

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

## ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

WILL BE HELD AT PERIVALE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
HORSENDEN LANE SOUTH, PERIVALE, MIDDLESEX

**THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7.00PM**

**TO TRANSACT BUSINESS AS PER AGENDA HEREWITH**

Dated this third day of November 2013  
Florence Barnes, Secretary,  
293 Bilton Road,  
Perivale,  
Middx. UB6 7HH.

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Club delegates must report to the Verification Officer to hand in the Verification slip and for the purpose of having this notice stamped after qualification to vote has been verified. Your club is entitled to 3 (three) delegates and I would ask you to forward the enclosed Notice of Meeting to your delegates.

### NOTICES

#### REPRESENTATION

Clubs are entitled to representation to the council meeting as set out above.  
Club Secretaries, unless delegates from their Clubs, are not allowed to vote.

#### AGENDA

1. Notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 22nd November 2012
4. Report of the Executive 2012/3.
5. Accounts 2012/2013 (attached)
6. Election of Officers, Office Holders and Executive 2013/14 (see below)
7. Constitutional Amendments ( see change of rules attached)
8. Appointment of Independent Examiners.

# **Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association**

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## **Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 22nd November, 2012**

Those present: -

Norman Edwards (The President & Heston SC ), Trevor Hyde (PP & Ealing), Ralph Shortland, (PP) David Barnes,(PP & Ealing), Ian Woollard(PP & Barnet Copthall) John Whelan, (PP), Andy Woska (Barnet Copthall SC), Tony Burton ( Brent Dolphins), Florence Barnes, (Ealing SC), Stephen Baker ( W London Penguins), Wayne Hirst (Ruislip & Northwood Masters), Denis Collen, Suzette Muhammed (Harrow S C), Gina Hobson (Otter), Colin Jones, Gillian Neal(Sea Byrds SC), Richard Lerman ( Haringey Aquatics) and for the Presentations - Gill Turner, Albie Duffy, Paul Duffy & Dominic McLaughlin.

### **1. Convening the Meeting**

The President, Norman Edwards, opened the meeting.

Gill Turner, then presented the A Van Beets trophy for outstanding achievement in Water Polo in 2012 to Albie Duffy. Stephen Baker read out the citation, which documented Albie's work and achievements in the GB squad, that led to him being nominated for the Award. The President then presented the President's Plate for 2012 to Florence Barnes for her work as County Secretary.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Maria Abrams, Len Badcock, Susie Breslin, Pam Crofts, Vernon Davies, Charlotte Hedge, Daphne Short, Maurice Short, Hugh Turner, Katie Ward (Hackney Aquatics)

Dave Barnes gave a brief update on the health of Vernon Davies and Mick Blunstone.

### **3. Minutes of last Council Meeting – November 24th 2011**

Proposed by Trevor Hyde and seconded by Andy Woska. Adoption of the minutes was agreed unanimously.

### **4. Matters arising –**

There were no matters arising.

### **5. Report of the Executive 2011/12**

The President commented that it could be seen that from the reports, the County had been very successful in the various disciplines this year and he was particularly delighted with the revival of the Diving section and congratulated Richard Lerman in making this possible. A very successful Diving competition had been held in October with clubs from within the County and a couple from outside and medals were awarded for both the Open and Closed sections.

Adoption of the Report was proposed by Gillian Neal, seconded by Trevor Hyde, and agreed unanimously after noting the following comments:

- An Addition to the Water Polo report of the extra members who had volunteered to help at the Olympics.
- Charlotte Hedge had sent a message that the Synchro Clubs in the County and Region are improving so she is hopeful that more development work will take place next year.

- Andy Woska asked for mention in the Report of the achievements of 2 swimmers from Barnet Copthall , Anum Bandey who represented Pakistan in the Olympics and James O'Shea who was 4th in the final of the SB5 100m Breaststroke event in the Paralympics.
- Gina Hobson also asked for mention of Susannah Rogers from Otter SC who was a medal winner in the Paralympics.
- John Whelan asked that a note be sent to Clubs asking them to keep the Secretary up-to-date with individual achievements within their clubs. The President added that individuals and clubs should also remember to claim County records when achieved.

