

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASA



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Swimming - Terry Taylor

Leagues - Maureen Shaw

Water Polo - Chris Freebury

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Coaches - Vacant

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Disability – Dave Palmer

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Chairman 's Report

Richard Roberts

It has been a busy year and not without its challenges, but I believe that the county has met those challenges and is a better and stronger county going into the next year.

We have had many excellent swimming performances, and these will be related during the meeting, we have re-established the link between the County Coaching staff and the clubs, which from the feedback received will go from strength to strength.

We are still being asked to become more professional in our approach to our sport, from above, and I am pleased to say that this county is considered to be at the forefront in many initiatives that that are coming down, including the counties swimmer progression model. We hear about these things because of the involvement of member of this county in the larger Regional and National bodies which we need to carry on supporting and encouraging.

The reason that we are doing so well and continue to stay ahead is the hard work put in by our Committees, and I would ask anyone who has the time to get involved, not just for your opinions but there are many jobs that need doing and we need you involved to get them done. Any committees that are not full at the end of this meeting, please go back to your clubs and see if there are people there that are willing to get involved, they can always be co-opted on.

I must mention that during the year we have lost friends from our swimming community and we should take time after the meeting to remember them for all the good times we shared and maybe relive a few.

I would like to finish by thanking all the committees for their efforts through the year, and if I am re-elected please extend your invitation to me and I will do my best to attend.

Secretary's Report - Wendy Coles

The past twelve months has seen a continued success for the 22 clubs that make up Nottinghamshire ASA. Our County training scheme networked throughout our County remains strong and we have to thank Josie Grange on being the administrator and to the coaches.

Nottinghamshire is seen as a county that produces experienced aquatic volunteers as well as competitors and, as well as providing technical officials at County, Regional and National Competitions, Wendy Coles (management), Di Nicholas (swimming), Richard Robert (Masters) and Chris Freebury (water polo) representing the regional committees with David Rush Regional secretary of the swimming committee.

We hope that the new On-Line Membership System worked for you this year as did the collecting of the county fees directly to the ASA.

Without efficient secretaries of our different aquatic sports we would not have been able to achieve all that has happened this year and for this we say "Thank You".

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WINTER GALA

19th JANUARY 2014 BEECHDALE

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

YOUTH

15/16th FEBRUARY 2014 BEECHDALE

AGE GROUP

1/2nd MARCH 2014 WATERMEADOWS

15/16th MARCH 2014 BEECHDALE

30th MARCH 2014 BEECHDALE



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

AQUAFORCE AWARDS

Outstanding Contribution by a Young Volunteer

Adam Sparry

Club Volunteer of the Year

Liz Anscombe

Volunteer Coach/Teacher

Karen Thornton

Outstanding Contribution to Swimming in the Community

Denniss & Kate Bull

Outstanding County/Regional Contribution

Roy Crampton

& Terry Taylor

TREASURER'S REPORT Kate Bull

The Treasurer provided a breakdown of all league income and expenditure for 2012/2013.

The overall position showed that the Leagues had just about broke even, and with this in mind, it was decided that there would be no necessity to increase any Registration/Door Fees or Fines for the forthcoming year.

I believe that the Association is in a healthy position this year, and that all controls are in place and fit for purpose.

This year all the club affiliation fee due to the County, Ours, East Midland Region and payment to the ASA have been collected in one payment and it has worked out well for all concerned.

We have had a few difficulties in the payment of Pool Hire Invoices for the Youths and Age Group Championships, (or the lack of them) it looks as if we have made a huge profit, but hopefully we are resolving the issue.

The Nottinghamshire Swim Squad have a separate account and now that all the Issues with the Bank are sorted, it is working out very well.

The Notts fee will be increased by 5p next year to £1.10p per Club Member.

Swimming - Terry Taylor

County Championships and the Summer gala all went well and my thanks to a great team who work hard to make them run smoothly. The County team performed well at the Inter Counties with us finishing well in Division One.

We congratulate Rosie Rudin and Amber Keegan on their selection to the European Junior Champs which were held in Poland. Team in

Natasha Hofton on the GB International Schools Team in Brazil and the GB Team for the Flanders Cup.

Fiona Donnelly Scottish Team Celtic Tri Nations.

Oliver Pratley and Claire Crawford the European Downs Syndrome Championships in Southampton.

Oliver Hynd and Charlotte Henshaw the GB IPC Worlds in Montreal.

Amber Keegan and Karl Morgan the World Junior Swimming Championships in Dubai.

Communication Officer - David Fortescue

Communication for the leagues after a gala has got a lot better this year and I would like to thank everyone for their help.

There will be a few changes on the leagues section of the website for 2014 where we are splitting the leagues to have their own pages rather than all on one page to make it easier to download the correct information.

If any clubs have news that they want to publish on the website then please contact me, or if they have any ideas for the website also get in touch.



