

Minutes 18th June 2025

Attendance

Mary Louise Russell, Donald Shanks, Marie Malling, Lynsay Murray, Debbie Wilson, Victoria Murray, Lesley Ann Rimmer, Lisa Shaw, Kat Struzik

Apologies

Fiona McCreadie, Fiona Sinnett, Ruby Flanigan, Laura Geddes, Susan Haining, Lesley Stevenson

Discussion Points:

Junior Committee to be set up for returning after summer break. Message ready to be sent to existing members with date for first meeting.

Junior committee to help update the website.

Action: DS to add date and MM offered to send via app

LM confirmed squad & training changes will be reassessed after summer break

LM to send long course training dates to allow them to be booked

Action: FM to book Stirling for long course training once dates received

Swimmer coaches to be reached out to check coaching qualifications and if willing to help coach. PVG needed and to applied for asap. Pool side helper PVG needed asap.

Action

LM to speak to swimmers and gauge willingness, and obtain copy of qualification if applicable, then to notify VM/LAR if PVG required

Local tutors available for coaching courses. Need to identify if NL has a suitable centre (WiFi etc) and if possible arrange for course to commence straight after summer.

Bridging course first if possible and new course; criteria to be set for next poolside helpers once current helpers undertaking coaching courses.

Bursary available.

Action

??? To identify suitable within NL

NL meeting with swimming clubs Tuesday 17 June 2025

* Lane ropes - email to be sent to clarify what NL are purchasing and what the club can use during training.

Issues with current lane ropes must be recorded and reported.

* Transition from learn to swim discussed and advantages of poolside helper meeting new swimmers every week as they arrive on poolside

* Benefit of QR code on club notice boards discussed, could have different QR codes for transition, expectations, training times, meet information

* Requested to include #SaveOurPools on every social media post, wherever possible. Could be added to the electronic results board during galas

* NL confirmed they follow the swimming clubs on social media and would like to promote the achievements of the club better, good news stories. The work the club done to keep the pool open has been recognised.

Source of nutrition education been explored by MM, nothing readily available.

Personal trainer keen, spoke of age appropriateness, homework, swimmers own time in gym etc. LM to meet with suggested personal trainer and to discuss training needs and agree suitability.

If suitable PVG required and 2 references.

Date for club meeting for swimmers and parent expectations to be set for when they return after summer. If possible, the new personal trainer to be introduced, outline club requirements to newer members (expectations after learn to swim), attendance (now recorded by coaches in the app), code of conduct to be refreshed etc.

Centre to be notified that hall booking on Sunday night currently not required until after summer.

Action

FM to ensure hall booked for after summer

Availability for fun day to be confirmed, possible issue with number catering for, but looking at 9th or 10th August.

M&Ds costs:

1hr bowling & food £11.50

2 games bowling £9.50

Action: once availability agreed date to be communicated with all squads

Admin hours in a better place. Not set but rough indication provided to treasurer. Lower 2 squads 1 hr week, upper squads more and gala planning adds hours each time.

Monthly cost reminder to be sent to parents and to pay for bags when ordering.

Action: DW to send reminders to individual parents and notify parents of bag fees overdue.

Current message about raffle and prizes to be clarified, it's 4 winners of £100 voucher.

Action: LG to update message

Asda bag packing been difficult to contact. Person on leave.

Action: MM to attempt to contact Asda bag packing contact

Aquamark 2 to be discussed with Scottish Swimming in July and progressed.

Junior committee updating website helps.

Club of the Year has lots of positives not only for the club but the swimmers too.

If we apply again things that could be included are:

- * club night
- * Swap shop
- * Food bank
- * Time trial
- * Poolside helper journey
- * Xmas fun team night
- * Malaga
- * Gym
- * Race night
- * Swimmers all jumping in the pool together
- * Summer fun night
- * Community feel with the younger swimmers

Focus on kids and inclusion, team work and community feel

Action: LM to identify if any of the older swimmers taking media studies at school to help support them

Action: ?? Request swimmers and parents to send in picture to be used

Most code of conduct forms returned, remaining few to be chased by WhatsApp

Coaches insurance changing next year with clubs expected to cover the costs from March 2026. Scottish Swimming will send information to confirm the changes.

Club night to continue to be promoted with the parents. A coach on the balcony to speak to the parents to be trialed.

Child Welfare & Protection in Sport course to be completed by poolside helpers.

Scottish Swimming can arrange a course for the club but require a minimum of 15 people on each course.

Action: DW to send list to CWPOs of those that require to complete CWPS course, must make sure SASA registered first, PVG complete and then registered on course

Coaches advert has returned one application, qualifications to be checked first

Action: LAM to ask Scottish Swimming to check qualifications

Treasurers update:

Gala at end of May brought in approximately £1,000 cash on the day plus approximately £110 from swimmers family selling crocs charms. Invoice for the pool hasn't been received and one club hasn't paid.

Due to committee members being on holiday there will be a delay updating the app with payments during the summer holidays.

Consideration to be given to Amazon card reader that was used at the South Ayrshire gala.

Consideration to be given to clubs paying for the next gala after due to the time spent checking payments received and processing refunds.

Consideration also to be given to paper entries like EK for next gala to make things easier for entries secretary.

Fun night raised approximately £420 cash with the Allen's vouchers, scratch card bonus ball, sweets in the jar and tea table. Money continues to be received via bank transfer.

Virgin bank accounts closed now all payments have stopped and gala refunds from other clubs going to RBS account.

Action:MM to chase payment for the gala

Action: LS to organise gift for swimmers sister who sold croc charms

Action: LM to arrange gift/card for land training coach

Action: LM to arrange gift for coach recovering from operation

Next gala 17-19 November. Need to ensure helpers that require PVG have it in advance.

Upgrade of tea table to be considered, Pringles, Lucozade, mix-ups etc.

Question raised around ownership of microphone and speakers for next gala as issues always arise. Believed to be NL with one speaker possibly the clubs.

Shop is a bit slower with deliveries just now.

T-shirts for time keepers ordered and summer meet

Presentation dance, update on date and venue to be provided.

Fun night on last night for lower squads - centre to be notified and request for table to be made.

Action: FM To notify centre of fun night on 02 July.

Next committee meeting in September, date to be confirmed.