

# OXFORDSHIRE & NORTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASA

President: Mrs Heather Patrick

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at Bicester Community College on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012**

Present: J.Wilford ( Pres ) , P.Shaw(Sec) , I.Powell(Tres) , H.Patrick (Pres-Elect),T.Ward(PP) , A.Evans(PP) , J.Murphy, M.Fuller ,E.House , W.Patrick & representatives of Abingdon Vale , Didcot Barramundi, Banbury , Kidlington & Gosford , Newport Pagnell & Witney Synchro S.C's. Also present Lisa Darnell ( SERAO )

Apologies: S-A Clavaud , K.Phillips , A.Powell , D.Hall , G.Buck , I.Goetz ( Thame )

1. The minutes of the AGM of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were approved and signed.
2. Matters arising from Item 1 :- None
3. Correspondence:-
  - a) Notice of the Annual Council Meeting of the South East Region to be held on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Financial Report:-

Ian Powell presented his report which is attached.
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  - a) Fixtures Secretary:- Alison Powell's Report was presented in her absence and is attached.
  - b)Swimming Secretary:- Ian Powell presented his Report which is attached.
  - c) Synchro Secretary:- Mandy Fuller presented her Report which is attached.
  - d) Officials Secretary:- John Wilford presented his Report which is attached.
  - e) Masters Secretary:- No one in Post so no Report.
  - f) Disability Secretary:- Liz House presented her Report which is attached
  - g) Press Officer's Report:- Karen Phillips's Report was presented in her absence and is attached
  - h) Facilities Officer's Report:- No Report received.
  - g) County Coach: No Report received.
6. President's Report  
John Wilford presented his Report which is attached.
7. Installation of President 2012/13  
President-Elect Heather Patrick was installed as President.
8. Appointment of President-Elect 2012/13  
No nominations received
9. Election of Honorary Treasurer  
Ian Powell was proposed by Alun Evans and seconded by Liz House and duly returned to office.
10. Election of Honorary Secretary  
Peter Shaw was proposed by John Wilford and seconded by Terry Ward and duly returned to office.
11. Appointment of Auditor  
Janet Smith to be approached to audit 2012/13
12. AOB
  - a) Past President , Alun Evans , proposed a vote of thanks to John Wilford who has been President of the Association for the past year , commending specifically the way certain problems were dealt with.

Meeting closed at 7.45 pm

## AGM Treasurers Report 3/7/12

The current set of accounts is for the 12 month period 01/04/11 to 31/03/12 have been audited of which a signed copy is available in the accounts folder should anybody wish to see them.

### General Account

This period has seen the county award funding to the value of £1913.23 for Coach Education and IT equipment of which the full amount has been claimed, plus £1800 awarded from previous financial years. As at the 31/3/12 we have £4075.00 outstanding funding grants to be claimed. The General account shows an excess of expenditure over income of £3285.23 which is £420.36 less than the previous 12 months.

□ County income down by just over £1344.49 due to the withdrawal of the SER Admin Grant, Swimwear sales down by £224.

□ The County Expenditure has seen a reduction of Funding claims (approx 50% less). £1231 was spent on County IT equipment enabling the county to become self sufficient when operating the county championships which was used at this year's County Championships. The pre-nationals swim camp expenditure increased by £253.88, County Gala's expenditure reduced by £551.68.

### Competition Account

The Competition account shows an increase of income over expenditure of £4926.10 (pre write back) which is £275.35 less than the previous 12 months. The Profit was more than expected especially as we increased the pool hire to 6 full days.

The Championship income increased by some £5520.56 and expenditure increased by £5795.91. Age group Ind/Relay entries increased, the Pool hire charges increased though not as much as initially budgeted for. Sundry income is swimwear sales for the T Shirt at the County Championships. Sundry expense is T shirts purchases, room hire and gifts.

The net fund available to the county including Creditors/Debtor is £28,644.83.

I have written back Oxfordshire county council £285 from 2007 & £500 from 2009 & £500 from 2010 Temple Cowley, totalling £1285.00.

Affiliation Fees, were suspended as SER provided an admin grant. As previously mentioned this has now stopped, I recommend that affiliation fees for 2012/13 not be levied but to be reviewed for future years. Finally I would like to thank Janet Smith for auditing the county accounts.

Ian Powell  
Treasurer

## Fixtures secretary AGM Report 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

Only one Gala during the year to report, this year due to pool issues and time restraints have not been able to host the Kingerlee.

Looking to review age groups and events and timing for the Kingerlee with hopes that a new programme and dates/pool are organised can be agreed upon.

