

## **Minutes**

### **Birmingham Marlins Swimming Club**

**20/09/2023**

#### **Venue On Line**

#### **Attending**

Alex Ashman (AA) Mike Brownsword (MB) Alison McBirnie (AM) Dave Marsh (DM) Judy Newton (JN) Manish Prasad (MP) Simon Rush (SR) Karen Watson (KW)

#### **Apologies**

Laura Jerram, Judy Newton (Joining late) Alex Ashman (Leaving early)

#### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Had been previously circulated and accepted as true record

#### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

#### **Treasurers Report**

AA advised that following the £2.00 increase in fees income and expenditure were currently in balance.

The hoist invoice has now been settled with all but £500 having been covered by fund raising. The balance of £500 has been paid from Club reserves. AA to spread the cost over a number of months to avoid a large hit in the accounts

KW advised that we have 5 new members and 3 more will be joining at the end of the month which will increase the income.

KW also advised that we have reduced the Sunday session by 15 minutes with a proportionate reduction in pool costs.

Current financial reserves are stable in the region of £10,000. i.e. 3 months running costs.

#### **Life Guarding Course**

We have 3 candidates for this course which is not enough to make it financially viable. The maximum numbers on this course would be 8. KW suggested that we invite 5 people to be approached from outside the club and that the club charges them £100 each. This will cover the whole of the course fee and leave £100 for club funds.

It was agreed that KW would pursue this course.

#### **Remuneration of Coaches/Teachers.**

It was agreed that Anji be paid £15 and Jasmine £10.45 per hour with Hannah being paid £15 per hour when she returns to Coaching/Teaching

#### **Llandudno 2024**

The swim camp was in danger of cancellation due to the low number of participants which would not have covered the costs. KW advised that she had secured funding so that this

important event should continue. KW to investigate the possibility of taking swimmers from outside the club.

### **Swim England**

There are new requirements, all staff who require a Safeguarding qualification now have to complete a mandatory SE course at a cost of £27. All staff and committee members have to complete the mandatory EDI course. Although it states it takes 3 hours those of us who have completed it did so in 35 minutes or less.

There have been changes to Staff Ratios from 1<sup>st</sup> September which are being complied with

### **Upcoming Events.**

Championships – This was in danger of cancellation due to the low numbers of entrants but it has been decided that we will continue.

Christmas Party – This date clashes with the Winter Nationals but as we have so few entries for that event we are to continue on the planned date of 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Bedworth – Gala 23 September. Programme already published.

Rugby - 15<sup>th</sup> October

### **Fundraising**

Ebay sales. Thanks to Alison, Ruth and Hannah for their efforts. KW advised that Anji has a possible Facebook site through which remaining items may be sold.

Petty Cash – lucky dip Approx £110 held in petty cash

Christmas Raffle – we are looking for someone to organise this event.

### **Time Keepers Course**

There are 6 people who have completed the theory course. DM will carry out their practical assessments as soon as possible.

### **SwimMark Administrator.**

AM and KW have volunteered to become administrators and DM is to facilitate this.

### **Starting Blocks**

MB advised that we are still looking for someone to fit the blocks. JN advised that she did know somebody who might be able to help and is to pass details to MB

**Backstroke Ledge** To appropriate until the blocks are installed

### **Lane Ropes**

Circumstances did not allow the lane ropes to be completed during the August shutdown. This will be undertaken when the Morris Centre is shut at some future date.

Northampton are replacing their Anti Wave Lane Ropes and we are putting in an offer to purchase.

### **Welfare Officer**

Reported that inappropriate literature had been found in the Land Training Room. This was handed in and reported to Morris Centre management.

KW reported that certain members were ignoring the instructions that on a Sunday all entry and exit from the building after 5.00 pm are to be via the poolside fire exit as the Morris Centre is closed. This means that the front door is left unlocked and we are unable to control entry to the building. We are looking for a solution.

Mobile phone policy appears to be working and poolside staff have waterproof cases for their mobiles.

**Date of next Meeting**

29/11/2023