Water Polo Report - Chris Freebury

The problems in the running of the Water Polo League have now been resolved satisfactorily and we are about to complete our second season under the new administrative procedures. These have involved a few changes both to protocol and to personnel. The League is still run by a Committee whose principal officers meet to determine functional issues which are later ratified by the League Committee. This system works admirably and is easy and efficient to maintain provided the Club Secretaries are efficient.

We are very grateful for the help we receive from the Notts. A.S.A and some of their Committee members- Kate Bull and Wendy Coles in particular have been a great help to us and we would also to thank you for providing us with Nottinghamshire ASA medals.

We are now featured on the new Website which includes our Handbook and League Tables. We have moved to an on-line Handbook with suitable savings in printing costs and postage which has proved very successful.

This season has been very successful and the League has run very smoothly indeed in comparison to previous years. There have been very few re- arrangements and the two Cup competitions have also run well and on time.

The Regional Training Centre now enjoys hitherto unprecedented support from most of the Clubs and we are indeed very grateful to Sarah and Tim Dunsbee for their assistance in this regard. Sarah has also been busy updating peoples' coaching qualifications through the RPL framework and was recently elected as Regional Water Polo Secretary for East Midlands Region.

During the year we have provided Officials' courses to about 75 people either as referees or table officials - many from outside our Region and we have further courses planned for 2014. We have a very large number of referees – perhaps the largest in the country for a League of our size - and have successfully piloted Young Officials for some years now in Water Polo.

OFFICIALS

We would like to say thank you to all that have been turning out regularly to help at the Gala's and Championships.

We have also seen quite a few new faces this year which is encouraging.

Nottinghamshire Officials

14 active referees all licensed.

29 J2S - 20 licensed.

42 J2 - 28 licensed 2 not active

74 J1 - 47 licensed

Synchronised Swimming

OUR SYNCRHO CLUB Green Arrows maintains its membership level and welcomes anybody who can swim, loves to dance and good at gymnastics.



Leagues Report - Maureen Shaw

Once again I would like to thank you all for your support and constructive feedback this year. The contribution made by the Clubs ensures that the Notts. ASA Leagues continue to be a successful and competitive arena for all. Together we can strive to improve and develop this most important base of swimming development.

The main points of discussion at the Swimming Leagues Management Meetings for 2013 were as follows:-

STAGE 1 TROPHY GALA - It was apparent that some amendments and clarification of rules were necessary after the January 2013 competition. Consequently rule changes and amendments were made in order to avoid any future misinterpretations.

Insertion:- If a swimmer has ever achieved a Midland district qualifying time then no participation in the Stage 1 Gala is permitted.

A new registration document was devised to include a disclaimer and required a signature from the Club Coach/Official.

Questions arose as to how this rule could be policed and it was agreed at this point to rely on honesty, but, if clubs were found to be in breach of the rules then the SLMC would impose a penalty. At the moment, this would be a deduction of 10 points along with the points gained in the event but would be subject to review.

David Fortescue to produce a rankings list to enable checks to be made.

Amendment:

Rule 3: Relays to read 8/9 years **only** and 10/11years **only**

Rule 4: to state Age groups as **under** and clarity on the number of swims for individual events

Rule 5: Only two team Managers and Two Lane Coaches shall be appointed by each Club

STAGE 2 LEAGUE GALA

Rule 3: Cannon 8x50 with the youngest **Boy** swimming first

Rule 4: Open Swimmers to swim a maximum of 3 individual events with 2 in own age group with no restrictions on the number of relay events.

STAGE 3: LEAGUE GALA

Rule 3: cannon.....with the youngest **Girl** swimming first

Rule 4: No restriction on the number of relay events

REGISTRATION LISTS/GALA RESULTS

Separate sheets for the Stage 2 and Stage 3 Galas have now been made.

It was also reported that a much better response had been achieved from all Clubs sending in Gala results. - Well done everyone!

GALA CO-ORDINATORS SEMINAR

Throughout the year the question of the Gala Coordinators role was discussed and debated on more than one occasion. Consequently it was decided to hold an annual seminar to try and train new Club members, to explain in detail the relevant paperwork and to ascertain any difficulties that the clubs had experienced.

The meeting was held in July and was well attended with the majority of clubs sending a representative.

With the feedback received it was decided to increase the door float to £20.00 and the implementation of Gala Coordinators named badges.

Discussion on the information held on the website took place and a request was made to have a folder inserted for each of the League and Trophy Galas. Hopefully, this separation would avoid any future confusion.

Alex gave a presentation on the rules for scoring league and Gala points at the Registration Meeting.

2014 CALENDAR/FIXTURES

A provisional copy of the fixtures for 2014 has been formulated and a considerable amount of debate arose as a consequence. Some of the points raised were:-

4 January----Too near to Christmas.

14 June - Swimmers studying for exams

Open Meets - Club Trophy Galas - Club Events - Are there too many - are we too congested?

Are swimmers being over swum?

Finally, a special thanks to Alex, Bernie and Roy for their continued commitment and dedication in running the Leagues.

To all members of the Swimming Leagues Management Committee for their interest, enthusiasm and support.