#### 6. **Financial report –Accounts 2012/13**

In the absence of the Treasurer, Norman Edwards said that he would try to answer any questions.

Hugh, in his report, had said that the year's accounts were very similar to last year and that the finances of the County were very healthy.

John Whelan commented that the amount in the Current Account was rather large and from a security risk and to gain a little more interest, it would be better transferred to the Deposit Account. Norman to speak to Hugh about this.

Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by John Whelan and seconded by Colin Jones. The report was adopted unanimously.

#### 7. **Election of Officers, Office Holders and Executive for 2011/12**

The President then installed Andy Woska as President for 2012/13. The new President then presented the Past President's Jewel to the Norman Edwards and Andy thanked and congratulated him on the amount of voluntary time and work he had done for the County in over 20 years and hoped that he would continue to be active for the County.

The new President then took the Chair.

There had only been one nomination for the posts and Andy read the list

President Elect - Tony Burton (Brent Dolphins SC)

Secretary – Flo Barnes (Ealing)

Assistant Secretary – Charlotte Hedge Seymour Synchro)

Hon Treasurer - Hugh Turner (Otters SC)

Assistant Treasurer – Norman Edwards

Swimming Competitions Co-ordinator – Leah Pullen (Ealing SC)

Secretary Masters Committee – Ian Woollard (Barnet Copthall SC)

Secretary Swimming Committee – Pam Crofts (Haringey Aquatics)

Secretary Swimming Officials Committee – Ralph Shortland (Harrow SC)

Secretary Synchronised Swimming Committee – Charlotte Hedge (Seymour Synchro)

Secretary Diving Committee – Richard Lerman ( Haringey Aquatics)

Trophies Secretary – Sarah Miller (Haringey Aquatics)

Secretary Water Polo Committee – Trevor Hyde (Ealing SC)

Medical Officer – Secretary to contact Dr David Sopher to see if he is still willing.

Welfare Officer – Maria Abrams (Ealing SC)

The president asked if these persons should be elected en bloc. Agreed and all were elected unopposed unanimously.

The following posts remained vacant ;

Legal Advice Officer

Secretary Disability Committee.\*

Norman mentioned that it is the duty of each discipline to encourage Disabled members to join in their Sections .

The following were elected to the Executive Committee

Wayne Hirst ( Hillingdon SC), Susie Breslin (Barnet Copthall SC), Stephen Baker (West London Penguins & WPC), Colin Jones (Seabyrds SC), Gillian Neal (Seabyrds SC), Denis Collen( Harrow).

Dominic McLaughlin then arrived and the proceedings were halted so that the 2nd presentation could take place.

Gill Turner presented the '**Ron Turner Memorial Trophy**' (donated by MCASA in his memory) to Dominic McLaughlin for being the most improved Junior Water Polo player of 2012 Stephen Baker gave a citation of Dominic's achievements throughout the year which was very impressive.

## **8. Constitutional Amendments**

The President explained that the changes to the Rules were a tidying up procedure. Len Badcock, Trevor Hyde and Maurice Short had undertaken the job and Trevor was asked to comment on what they were recommending.

Trevor said that the Executive had asked for a revision of the Rules and that it was mainly a case of bringing them up-to-date and correcting the typo errors and grammar. He also said that this should be an on-going procedure and that members should bring to the notice of the Executive any issues in the County Rules which should be looked at.

Ralph asked why the Affiliations and Discipline Committees had been removed. After some discussion, it was agreed that these should be re-instated. The Acting Chairman and Regional Director have asked to meet with the Executive to discuss London Region issues which affect the County including affiliations.

Consequential amendments meant that the Affiliations Committee item should become (i) and the Discipline Committee item (j) and that the second paragraph of the Affiliations item should read ' The Committee shall recommend approval (or otherwise) affiliations. It shall also recommend approval (or otherwise) changes to the names of affiliated clubs'.

The amendments were proposed by Ralph Shortland and seconded by Dave Barnes. Agreed unanimously.

The adoption of the amended Rules was proposed by Tony Burton and seconded by Ralph Shortland. Agreed unanimously.