Intercounty Gala was a great success with ONB being promoted this year following some real efforts by all the swimmers taking part. Will be making team selection as soon as information is published in the next month or so. Training camp will feature for those swimmers selected, there are some great swimmers in our County at the moment as was seen at the County Championships so provided all our strong swimmers will be available then we will be in a good position to retain our place in Division One.

## **AGM Swimming Report 3/7/12**

This year's County Championships saw the Age group relays incorporated into the long distance championships, though long days his proved to be successful.

One British record was broken by Lucy Chennery Disability record for 800m Freestyle. There was also an impressive 126 Meet best times highlighting that the standard of swimming is yet again continually improving.

### ***Proposed Dates and Venues***

The dates and venues for the 2013 County Championships are as follows:

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February Bletchley Leisure Centre  
3 session 1500/800m/9-14 Age Group Relays

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February Aqua Vale  
3 sessions 400m/9-14 Age Group Relays

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March Aqua Vale 3 sessions Main  
16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March Aqua Vale 3 sessions Main

Closing date for entries is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

All Age Groups will be Age as at 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013, unless the ASA change to age as at 31/12/13.

The proposed format for the 2013 championships is intended to be the same as in 2012, except that the same gender session break between the two age group relay events will be removed.

Qualifying time for 2013 Championships is, Accepted times 2009 A Grade times -6% and considered times are Accepted times +8%.

Qualifying period will be from the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013, which enables times achieved at SER Youth Champs to be used.

Promoter conditions will be changed to have the same implications for incorrectly withdrawn Relay teams. Also relay declaration forms to submitted no later than 15 minutes after the start of the warmup.

The Pools will be booked shortly for the 2013 Championships.

This year saw a few key roles done by new people and I thank them for filling these roles. On behalf of the County Executive and the swimmers I would like to thank all of the people for giving up their spare time and helping at the championships with out their dedication it would not have been such a success. Special thanks goes to Wayne Patrick the awards trustee, the pool co-ordinator Anne Minihan, Sharon Evans & Sarah Powell for operating the Meet Manager software, Jonathan Smith for operating the AOE and Finally to Peter Shaw for carrying out the duties of the promoter on the event days.

Ian Powell  
Swimming Secretary

## **Annual Report –Synchronised Swimming**

This past year started with uncertainty over availability of deep water pools and possible loss of one weekly session due to cost. These problems were overcome with creative management -deep water sessions went from weekly to monthly at a new more expensive venue and a new course for 8-11 year olds run alongside one Club session. This also opened up session availability to a new geographic area but take up has been slow – 7 swimmers only but this was enough to keep the session open.

With a new Club website and some Taster sessions over this summer Witney are hoping to increase interest and capitalise on both the Olympics and the Britain's Got Talent appearances of Aquabatique. In the Country it is pleasing to report that the number of competitive athletes in the talent pool has increased by 117 in the last 2 years –an 86% increase.

Emma Critchley was awarded a place on the England Talent Squad (Level 2) and attended two residential camps –one at Crystal Palace and one at the HPC in Aldershot which were led by ex- Olympian Myriam Glez. Mandy Fuller attended as a Coach and both Emma and Mandy gained insight into top level coaching and training needs. Ex Witney swimmer Genevieve Randall was awarded an England talent Squad place and competed in Croatia this June for England.

Another ex -Witney Swimmer, Hannah Green, gained a place on the GB Squad and is training full time at Aldershot. Unfortunately Hannah did not make the final team for the 2012 Olympics but at 17 years old is a great potential for 2016.

Our placing at NAG's 2011 was disappointing but the swimmers were keen to build on this and have worked hard this spring, taking Skill levels and working on performance. The squad has medalled at both competitions attended so far this year. Changes in national level competitions this year mean that some routines are to be judged on Artistic Value only, which will mean a new challenge for coaches and swimmers.

Steve Fuller has been accepted as a volunteer for the Olympic Synchro Events this summer and is to referee the National Age groups in December. Steve has also re-qualified as a National Judge, Senior Assessor and has qualified as a Presenter for Basic and Advanced Assessor qualifications.

Again the autumn begins with uncertainty over water costs with two pools increasing prices although it is not known by how much and whether the Club will be able to afford these.

Attached is a detailed list of Notable Achievements.

