

# **Birmingham Marlins Swimming Club Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**Date 09/04/2021 19:15 hrs**

**Venue: Online.**

**In Attendance:** Dave, Karen, Steve, Mike, Alex and Judy.

**Apologies:** Rachel.

**Matters Arising and Minutes of Last Meeting** – No matters arising, and minutes accepted.

**Treasurers Report** - £ 6421.00 in the bank account plus additional cash from raffle.

-Swim England fees paid, and Llandudno refunds paid to those requested.

-Adequate money in the account to cover pool fees for April to enable us not to recommence swimmers direct debit payments until May.

-A list of all members that have registered with BM and paid Swim England membership needs finalising to tally together for ease going forward.

-The question was asked if we should keep the BM shop up and running going forward? Small monthly fee payable. Committee agreed to keep the shop up and running for the year for ease of paying new fees, selling t-shirts, hats and bags, and future fund-raising tickets and other activities, gala fees and other incidentals.

## **Membership**

**Lapsed Swimmers** – Some people unfortunately didn't pay Swim England or membership fees even though numerous club and personal emails sent to the swimmers, plenty of opportunities was given to reply and all swimmers had the option to arrange payment plans if that was an issue in these difficult times.

-We now have a hard decision to make due to lapsed swimmers wanting to return now the pools are reopening. As a club we have to be fair to all swimmers. It was considered that all lapsed swimmers have been given many opportunities to pay, therefore a committee decision was made that the fairest decision would be that **all lapsed swimmers would have to join the waiting list to re-join the club.**

**New Swimmers-** Approximately 8 people pending to join at present.

-Waiting list - Central list to be produced by Alex password protected so all committee members can access.

**New membership enquiries** – general list/email template with all the relevant information needed to be put together for ease going forward. Manish/Judy will liaise with Rachel.

- We need to purchase a locked secure waterproof box to keep poolside with all important documents and emergency contact details. We can therefore bring all the paperwork together in one place. (Then Karen will not have so much to carry to and from the pool).

**Head Coach Report-** No swimming allowed due to national pandemic lockdown.

-Karen and Steve have been busy attending para workshops during the last eight weeks.

-Karen has been looking at the competition calendar. As a club we will not be taking part in the Level X Racing Swim England competitions. Swimmers are not physically ready due to time out of the water.

-There is hope that some galas will get to go ahead this year starting with the lower grade 4 meets that can hopefully start commencing in June. The first of these will hopefully be the Len Badcock Memorial Para swim meet which is scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021- with restrictions applying.

-These meets will hopefully allow swimmers to gain qualifying times to get to Nationals, which will hopefully go ahead later on in the year, depending on future government decisions.

-When galas do recommence, we will need to upgrade swimmers to SE Cat 2. This can be done the week before required.

### **Recruitment of Teacher-**

-We really need to source a new teacher to ease the pressure on the current coaches and teachers. Karen cannot commit to all sessions every week due to new work commitments and it is not humanly possible, even for Karen!

-Steve will continue with his 3 sessions and Dave will cover and assist with some teaching in the interim.

-We have Janie until the Summer.

-We are also very grateful for assistance from Emaan, Grace and Saana who will also help with teaching.

-New teacher needed going forward though.

-Lifeguarding certification still outstanding. This is all still up in the air as all assessors furloughed. We thankfully have the Morris Centre lifeguards on standby until we can deal with this.

**Championships 2021-** Hopefully can go ahead in some form depending on future government decisions, date to be confirmed. Although autumn at the earliest.

-We also have a kind invitation to join Beeches SC Christmas Gala. Which we gratefully accepted.

### **Return to Swimming**

-Karen has sent out a very concise email with all return to swim rules and regulations.

-Covid health forms starting to be returned to Dave.

-Everything we can physically do is ready for return to swimming on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**Swim Camps-** nothing planned yet going forward.

**Llandudno 2022-** coach company still not replied about our deposit, probably still furloughed will chase in May.

**Fund Raising –** possibility of Birmingham Swimming Action Group applications opening shortly which Judy is looking at.

-Internal club fund raising raffles.

-Easy fundraising app – Now has 15 supporters with approximately £148.00 raised so far.

-Summer Quiz proposed which Manish will look into.

**AOB -** Due to current conditions we will not be returning to King Edwards School at present. This decision will be reviewed in September going forward.

**Date of next meeting proposed: 11<sup>th</sup> June 18:30 hrs.**

**Meeting brought to a close by Dave 21:00 hrs.**