The issue of County Badges for Past Presidents and for anyone who qualified (see Rule 19) was mentioned and the Secretary agreed to look into getting some.

## **9 Appointment of Independent Examiners**

It was unanimously agreed that Smith Malhotra Limited be appointed as the County's Independent Examiners for the forthcoming year. Proposed Andy Woska Seconded Wayne Hirst,/Denis Collen.

The President closed the meeting at 8.35pm

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION



## ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12

This year has not been a good year in as much as we have to report the passing of 4 of our Past Presidents, namely Dave Barnes, Maurice Short, Lis Hartley and Vernon Davies.

On a more cheerful note, we have held the usual successful Championships and competitions which have been well supported by the Middlesex Clubs with the numerous cups going to a variety of swimmers and The President visited each club to distribute them.

It is good to report that the Diving Section has held its second competition recently and again it was very successful and enjoyed by all who took part.

The Inter-Counties competition took place in Sheffield and we came an excellent 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to Allan and all the Staff and of course to the swimmers who represented us so well.

Again the County part-funded a swimming squad to go on an overseas tour and also an under 15 Water Polo team to go Belgium for a training camp and competition. Both were highly successful and we congratulate the Water Polo team who came home with the Trophy.

We have been very conscious this year of the average age of committee members, officials and volunteers in general. I think it is time for Clubs to have a real look at the situation and to think of how to tackle this problem. It is essential that all Clubs have a say in the future of the Aquatic sports in the County. Please give this matter your thoughts and come to the ACM with some positive ideas.

Stephen Baker has stood down from the committee during his year as President of London. I would like personally to thank him for his help to me during a difficult year.

In addition, I would like to thank all the committee for their support and hard work during the last year and hope that it will continue for many years to come.

Florence Barnes  
Hon Secretary.

**Please find below the Reports from the Secretaries of the individual Disciplines that have been submitted to me.**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2012-2013

All disciplines of swimming continue to flourish in the County and further details are given in the following reports from each section.

A highlight for me was to travel with the County Team to Sheffield last month to compete at the British Gas ASA National County Team Championships. We improved on our fourth place of last year to finish third behind the mighty Lancashire and Yorkshire teams and once again become the highest ranked Southern team. This was an excellent performance from our swimmers, many of whom were swimming in this competition for the first time. For Middlesex to finish in third place shows the strength in depth across the County given that some of our senior swimmers were not available.

The County again held a Training Day which was another huge success and I hope this will now become a regular fixture in the County calendar. Thanks to County Coach Allan Thornton in particular for his hard work in master minding the day.

My year in office was not without sadness. We said goodbye to four Past Presidents in Dave Barnes (2004), Maurice Short (1999), Lis Hartley (1987) and Vernon Davies (2010). All of them had a huge influence not only at County but also a Regional and National level. We shall miss them all for their wise counsel and commitment to the sport.

Three nominations from within the County were ASA Aquaforce Award winners in London Region for 2013. Congratulations to the following:  
Club Volunteer – Lesley Walker (Haringey)  
Officials Development – Trevor Hyde (Ealing)  
County/Regional Contribution – Pam Crofts (Haringey),  
and in particular to Trevor who also collected the National award.

Like many sports swimming would struggle without the dedication and commitment of volunteers whether they are coaches, team managers, administrators, officials or other helpers. The County is lucky to have many such people – although we could always do with more! I extend my thanks to you all.

**Andy Woska**  
**President 2012-2013**



## Financial Report 2012/2013

**Please find the accounts for the year to 31st August 2013 for the approval of Annual Council.**

These accounts show a successful year with a small surplus. The County has increased its activity to include diving this year and is continuing to support development across the various aquatic disciplines with growing success.

The finances of the Association are very healthy and I believe that controls in place are good and fit for purpose. Nearly all payments are made electronically giving good visibility and speed.

I wish to thank the members of the Finance Committee and the Executive for their support, and in particular Norman Edwards for his direct involvement and assistance, especially when I have been busy.

