

Derby & Notts JSL
AGM Minutes 9th November 2025
Held at Bramcote Leisure Centre.

Present: - Deborah McKeane, Kath Needham, Jo Hunt, Michelle Bullock, Siobhan Morton, Paul Collins, Joe Bailey, Ralph Shepherd, Ian Negus, Jeff Pickering, Matt McKeane, Dawn Adsetts and Alex McLauchlan

Apologies: - Bobbie Gordon and Steve Allsop.

Minutes of previous AGM: - Were accepted as a true record.

Chairs report: - Joe thanked Bobbie, Paul and Matt for doing an excellent job, also thanking Jeff and Alex.

Anyone of 5 teams could have won the league, congratulations to Nottingham Leander the winning team, it was good to see CABSC back again with a strong team finish in second place, with Long Eaton A finish in 3rd place.

The winner of our league gets invited to participate in the National Inter League final, the invitation was only received by Paul and Bobbie yesterday, the final is at the end of this month. Joe said that Leander have decided to represent the league at short notice, Paul to find out the details of times etc. Ian said that if the winning team does not go, as has happened before the league runners up can take up the place, Jeff reported the league has given £50.00 to help with the travel previously.

Treasurers report: - Jeff said the charges varied gala to gala, we show a slight loss, but the joining fee this year has been increased to £30.00 per team.

There was an overall loss at galas of £12.68 this was due to their only being 17 teams, if we can get another team to join for 2026 I think we should be able to run the league with the same entrance fee for spectators, There is a vast difference in pool hire charges but I do not think we can do much about that, I queried with Alfreton as there were 3 different charges and

was told it was how the pool had been booked, (very strange) so we got no rebate.

The bank balance on August 26th 2025, stood at £ 10,812.47.

Competition secretaries report: -

Well done to all competitors who participated in this year's competition. Congratulations to Nottingham Leander as this year's winners, with CABSC in second, and Long Eaton A in third. Seeding? It was proposed at last times AGM that the concept of seeding ought to be considered which we deferred to consider this year. Given the importance of first round placing in this competition due to how round 2 & 3 are decided I think ensuring that the top placed teams from previous years are appropriately spread in round 1 galas. Competition Secretary Role Bobbie Gordon has confirmed her intention to step down as co-competition secretary for this year's competition so can I take the opportunity to thank her for all her effort and support over the last two years. Having now had the opportunity to do this role for two years now I am starting to have a clearer view on what it entails, the workload and how it needs to be approached to service the league well for the future. I have no doubt in my mind that this role is now too large to undertake by one person in a voluntary capacity, particularly if it is to continue to be a licenced competition, which I would urge us to continue doing. I would strongly recommend that we move more to a concept of a competition committee to provide additional capacity and share the workload in a very similar way to what we have evolved to at present. The three distinct roles that exist which I would suggest are formalised for the longer-term interest of the league are • Licensing & Results – Responsible rules/results management, rankings & licencing. • Official Co-ordination – Responsible for lead officials organisation. • Comp Logistics & Admin – Website administration, pool/host booking & communications. Whilst I am happy to continue supporting the league, I would welcome any interest from other people that have more longevity than I and support them as they become accustomed to the role. Big thank you to Matt McKeaney who has admirably fulfilled the official's co-ordination role and whom I very much hope continues in that capacity for 2026! Rule reminders • As per swim England guidance, all swimmers competing in individual races in galas

need to be at least 9 years of age and any 8-year-old swimmers competing in relays must be 9 by the last round of competition. • Individual swim rule as per 4.3 is two events in their own age group and one in the age group immediately above. E.g. It is not valid to swim a 9-year-old in a 11 year-old race. • Minimum number of officials to be provided is one qualified J1 & one qualified TK, ideally supported by another timekeeper. If adequate qualified provision is not provided, then it may not be possible to upload times to rankings. Other matters to draw to your attention • Please check the validity of the team sheets prior to submitting to your host, ensuring that the details match the membership detail held by swim England on the athlete membership profile. We have experienced several issues uploading times to rankings due to these input errors. • Please make sure your club contact information is up to date on the league website as this is used for all league communication. • Proposed dates for next year's competition are o Round 1 28th March o Round 2 o Round 3 9th May 13th June Thanks once again for making this year's competition a success and we look forward to another great competition in 2026. Paul Collins & Bobbie Gordon Competition Secretary October 2025

The meeting had a discussion over the question of seeding; it was put forward by Ian seconded by Paul that we give it a trial this coming year to see how it works, that was carried by seven votes to 5 votes, the seeding will be the top 6 teams 1 and 4, 2 and 5, 3 and 6 placed in different galas.

Election of officers: -

It was unanimous that the main group be elected.

Chair: -	Joe Bailey.
Past Chair: -	Ralph Shepherd.
Secretary: -	Alex McLauchlan.
Treasurer: -	Jeff Pickering.
Competition Secretary	Paul Collins,
Assisted by	Michelle Bullock and Siobhan Morton.

Committee of five: - Kath Needham, Siobhan Morton, Michelle Bullock, Dawn Adsetts and Tom Lyons.

Officials Co Ordinator: - Matt McKeane

Website: - Bobbie Gordon.

Draw for 2026

Gala 1 Venue Bramcote

- 1 Dronfield
- 2 Derby Phoenix
- 3 Leander
- 4 Bramcote
- 5 Carlton Forum
- 6 Ilkeston

Gala 2 Venue Bingham/Watermeadows

- 1 Derby Excel A
- 2 Derby Excel B
- 3 CABSC
- 4 Mansfield
- 5 Long Eaton B
- 6 Sherwood

Gala 3 Venue Worksop

- 1 Worksop
- 2 Chesterfield
- 3 Long Eaton A
- 4 Belper
- 5 Hucknall
- 6 Sutton

Joe thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

