



Treasurer's Report.

This is the report for Oxford and Witney Artistic Swimming Club for the period from **1st January 2023 to the 31st December 2023**. The figures speak for themselves in that you can see what the club has brought in in terms of income and what the Club has spent that income on. However, I give a little context as follows.

In **2023** our income was **£27,915.71** and our expenditure was **£30,781.05** There was therefore a deficit of **£2,865.34**

This compares with **2022** when our income was **£26,652.54** expenditure **£28,017.97** and there was a deficit of **£1,365.43**

Our income comes from three main sources, swimmers' monthly subscriptions, introductory courses and regular adult sessions.

I will take then one by one.

Swimmers sessions.

These are split into three levels depending on the number of sessions an athlete swims. **A Bronze level swimmer pays £40.00 per month**, a **Silver level swimmer pays £60.00 per month** and a Gold level swimmer pays **£80.00 per month**.

In January we had 8 Bronze members, August 8 and ended the year with 10 Bronze members which raises **£400 per month**.

In January there were 18 **Silver members**, in August 19 Silver members and in December 20 which raises **£1,200 per month**.

For **Gold Members** there were 6 members in January, 4 members in August and in December 5 Gold members which raises **£400 per month**.

At the end of 2023 we had **33 swimmers**, so we are recruiting and maintaining members but the aim is to have more athletes.

Adult Sessions

In 2023 OWASC introduced regular adult courses and at the end of 2023 there were 9 regular adult swimmers paying on average £8.50 per 45-minute session. **Adult swimmers raised £1,393.10 in 2023**

Introductory Courses.

Introductory Courses raised £1,208.00 over the course of the year and ensured that we maintained a slightly increasing number of athletes.

Club Membership for 2023 was £20 and the main membership fee is the Swim England Membership fee (inclusive of Regional Affiliation fee) the amount of which depends on the athlete's grade. The higher the grade, the higher the membership fee, from an entry level athlete paying £15.00 to a grade three+ swimmer paying £36.00 Membership is charged per year. Swim England Membership is collected by the club and passed to the next administrative level.



Expenses.

OWASC's biggest expense is of course pool hire.

Pool Hire

We try to ensure that we regularly use a **pool in Witney and a pool in Oxford** to ensure the widest catchment area possible for the club. We are always open to any suggestions for new pool hire, please tell one of the coaches if you think you may know of a useful pool venue.

2022 Pool hire was **£23,813**.

In **2023** Pool hire had risen **£26,401**.

This **£2,588** increase can be accounted for by increase in pool hire charges. We have not increased our pool time. Currently OWASC uses both the pool and dry room as Brookes University in Oxford and the GLL Leisure Centre Pool in Witney. I take both venues in turn.

Brookes University Pool and Dry Room hire. OXFORD

Because OWASC hires both a dry room and the pool so is a multi-facility hirer it has been granted a discount, but even with this discount the pool hire at Harcourt Hill went from £60 to **£70 per hour in September 2023**, which is an increase, but that increase should have seen the pool hire go to £80.00 per hour, were we not a multi-facility hirer and a not-for-profit community sports club. Dry hire is £25 per hour. This will remain the same until September 2024 when the rates will increase but we do not yet know by how much.

GLL Witney.

GLL prices for Witney for pool hire were **£94.00 per hour** and for the first six month of the year OWASC had the whole pool on a Sunday with only a few people attending. For the last 6 months of the year and moving forward OWASC has a third of the pool at a cost of £31.00 per hour. This is an on going arrangement. We hired and still hire five hours per week at Witney. The prices for Witney will increase from the first April 2024 and they will be **£98.00 per hour**, we have been granted an 88p discount per hour. The cost will therefore be $3x £98.00 + 2x £33 = £360$ per week.

This increase is equivalent to the subscription of an extra Silver swimmer or approximately two Bronze Swimmers per month.



In summary it is fair to say that OWASC would not be able to continue as a solvent club without regular adult swimmers and without regular introductory courses. They have provided an essential extra income stream.

Kit and Merchandise sales have also increased from £183.50 to £457.50 which has been welcome.

OWASC has to increase its membership, its adult regular swimmers and hold one or two fundraising events in 2024. It also has to increase its subscription rates (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) to enable the increase in pool hire charges to be met.

Witney and District Synchronised Swimming Club and now Oxford and Witney Artistic Swimming Club has been in existence for almost 50 years. It has given hundreds of swimmers a fantastic opportunity to practice a sport, make lifelong friends and have great fun.

And we must secure the club so that it can continue to make such a difference for everyone. It is something special, I am still helping with the club two years after my daughter finished swimming.

How can you help? Well you can do the simple course to be a **Team Manager**. And help and support the swimmers in competitions. When Clubs enter competitions they generally have to provide **Pool Side Officials** to help organise the swimmers and **Judges** to judge the figures and routines. Full training and support is given to train for these roles. If your swimmer has just started and there are quite a few pool side evenings for you to contemplate, think about being a **Coach**. It is not a full time commitment, whatever you can do is greatly appreciated. **Join the Executive Committee** and organise a raffle, a fundraising disco, a social something for the swimmers to enjoy and to raise some funds. As we gain more member Crowd Funding becomes more possible. Perhaps you know someone who could sponsor OWASC? Sign up to EasyFunding and support OWASC every time you shop online **Get involved and you and your swimmer will reap the benefits.**

Signed:

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