**Hugh Turner**  
**Treasurer**



## Swimming Committee

The Swimming Committee has met regularly throughout the last year to discuss matters relating to speed swimming in the County. Attendance and arrival times have been greatly governed by road conditions. However, we have always managed to be quorate.

The committee has organised four competitions throughout the year, the County Short Course, Winter Development Meet, Spring Development Meet and BAGCATS and Youth Competition. As is so often the case, it has been an uphill struggle to staff the meets. We have also made some changes to competitions and their conditions. This is possibly a work in progress as we will look back at each competition to ensure the changes have been worthwhile.

With the exception of the Short Course Competition, all meets have been fully subscribed and, in some instances, bursting at the seams. The short course competition was undersubscribed as entry times had been adjusted deliberately to limit entry and had possibly been altered too radically initially.

We are very pleased to have been able to plan a Long Course Championship for 2014 and look forward eagerly to hosting this in May. Sadly, it will not be held in a County-based pool. That has still eluded us.

Our current President, Andy Woska, followed the pattern tried last year for presentation of awards. This has meant him visiting a number of clubs where he was able to congratulate swimmers for their achievements.

In September 2012 the County welcomed the new County Coach, Allan Thornton, whose first task, with the help and backing of the swimming committee, was to plan and direct the County Development Day in October. This was a highly successful day attended by approximately 60 young County swimmers who were able to benefit from coaching, land training and nutritional sessions delivered by top class staff. Our junior coaches were also encouraged to attend and also gained much from working alongside more senior coaches.

Also in October 2012 The County Team travelled to Sheffield for the Annual Inter-Counties Competition. Again, most of the burden of organisation fell to the County Coach. The team worked extremely hard and achieved 4th place, being beaten by Lancashire, Yorkshire and Somerset. The team were accompanied by Allan Thornton, Barry Thomas and Bram Montgomery as coaches, Alison Panacides as Team Manager with Ralph Shortland and Andy Woska as the County's officials. Norman Edwards, the County President for 2012, also accompanied the team.

Finally the Swimming Committee, on behalf of the County offers congratulations to the following County swimmers who achieved National and International success this year as listed below.

### **International Selections**

Erin Nabney made the GB Junior European Champs team, swimming the 200 IM and 200 BR, she finished in the 200 IM. She also gained 3rd place in National Age Group Open Water Championships 15/16yr girls 2000m

### **LOULOU VOS Hillingdon 13yrs gained 3rd place at National Age Group Open Water Championships 13yr girls 1500m**

Melako Coker and Isabella Hindley were selected for the GB team to the Flanders Cup Meet in January.

Olivia Willis was selected for the GB team to Portugal in June.

Ekaterina Avramova swam in the World Championships for Bulgaria in Barcelona in August.

The following Middlesex swimmers were selected as part of the London Region team to represent London in Barcelona in January 2013:

Georgina Boyle ( C & W ) Freddie Cornwell, Yaron Gerber,Charlie Boldison, ( BC) Lucy Thornton, Erin Nabney, Maisie Jameson, Ekaterina Avramova( EAL ) Lena Soulas, Mia Hawkes,( ENF) Loulou Vos,( HIL) Ollivia Willis, Rosie Hughes, Sophie Rittenhouse, ( CSC)

The following swimmers received medals at the National BAGCAT Championships Meet.

**GEORGE CAPLIN Hillingdon 13yrs**

1st Overall BAGCAT points 13yr boys, 1st 13yrs 1500m Free, 2nd 13yrs 200m Free,2nd 13yrs 400m Free,2nd 13yrs 100m Back,2nd 13yrs 200m Back, 3rd 400m IM,

**FELIX CHENG Barnet Cophall 12yrs**

3rd Overall BAGCAT points 12yr boys, 1st 11/12yrs 200m Fly, 2nd 11/12yrs 100m Fly, 3rd 11/12yrs 200m IM, 1st 4x100m Medley Relay Team member

**FREDERICK CORNWELL Barnet Cophall 14yrs**

1st 14yrs 200m Back, 2nd 14yrs 100m Back, 2nd 14yrs 200m Fly, 1st 4x100m Medley Relay Team member

