



Minutes of Lothian Region Swimming Group AGM 2024

Held at The Premier Inn, Edinburgh Park

On Tuesday 7th May 2024

a) Convenors Welcome

Susan Liddle welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that 12 months on from the last AGM, she had not expected to still be the LRSO Convenor. Susan thanked the Executive and committee for their continued support and the clubs that contributed to the LRSO's success.

LR need to continue to help swimmers who lost out on experience due to Covid.

b) Attendance:

13 delegates attended the meeting: Susan Liddle – Convenor & Scorpion, Julie Ormiston – Hearts, Colin Mathews – LRSO STO convenor & Trojan. Alana Morrison – Livingston, Margaret Somerville – Livingston, Christine Baker – Grove, Jo Maguire – Hearts, Julie Marshall – Inverleith, John Sluman – LRSO Treasurer & Scorpion, Frances Smith – Warrender, Susan Macfarlane – LRSO Junior Graded Meet Convenor and Livingston, Duncan Fraser – Hailes, Tony Dane, LRSO Secretary and Livingston.

c) Apologies:

Lesley Burrell - Midlothian

d) Minutes of AGM 2023

There were no changes to be adopted. The minutes were proposed by Jo Maguire and seconded by Susan Macfarlane.

e) Matters Arising

- Thanks to David Civil for the production of the new logo.
- The guide for parents has been circulated unbranded, to LRSO Clubs to enable easy adoption and hopefully will see most clubs using this document. It consists of 11 pages and covers all galas.
- A coach's pass/Team manager pass is now required for all LRSO galas, either the downloadable pass from Just Go or a Scottish Swimming Coach Pass.
- Susan Craigmile had to step back from her position as Gala Convenor.
- Thanks again to everyone and to Colin Mathews as LRSO STO Convenor.

f) Secretary Report

Nothing further to add to the submitted written report.

g) Financial Report

- John Sluman advised that there was a slight loss of £150 year on year.
- £1,000 had been allocated for the maintenance of the AOE at Prestonpans.
- £4,000 was allocated for 3 x coaching courses in conjunction with Edinburgh University. This is a pilot programme and as such involves no cost to clubs or swimmers.
- Talks were being held with Ian Wright, Scottish National Coach & Edinburgh University, regarding training at a level beneath the Junior Academy.

- Consideration is being given to the purchase of a card reader.

Proposed – Alanna Morrison, seconded – Christine Baker.

h) `Report from Competition Convenors

1. Junior Graded

- Coaches and swimmers liked having heats and finals. For 2025, extra consideration would be given to swimmers in the 12-13 age group who have difficulty in getting accepted for swims.

2. Lothian Leagues

- Only one club did not return to the leagues this year, this was due to that club having a shortage of swimmers.
- The excitement of the event resulted in a wall of sound, particularly from the younger swimmers.

3. Lothian Graded

- Over-subscribed as usual.
- Pens to be ordered for awards.

4. Iain Macfadyen

- The swimmers, particularly the younger swimmers, enjoy the pentaqua format.

5. Distance Time Trials

- East District will underwrite the Time Trials up to £500
- In 2023, only £127 was needed to support the Distance TT.
- This sees a close working relationship between the Region and District to support athletes
- East Kilbride and Dundee City Aquatics have expressed an interest in attending but priority will be given to Lothian, Borders and Fife swimmers.
- In 2024, the competition will be spread over two days over successive weekends.

i) Notices of Motion

None

Proposed changes to LRSB Constitution

None

Proposed changes to LRSB Byelaws

None

Election of Office Bearers

Convenor: Julie Ormiston

Appointment of Auditors

Emma Murphy has confirmed she is happy to continue and was reappointed Auditor by unanimous agreement.

Proposed dates for LRSG Meetings

September 10th 2024 via Zoom

March 4th 2025 via Zoom

AGM May 6th 2025. t.b.c

