

**Swim England Hertfordshire**  
**Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting**  
**17<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 8pm, via Zoom**

Present:

Officers

Mr Bryan Thompson	Chairman and Past President
Mr Simon Lever	Finance Officer
Mrs Sheila Mackenzie	Secretary and Past President

Management Board Members

Miss Louise Hughes	
Mr Ian Mackenzie	Past President
Mrs Jane O'Brien	Past President
Mr Jonathan Pope	
Mrs Nicola Rix	
Mr Jonn Sandon	

Past Presidents

Mr Thomas Brennan  
Mr Stan Freeman  
Mrs Karen Huckle  
Mr Craig Hunter  
Mr Derek Milton

Delegates from the following clubs:-

Hatfield SC  
Harpenden SC  
Hemel Hempstead SC  
Hoddesdon SC  
Letchworth ASC  
Royston SC  
Stevenage SC  
Tring ASC  
Ware SC  
Watford SC

Also present:

Mr Greg Coe  
Mr Mark Horrod

Apologies:

Mr Ian Bays	Past President
Mr Grant Chivers	Past President
Mr Charles Dainton	Past President
Mrs Jackie Harvey	Management Board member

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Before the formal business of the meeting there was a minute's silence to remember four county members who had passed away during 2023-2024

Dave Cook ( Past President), Rosemary Nodder (Past President), Janet Gardiner (Past President)  
and Derek Beaumont (Diving)

**25/1 Welcome**

25/1.1 The Chairman, Bryan Thompson, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the Officers.

25/1.2 The Chairman reminded everyone of the correct procedures for the conduct of the Council, and procedures for the Zoom meeting.

**25/2 Apologies**

- 25/2.1 Apologies were received as shown above.

**25/3 Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

- 25/3.1 The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were accepted as a true record, subject to aa typo in the numbering.

**25/4 Matters arising from the minutes**

- 25/4.1 None.

**25/5 Annual Report 2024**

- 25/5.1 Copies of the Annual Report had been distributed, and were also available on the website. The report was considered at this point.
- 25/5.2 There were no questions.
- 25/5.3 The Annual Report 2024 was unanimously accepted.

**25/6 Financial report**

- 25/6.1 Copies of the Annual Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 had been distributed.
- The Finance Officer's report had been circulated prior the meeting, and will be included in the Annual Report following the meeting. The Finance Officer commented on various aspects of hie report.
- 25/6.2 The Finance Officer stated that the accounts have been approved by the Management Board, and would be sent to the independent financial examiner for examination.
- 25/6.3 The Finance Officer commented on various aspects of the accounts, and answered questions.
- 25/6.4 The Annual Accounts for the period 1st January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 were unanimously approved, subject to inspection by the independent financial examiner.

**25/7 Regulations**

- 25/7.1 There were no proposals for amendments to the Regulations.

**25/8 Awards**

- 25/8.1 a) **Roy Rogers Memorial Trophy** – The Roy Rogers Memorial Trophy is awarded annually to the Hertfordshire person, team or club who has made a significant contribution to the sport of swimming.
- This year the Roy Rogers Memorial Trophy is awarded to Graham Spratt (Cheshunt SC).
- b) **Wilkinson Sword** – The Wilkinson Sword is awarded annually for the highest achievement in the sport of swimming.
- This year the Wilkinson Sword was awarded jointly to Louise Fiddes (Hatfield SC) and Grace Harvey (Hoddesdon SC), both of whom represented Great Britain and became Paralympic Champions in Paris in 2024.
- c) **President's Plate** – The President's Plate is awarded annually, at the sole discretion of the President, for conspicuous service to Swim England Hertfordshire.
- This year the President's Plate is awarded to Nicola Rix (Ware SC)

**25/8.2 Long Service Awards**

The county Regulations allows for the awarding of Long Service Award pins when members have served the county on the Management Board or on any of the discipline standing committees, or have supported the county on a regular basis as an individual / official.

**25/8.2.1 Silver pin – 7 years of service**

The following member was awarded a silver pin:

David Malcolm (Ware SC) – technical swimming official

**25/8.2.2 Gold pin – 12 years of service**

The following members were awarded a gold pin:

Nicola Rix (Ware SC) – technical swimming official, Management Board member and Swimming Committee member

Helena Pretious-White (Bishops Stortford SC) – technical swimming official

Amy Bryant (Hatfield SC)– artistic swimming official and regional Artistic Swimming Committee member

Caroline Pickering (Aqualina Artistic SC)– artistic swimming official and regional Artistic Swimming Committee member

Jane White (Aqualina Artistic SC)– artistic swimming official and regional Artistic Swimming Committee member

Kerri Clewlow (Aqualina Artistic SC) - artistic swimming official and regional Artistic Swimming Committee member

Karen Brennan (Aqualina Artistic SC)– artistic swimming official and regional Artistic Swimming Committee member

Thomas Brennan (Aqualina Artistic SC) already has a gold pin and continues as the county's Artistic Swimming Manager, an artistic Swimming official a regional Artistic Swimming Committee member

**25/9 President for 2025-2026**

25/9.1 Following the recommendation from the Management Board:-

Mark Horrod (Hemel Hempstead SC) was accepted as the Swim England Hertfordshire President 2025-2026.

**25/10 President Elect 2025-2026**

25/10.1 The recommendation from the Management Board is yet to be finalised.

**25/11 Election of Management Board members**

25/11.1 The following were elected:

Voting was not necessary as the number of nominations did not exceed the vacancies.

***To remain in office until Council 2026***

Three vacancies

***To remain in office until Council 2027***

One vacancy

***To remain in office until Council 2028***

Jackie Harvey

Jane O'Brien

Jon Sardon

One vacancy

**25/12 Election of Officers and Managers**

25/12.1 The following were elected:

Voting was not necessary as the number of nominations did not exceed the vacancies.

***To remain in office until Council 2026***

Diving Manager

No nominations received

***To remain in office until Council 2028***

Water Polo Manager

No nominations received

***To remain in office until Council 2028***

Artistic Swimming Manager

Chairman

Disability Manager

Thomas Brennan

Bryan Thompson

Jackie Harvey

**25/13 Members of the Members' Forum of Swim England East Region**

25/13.1 There was notification of the appointment, by the Management Board, of the following members, to serve until the Swm England Hertfordshire Annual Council Meeting in March 2028.

Jackie Harvey

Louise Hughes

Simon Lever

Jonathan Pope

Nicola Rix

Jonn Sandon

Bryan Thompson

**25/14 Appointment of an independent financial examiner**

25/14.1 Bruce Weir ACA was appointed as the independent financial examiner.

The business meeting closed at 8.43pm with thanks to those who attended for their support of the county.

There was an opportunity for questions following the meeting.