**YARON GERBER Barnet Cophall 14yrs**

1st 14yr 200m Breast, 3rd 14yr 200m IM, 1st 4x100m Medley Relay Team member

**LUCAS DYSON-DIAZ Harrow 12yrs**

3rd 11/12yr 100m Free

**GIRLS**

**GEORGINA BOYLE Chelsea& Westminster 14yrs**

National BAGCAT Championships

1st 14yr 200m Free

2nd 14yr 100m Free

**JULIA JAWORSKA Staines 12yrs**

3rd 11/12yr 100m Free

**Pam Crofts  
Swimming Committee Secretary**



## Swimming Competitions

Our competitions programme continues as usual and our thanks go to the Clubs and Coaches who support them so well and of course, to the swimmers without whom they would not run.



## Masters

Yet again our Masters swimmers have been busy breaking records up and down the country and at the European Championships in Eindhoven.

As usual, the ASA short course Masters Championships were held in October 2012 in Sheffield. GB long course took place at the Life Centre in Plymouth in June 2013. Once again many events and age groups were dominated by swimmers from our county's clubs, Otter, Camden Swiss Cottage, Ruislip & Northwood, Out to Swim and Barnet Cophall were amongst the teams highlighted in many of the record achievements.

Well done everybody.

**Inter-County Masters competition November 2012.**



Due to my lack of organisation, Middlesex was unable to field a team at the 2012 competition.

For this I apologise.

We hope to do better this year at the competition hosted by Sussex County ASA at The Pavilions Pool, Horsham on Sunday 17th November 2013.

We require a judge and timekeeper to attend with the team and I will try to procure these from my contacts despite the event clashing with the competition at Southbury Road.

### **MCASA Masters Competition**

Sunday 2nd June 2013 – Southbury Road

This year's competition returned to Southbury Road and was once again dominated by an exceptional team performance by Otter SC. All three top team trophies were retained by the Otter team. The women's team improved their advantage from last year and won by 124 points over the second placed Cally Masters Islington. With the Otter Men's team winning with 291 points more than Out To Swim, it was inevitable the combined Otter team scores were unassailable. Combined scores also included points from the mixed relays. This led to Barnet Cophall moving into second place in the combined team event.

Despite the Otter dominance in the points, racing was very intense and also good fun between the 14 clubs, especially in the relay events. It is often overlooked by others that the Masters teams competing at our local county event feature in national and international events with great success.

Finding a full set of licensed officials for a Masters competition is always a challenge. Many of the people normally seen in white on poolside were standing there in costumes, hats and goggles actually racing. With help from a few "last minute" volunteers, the competition was correctly staffed by County Officials and club based volunteers. Without their help we simply could not have produced the competition so once again, I would like to say "thank you" to those helping us. I hope they all enjoyed the relaxed, friendly atmosphere coupled with very high quality swimming performances.

Mr. President Andy Woska was on hand to present the trophies. Many thanks Andy.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you all very much for your help and assistance. I know the Masters swimmers of Middlesex appreciated everybody helping at the competition. Masters swimmers really do appreciate the time given by officials involved in promoting and running the competition.

– Thank You.

Congratulations Otter SC (Top Women's, Top Men's and Top Combined teams). The points and ranking positions are listed below for the respective categories.

### **Team Rankings**

#### **Women - Team Scores**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Points</b>	
1	Otter	424	
2	Cally Masters Islington	300	
3	Barnet Cophall SC	201	
4	Camden Swiss Cottage SC	78	
5	Out to Swim	68	
6	Ruislip and Northwood Swimming	38	
7	Teddington SC	33	
8	Hillingdon S C	17	
9	Enfield Swim Squad	13	
			Total 1,172.00

#### **Men - Team Scores**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Otter	503

2	Out to Swim	212
3	Barnet Copthall SC	166
4	Cally Masters Islington	104
5	Teddington SC	75
6	Broomfield Park SC	68
7	Hillingdon S C	49
8	Camden Swiss Cottage SC	39
9	Enfield Swim Squad	37
10	Ruislip and Northwood Swimming	34
11	Serpentine SC	24
12	Haringey Aquatics	16
13	Hackney Aquatics	15
14	Borough of Enfield Water Polo	7
		Total 1,349.00