## County Report

### Notable achievements 2011-12 Witney Synchro Club

Witney Synchro Club Swim 21 Revalidation Achieved

#### Multiregional Championships

**12&Under Figures:** Emma Critchley 13<sup>th</sup>

**12 & Under Solo:** Emma Critchley 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Rushmoor Novice Competition

**12 & Under:** Eleanor Elder 4<sup>th</sup>

**13 & Over:** Katie Finlayson 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### National Age Group Championships

**12 & Under Figures:** 9<sup>th</sup> Emma Critchley

**12 & Under Solo:** 8<sup>th</sup> Emma Critchley

**19 & Under Recreational Combo Team:** 10<sup>th</sup>

Rhiannon Archer, Hannah Butcher, Lucy Butcher, Emma Critchley, Kelsie Donnelly, Eleanor Marinho, Josephine Marinho, Laura Perry, Reserves: Eloise Archer, Charlie Critchley.

**Emma Critchley awarded place on England Talent Squad Level 2**

#### Robin Hood Open Competition

**12 & Under Duet:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Turberville (9) & Libby Shaw (9)

**14 & Under Duet:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Critchley (11) & Josephine Marinho (13)

**17 & Under Duet:** 4<sup>th</sup> Laura Perry (15) & Lucy Butcher (13)

**14 & Under Combination team:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Eloise Archer (11), Lucy Butcher (13), Charlie Critchley (11), Eleanor Elder (11), Olivia Hunt (13), Hannah Lonsdale (14), Rebekah Mann (14), Josephine Marinho (13), Millie Perry (11), Madison Squire (9).

#### Reading Novice Competition

**Open Figures "C" (13-19years)** Rebekah Mann 7<sup>th</sup>

**Open Figures "C" (12 & Under):** Eleanor Elder 4<sup>th</sup>, Phoebe Muir 22<sup>nd</sup>, Madison Squire 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Open Figures "B" section (12 & Under)** Millie Perry 10<sup>th</sup>, Eloise Archer 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Figures "B" section (13-19 years)** Laura Perry 1<sup>st</sup>, Olivia Hunt 15<sup>th</sup>, Hannah Lonsdale 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Figures "A" section (12& Under):** Charlie Critchley 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Figures "A" section (13-19years)** Josephine Marinho 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Combo Team (9-19 Years): 1st :** Eloise Archer, Charlie Critchley, Eleanor Elder, Olivia Hunt, , Hannah Lonsdale, Rebekah Mann, Josephine Marinho, Laura Perry , Millie Perry, Madison Squire

County Competition Standings: Oxford, Berks and Bucks

**A Figure Section-13-19 Years** 3<sup>rd</sup> Josephine Marinho

**A Figure Section -12& Under:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Critchley

**B Figure Section: 12 & Under:** 8<sup>th</sup> Millie Perry, 9<sup>th</sup> Eloise Archer

**B Figure Section 13-19 years:** 1<sup>st</sup> Laura Perry, 5<sup>th</sup> Olivia Hunt, 7<sup>th</sup> Hannah Lonsdale

**C Figure Section 12& Under:** 1<sup>st</sup> Eleanor Elder, 4<sup>th</sup> Phoebe Muir, 5<sup>th</sup> Madison Squire

**C Figure Section 13-19years;** 3<sup>rd</sup> Rebekah Mann

**OPEN FREE Combo TEAM- Gold** – Eloise Archer, Charlie Critchley, Eleanor Elder, Olivia Hunt, , Hannah Lonsdale, Rebekah Mann, Josephine Marinho, Laura Perry , Millie Perry, Madison Squire

**Skill Levels Achieved:** Skill Level 1: Eloise Archer, Millie Perry, Olivia Hunt, Hannah Lonsdale.

Skill Level 2: Charlie Critchley

Skill Level 4: Emma Critchley, Libby Foster

**Aquafun Qualification:** Libby Foster

**UKCC Level 1 Synchro Coach Qualification:** Louise Fuller

**UKCC Level 2 Synchro Coach :** Synchro section –Louise Fuller

**National Judge, Senior Skill Assessor, Presenter Qualifications:** Steve Fuller

**Communications Chair, ASA TSSC:** Mandy Fuller

## Officials Sec: Report AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

This past year we have held several courses for officials Judge Level 1 – Judge Level 2 and Judge Level 2S the uptake has been very good, over 100 people. We have also held a Contemporary Issues seminar, which was well attended.

We have again experienced problems accommodating everyone for mentoring / assessments, this is down to the availability / level of suitable venues, where a qualified referee and experienced officials are present. This will be on-going issue.

May I again thank all clubs for allowing mentoring/assessments to take place at their competitions and to all the officials who have helped with mentoring and to the assessors for their time and involvement.

