

Birmingham Marlins Committee Meeting Minutes.

20th August 2020

Venue: Online

In Attendance – Dave, Karen, Alex, Manish, Rachel, Judy, Steve, Pam, and Mike.

Apologies – Georgina, Joshua.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – No matters arising.

Treasurers Report –

Approx. £7300.00 in the bank.

Committee members shown detailed spread sheets of incoming and outgoing expenditures.

Current outgoing monthly expenditures:

- Pool hire - Morris centre latest payment is for a period covering 6 weeks due to recommencing swimming date halfway through month (25th July – 31st August)
- Staff/lifeguarding costs

Ad hoc expenditures outgoing - polo shirts £460 (Judy has £145 cash currently collected from swimming members) Online BACS payments preferred method of payment going forward if possible.

Current Income coming in: Members fees, monthly fees

- More members expected to join in the coming weeks.

For the month of August - Break even approx. £1400 income (memberships/fees) / £1400 outgoing (pool/ad hoc).

GoCardless working well approximately 56 members signed up quite easy to adjust payments and break payments down.

Only issue is if swimmers join halfway through month as payment would start automatically at the start of the next month. Payment amount would have to be worked out manually and added as an additional.

Llandudno – approx. costs £2500

£1000 – deposit for coach paid

Other expenditures not due currently i.e. hotel/ pool hire costs.

Head Coaches Report-

Back to swimming in large numbers. Full pool every session.

All Swimmers turning up to sessions allocated working well.

Everybody doing well back to full training strength and speed, including now swimming full stroke butterfly. Diving into the pool will commence again shortly, now permitted by Swim England.

Learn to swim back in the pool – hard work with current rules but manageable approximately 14 swimmers back. Increasing by another 4 the following week, then increasing again over the extra session planned for the Bank Holiday weekend.

Championship 2020 -

Difficult to run under current conditions. Xmas party cannot go ahead with current conditions either.

Can we run the Club Champs instead of the Xmas party?

Ideas and suggests put forward by committee and considered:

-Video link suggested for parents, but exceedingly difficult to safeguard.

-Other suggestions can parents view through the window? Parent social distancing outside could be difficult up to parents, weather conditions on day?

-Possible to put distance between the swimmers inside the building. Training squad in own bubble.

Approx. 60 swimmers to socially distance around the four walls of the pool.

Proposal to cancel until 2021.

Committee all in agreement.

Postponed for 12 months – Sept 2021 perhaps later depending on competition calendar.

Return to Swimming -

More pool time offered at Morris Centre 6 - 8 pm Thurs prime time accepted by Karen - can be used as learn to swim session. Karen will need a different night off perhaps Monday or Friday evening as currently Thursday was her only evening off.

Perhaps we keep all the pool time and ask Janie to run a session.

Pool time options to consider going forward - Monday or Friday KEH school sessions higher price pool hire also need to consider what restrictions are running when school reopens.

7th Sept school due to reopen – at this point, we will reassess the pool time and hire – possibly back to KEH on the Tues evening.

Stronger Affiliations and Swim Mark –

Swim England have not accepted our constitution and have not told us why? Dave dealing with this, awaiting response and feedback from higher authority. Everything else now accepted. Without that approval we cannot move forward. We cannot get Swim Mark without the constitution.

Alex to pass the budget to Dave. Everything else Dave has completed. Need Stronger Affiliation before can push forward with Swim Mark. No Swim England insurance without it.

Remarkably close to getting Stronger Affiliation now though.

Swim Camps –

Sheffield – Ponds Forge not reopening, therefore no planned pool for the Thurs of the camp. Can check Spring Leisure centre for the Thurs.

Hotel booked.

Everybody arriving by own transport.

Llandudno – in progress new quote from 60 to 40 swimmers for social distancing reasons. New hotel restaurant arrangements needed due to social distancing rules. Hotel very accommodating.

Under and Over 18 age breakdowns needed of everybody attending (Karen to complete this) – deposit deferred from September. Will pay deposit when have new quote.

Final invoice to be paid just before we go.

If we cannot go, they will hold our deposit until 2022.

Space on the coach to socially distance, lots of bubbles of swimmers already. Face coverings perhaps to wear.

All to be looked at nearer the time, with rules currently changing continuously.

Fund Raising –

Dave has been trying to process some of the applications but living out of the area is making things difficult. Judy will try to chase some of these up and perhaps we can use the Morris Centre address for location purposes as Judy also lives out of the area.

AOB –

Training courses – welfare officer courses – time to listen course to be completed by Rachel.

-Morris Centre have said we can have a large sign up at the window and banner pool side – Mike to propose design. Morris centre will kindly pay half of the costs.

Next meeting date: 20th November 2020 - 19:15

Meeting called to a close by Dave.