**Combined Team Scores (includes mixed relay points)**

Place	Team	Points
1	Otter	1,079
2	Barnet Copthall SC	489
3	Cally Masters Islington	482
4	Out to Swim	282
5	Teddington SC	122
6	Camden Swiss Cottage SC	119
7	Hillingdon S C	82
8	Ruislip and Northwood Swimming	72
9	Broomfield Park SC	68
10	Enfield Swim Squad	50
11	Serpentine SC	24
12	Haringey Aquatics	16
13	Hackney Aquatics	15
14	Borough of Enfield Water Polo	7
		Total 2,907.00

## **Congratulations once again to OTTER SC on retaining all three trophies**

### **European Masters Championships Eindhoven**

I realise we might be on the very limit of the reporting year but special mention must be made of the Middlesex swimmers competing at the European Masters Swimming Championships in Eindhoven in the first week of September.

Not many medals were won by British swimmers but Middlesex swimmers were well represented. Many congratulations to:-

#### **Stan Vela (Ruislip & Northwood) 50 – 54yrs**

200 Backstroke GOLD (British Record)  
 200 Freestyle GOLD  
 100 Backstroke SILVER  
 400 Freestyle BRONZE (British Record)  
 50 Backstroke BRONZE

#### **Elaine Blower (Barnet Copthall) 65 – 69yrs**

800 Freestyle GOLD  
 200 Backstroke BRONZE

#### **Steve Folsom (Teddington) 60 – 64yrs**

200 Butterfly SILVER  
 100 Butterfly BRONZE

#### **Georgie Hamilton (Barnet Copthall) 70 – 74yrs**

200 Butterfly SILVER  
 3000m Open Water BRONZE

### **Susan Halter (Camden Swiss Cottage) 85 – 89yrs**

50 Backstroke BRONZE

100 Backstroke BRONZE

200 Backstroke BRONZE

Many British Records were broken at other events over the past 12 months, too many to list accurately here.

The Masters swimmers of Middlesex County continue to improve and many individuals lead the national rankings in their particular age groups. I am sure they will strive to improve even more in future years.

### **Prospects for 2014.**

My goals for 2014 remain very similar to those of last year

- I will re-establish a more structured Masters Sub-Committee and feedback to Executive
- encourage greater involvement from all the clubs within the County
- expand the 2014 Masters County competition with additional events subject to Executive approval.
- continue to strive to promote greater participation and improvement in Masters swimming in Middlesex.

Thank you for your support and assistance over the past year.

Wishing all swimmers, officials, coaches, clubs and supporters of Middlesex ASA greater success in 2014.

**Ian Woollard**  
**Masters Secretary**



## **Synchronised Swimming**

Report to follow



## **Water Polo**

Water Polo has continued to develop, especially with the Development Scheme at Uxbridge, which is led by Steve Baker, ably assisted by Paul Bryan and Martin Waller. It was from this group that a squad of U16's went to the St. Niklaas Tournament in Belgium. They were Team.

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|-----|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1.  | Alex Hammond-Gilles    | West London Penguin |
| 2.  | David Reynard          | West London Penguin |
| 3.  | Richard Waller [CAPT.] | Enfield             |
| 4.  | Nicholas Birch         | West London Penguin |
| 5.  | Alex Waller            | Enfield             |
| 6.  | Isabelle Dean (F)      | Otter               |
| 7.  | Charlie Briers         | Enfield             |
| 8.  | Samuel Roberts         | West London Penguin |
| 9.  | Frazer Briers          | Enfield             |
| 10. | Josey Troyer           | West London Penguin |
| 11. | Sina Dehnadi           | Enfield             |
| 12. | Denis Houston          | West London Penguin |
| 13. | Toby Roberts           | West London Penguin |
| 14. | Ben Lammy              | Enfield             |

Staff.

Martin Waller, Chris Dean, Stephen Baker.

Competition came from playing against teams from Belgium, Holland, Germany and France; but Middlesex came out as the Winners. This is particularly pleasing as it is the 1st time this group of players has represented the County abroad. Charlie Briers was the team's leading goalscorer.