To date the County has a total of 262 licensed registered officials at Judge Level 1 or above, we still have 78 officials who are timekeepers. So we are very well covered. This is the total as shown on the British Swimming Officials database, but I cannot say how many are still active officials, I know many are but as to the actual number unknown.

Sadly, as ever people do leave the sport, or cut back on their involvement, for various reasons and this past year has been no different to any other, so thank you to everyone for your past support.

This year the County Championships ran very well with all sessions fully staffed, a big thank you to all concerned, both officials and support staff.

As you are aware there were changes to the Licensed Meet Guidelines in September 2011 which affected the level/qualification of officials at licensed meets, things do now seem to be settled and working, alas there will be some slight changes in September 2012 (further information on British Swimming Website).

I would like to thank all officials who have helped, at galas and competitions during the year in whatever capacity they have officiated and at whatever level; it is much appreciated by the County Association for your support both within the Counties and the South East Region.

John Wilford

Hon: Officials Sec:

## **Disability Officer's Report – AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012.**

The most notable achievement for Oxon & N Bucks disability swimmers during the year belongs to Lucy Chenery of CMK. Lucy was selected to represent Great Britain at the INAS 2011 Global Games which took place in Italy last September. Congratulations to Lucy.

At the County championships this year we added both the 200m and 400m freestyle events to the existing multi-disciplinary events. Once again there was a limited entry because of a clash with the Paralympic trials which took place in the new Olympic Pool. Obviously our swimmers didn't want to miss the opportunity to compete at such a prestigious event. Hopefully, next year there won't be a clash because British Disability swimming is supposed to be reviewing the competition calendar after the Paralympics. It was a little disappointing that we didn't have any new swimmers take part in the County Championships but it is something that we should work on for next year.

There are now two 'Hub' Clubs for Disability Swimming in the County. Bucks Disability Club is going to cover Buckinghamshire and City of Oxford is to cover Oxfordshire. The remit of Hub clubs is to identify talented disability swimmers and assist them to find training with local clubs. British Swimming is still particularly interested in swimmers with a visual impairment or a physical disability at the lower end of the classification system. However, it does seem to be difficult to find people with a disability who are interested in swimming. Oxfordshire Sports Partnership and SER attempted to organise a Talent ID session for disabled swimmers but unfortunately it had to be cancelled because of the lack of interest. It may be rescheduled for later in the year in the hope that the Paralympics will generate more interest.

Overall, Oxon & N Bucks disability swimmers do extremely well and they regularly represent their Clubs at National events.

Liz House.



Press Officer's Report

Reports prepared and posted on the County web site;

Age Group Nationals 2011  
Youth Nationals 2011  
Inter Counties 2011  
Long Distance Counties 2012  
Counties Main Champs 2012

Miscellaneous;

Organised county champs commemorative t-shirt.

Karen Phillips  
27<sup>th</sup> June 2012

## Presidents Report – AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

Firstly may I thank all the Officers of the County Association for their hard work and support throughout the past year.

I would also like to give thanks to all the coaches for all their hard work and dedication to the sport.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the clubs I have visited over the past year for the hospitality received and invitations to presentation evenings.

Again, I would like to say ‘well done’ to the County Team, which swam at the Inter County Competition in October, for their marvellous performance and the result – promotion to Division One for this year’s competition also good luck to this year’s team.

I attended the County Championships and watched many good swims especially in the ‘finals’ and have received many comments of praise (you never know just who is sitting in the balcony) on how well the Counties are organised and run. At this point may I give a special mention and my thanks to Ian Powell for all the time and effort he put in to make the Counties happen (and to Ali for allowing it).

I would also like to thank all the officials for the hours they spent on poolside, all the support staff for their help behind the scenes, without whom it would not happen and to Peter Shaw, as promoter on the day, a very arduous position to undertake but which he did superbly.

All the above said I would like to give a big thank you to all the swimmers that entered and took part in the championships, without you there would be no championships - so well done.

Every year the Counties get better, the swimmers get better, the results get better, the rewards get better so all the hard work, dedication to training, pays off, this year we have seen the ultimate reward for all this, a swimmer from this County selected for the Olympics – Well done Craig Gibbons.

Sadly there comes a time when people be it swimmers, coaches and officials choose to move on from the sport or retire, this year has been no different to past years, I would just like to say thank you to those concerned for everything you have done in the past and wish you well in the future.

I have enjoyed my term of office, being the second it was a lot easier than the first and I would like to wish the incoming President Heather Patrick every success for the coming year.

John Wilford