of the seating that is limited to reserve seats for their team.

It was noted that there should be no reservations of any seats at any competition, and the situation would be monitored.

It was noted that Newark Swimming Club had expressed a possible interest in joining the league, however as they were still in the process of rebuilding the club, they thought that joining in 2025 may be slightly too soon. It was discussed and asked that if the other clubs that are in Division 3 would offer support in helping to host the competition for Newark, then as a league we would offer this to them to see if they would like to take part. With this all clubs agreed to share the co-hosting of this competition with Newark if they wanted to join.

Mr Fortescue approached Newark after the meeting and offered this to them, and unfortunately this offer was declined for the 2025 season as they did not believe they were in a position to fully support the league for 2025, but are considering joining in 2026.

After the meeting, due to Newark declining the offer of joining the league in 2025, and to give division 3 a full 5 rounds of competition, as in Division 1 and 2, Arnold kindly offered to host an additional round at the end of the year.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.25am
The next AGM to be hosted by Worksop SC
at a venue to be circulated,
on November 23rd 2025 9:30am.**