Congratulations also go to Charlie for his selection for GB Honours. He has been nominated for the Ron Turner Award for this year.

Our congratulations go to the team (who were on their best behaviour) and to the staff team for all their work over many months.

The only regret is that only 2 of the County teams put forward players to compete for team positions. Come on Ealing; come on Otter.

On the National stage Middlesex teams had mixed success in the 2012-13 season of the British Water Polo League:-

The season is split into 2 phases—in the 1st phase teams compete in the Divisions, then, in the 2nd phase they break into Super 5's (the highest tier), Championship 1 (effectively play-offs between lowest 3 teams in the higher Division and the top 5 team in the Division below).

**For the 1st phase:-**

In Division 1 POLYTECHNIC were 7TH, and WEST LONDON PENGUIN 8TH .

In Division 4 OTTER were 3rd and EALING 8th (after being penalized 12 points for playing an ineligible player).

In Women's Division 1 OTTER were PLACED 2ND and WEST LONDON PENGUIN EMPERORS were 6TH;.

In Women's Division 3 OTTER were 5th; and in Division 3 WEST LONDON PENGUIN KINGS were 6th ; and POLYTECHNIC were 2nd .

**For the 2nd phase:-**

In Championship 1 WEST LONDON PENGUIN were 1st; and POLYTECHNIC were 6th.

In Championship 3 OTTER were placed 5th.

In Championship 4 EALING were placed 3rd.

In Women's Super 5's OTTER were placed 2nd; and WEST LONDON PENGUIN EMPERORS were placed 5th.

In Women's Championship 2 OTTER LUTRA were placed 1st; and POLYTECHNIC were placed 5th .

In Women's Championships 3 WEST LONDON PENGUIN KINGS were placed 3rd.

**For the 2013-14 season :-**

WEST LONDON PENGUIN are playing in Div 1; POLYTECHNIC in Div 2; OTTER and EALING are playing in Div 4.

For the women's teams:-

OTTER and WEST LONDON PENGUIN EMPERORS are playing in Div1; OTTER LUTRA and POLYTECHNIC are playing in Div 2 (Otter Lutra cannot get promotion whilst OTTER play in Div 1). WEST LONDON PENGUIN KINGS have withdrawn from the BWPL.

There are 2 new teams playing in the Women's Divisions this season; and 5 new teams playing in the Men's Divisions .

Congratulations to newly qualified referees in the County:- Bill Holmes, John Sadler, and Michael Reid (all from Out to Swim). Some other candidates have yet to complete their practicals. There are also 5 candidates who have yet to complete their practicals—all having gained good theory marks.

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The Middlesex Water Polo Championships continue to be ably administered by Paul Bryan; and we extend our thanks to him for this, again.

The Water Polo Committee extend their congratulations to Frankie Snell (West London Penguin) on her Award as the London Region Sports Personality of the Year.

Also congratulations go to Trevor Hyde on his Award as the London Region Volunteer of the Year for Officials Development. It has just been announced that Trevor has now been Awarded the ASA National Award for Volunteer of the Year for Officials Development.

The members of the MCASA Water Polo Committee have served the sport, and the County, very well for many years. The average age of the Committee is over 70 years; and when the youngest member is absent the average age of attendees exceeds 76 years. This situation is not good for a young persons sport. The Committee wants to have volunteers coming forward from :-

Ealing; Enfield; Otter; Polytechnic; West London Penguin

to organize the sport in this County. Meetings are held 4 times a year.

**Come on support your sport in the County!!**

**Trevor Hyde  
Water Polo Secretary**



## **Swimming Officials Committee**

This year, once again, has been a busy year for the committee. The demand for courses, candidate tutoring, mentoring and assessment, plus the requirements placed on meet organisers, in order to comply with licensing conditions, have all made demands, not only on this committee, but also on clubs trying to get officials qualified.

Mentoring and the difficulties in getting mentored sessions as a candidate are not specific to Middlesex. It is still a national problem and continues to be the major problem in becoming a qualified official or progressing through the various levels of officiating. We will be reviewing if, and how, mentoring issues can be improved. We make no apologies however that the system of training for officials appears to be one that is lengthy and appears not to be as productive, for individuals or clubs, as hoped. The Swimming Officials Committee is still fully committed to produce quality and knowledgeable officials rather than producing a quantity of officials. We owe that to our swimmers at all levels. The ability to carry out mentoring and assessments would be greatly improved if we could “persuade” more of our qualified officials to help at meet sessions which would release out mentors and assessors to help our trainee officials.

The need to have licensed qualified officials within a club, in order to meet the demands of meet organisers and licensing conditions has become the priority for several clubs. The committee recognises these demands and has worked hard to facilitate as many courses as possible, in various locations within the County. We are aware that the locations are not always convenient to those wishing to enrol on the courses but some effort must be made by individuals and some degree of travel may be inevitable.

It is only now that we are now seeing the fruits of our labours and most of our successful candidates readily give their time to officiate at our County meets. It has taken a while but now we are seeing some of our successful candidates on the poolside and mentoring our new trainee officials and giving them the benefit of their own experiences and knowledge.

We are proud that we still have a reputation of producing excellent, knowledgeable officials, good quality mentoring and fair, but demanding assessments. For this, we owe a great deal of gratitude to those who have willingly mentored and assessed our candidates throughout the year. We must also

give special thanks to those volunteers who act as course leaders and give their time willingly and voluntarily to train our officials within the workshop environment.

Individual members of the Swimming Officials Committee act as administrators for specific courses and all course enquiries should be routed through them.

TK courses: Contact Andy Woska: [timekeepercourses@middlesexswimming.com](mailto:timekeepercourses@middlesexswimming.com)

Judge 1 courses: Contact Andy Woska: [judge1courses@middlesexswimming.com](mailto:judge1courses@middlesexswimming.com)

Judge 2 courses: Contact Tony Burton: [judge2courses@middlesexswimming.com](mailto:judge2courses@middlesexswimming.com)

Judge2S courses: Contact Pam Crofts: [startercourses@middlesexswimming.com](mailto:startercourses@middlesexswimming.com)

Referee Courses: Applications are made via the ASA and must be made by the end of the year for inclusion into the tuition process and written examination in the November of that year. There are certain eligibility criteria that must be met before registering to undergo Referee training. (see below)

**Further information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Swimming Officials Committee on [soc@middlesexswimming.com](mailto:soc@middlesexswimming.com)**

Training of Technical Officials:

The training of British Swimming Officials falls under the remit of the British Swimming Officials Group. Here is a précis of the training schedule that has been adopted by all home countries:

*All officials should be required to demonstrate several hours of post qualification experience at one level before moving on to the next level.*

*Timekeeper: minimum age 14yrs for training and assessment*

*Judge Level 1 : minimum age for training 15yrs - final assessment minimum age 16yrs.*

*Judge Level 2: minimum age for training 16yrs*

*Judge Level 2S: upon completion of Judge Level 2 with a minimum of 20 hours experience*

*Referee: minimum age for training 19yrs providing will be 20yrs as at 30th November in year of examination.*

*Qualified as Judge Level 2S for a minimum of 1 year with a minimum of 10 hours experience as Judge Level 2S.*

We are always looking at ways to improve the provision of training and a few weeks ago, at the County Development day, we had the opportunity to use two lanes of the pool, where a team of swimmers demonstrated swimming rules infringements and the 14 J1 trainees found this very helpful and a worthwhile exercise.

New FINA Technical Rules came into effect 1st October and we are currently running CPD courses to bring officials 'up to date' with the specific changes to the rules.

Congratulations are to be given to two of our County Young Officials, Saniya Bandey (Barnet Cophall SC) and Rachael Neal (Sea-Byrds SC) who were nominated, and selected, for inclusion into the ASA Young Officials Academy, whereby they will be provided with a specific tutor, invited to various meetings and meets, in order to enhance their knowledge of swimming, gaining additional officials qualifications and will officiate at the National School Games in July 2014.

Finally, I personally extend my thanks to all the committee members for their dedication and hardwork throughout the year. It has been a great team effort.

**Ralph Shortland  
Secretary  
Swimming Officials Committee**