

Birmingham Marlins Swimming Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Date 24/11/2021 18:45hrs

Venue: Online

In Attendance: Dave, Karen, Alex, Steve, Pam, Manish, and Judy.

Apologies: Mike and Rachel

Minutes of Last Meeting: Accepted by committee and no matters arising.

Treasurers Report

£ 15,500.00 in bank account. £200-300 cash. (All figures rounded up and approximate)

-Monthly incoming Direct debits currently £3000.00 membership fees.

-Monthly outgoings pool expenses / coaches' expenses £2100.00 pool, £400 teachers/helpers, £100 misc. shop/extra lifeguarding, £100 extras i.e., beeches gala £90 - total £2600.00 approx outgoings.

-Several current swimmers have moved groups and DD's will be increasing for these swimmers.

-9 new swimmers (learn to swim) joined this month to be added.

-A couple of swimmers have moved on from Marlins.

-Llandudno monies included in the main figure. Final payments need to be collated to paperwork.

-Swim England fees 2022 – Committee decision to give people a month to pay - deadline set for 1st January 2022 suggested.

-Annual membership held at £30 for 2022.

-Suggested we may need to increase the direct debit payments by £1 from the new financial year.

-All swimmers registered as Club train (Category 1) then Swimmers who want to compete will individually pay the extra to upgrade their membership to Club Compete (Category 2).

-Staff members will pay their own costs for Club Support membership (Category 3).

-New members who have joined the club in the last two months will not need to pay again until 2023.

Fund Raising

-Ongoing small revenue from shop sales.

-Easy fundraiser very useful and an easy way to raise funds for the club. Karen will give details in each newsletter, and it will be signposted through the website/social media.

-Allen's Swimwear 5% commission cashback 1st December – 15th December 2021.

Membership

- New membership form completed by Dave just needs the committee to check and agree.
- All members will fill in the new form when paying next year's annual member fees.

Head Coach Report

- All swim sessions going well.
- Thursdays and Sundays sessions are very busy.
- The first Regional Para Swim camp went ahead this month at Repton school sports centre, a small number of swimmers attended and had a great day.
- Some swimming galas for the 2022 calendar coming in.
Len Badcock provisional date.
National partnership gala 2022 tbc.
- Teacher shortage. We will be down one teacher until Jan 2022 due to doctor signing him off.
- Some helpers doing DOE award which helps them and the club.
- Recruitment of more Teachers/helpers still ongoing.

New Members Secretary

- Nobody put themselves forward to volunteer.

Return to Competition

- Perry Beeches Christmas Gala 12th December 2021 currently 15 swimmers entered.
- Dave will enter the competitors into the races with Karen's help.

Fun Relay Gala

- 19th December – Land training fun and games (Debbie and Alison).
- The pool is booked from 16:45 to start at 17:00 with the relays. Pool is booked until 19:30 (no problem to extend).
- Lots of fun races being thought up by the coaches and teachers.
- Each teacher will have a team.
- Parents will be able to use the gym/spectator viewing area.
- Small Xmas gift for each swimmer.
- Relays just for fun no prizes.

Swim Camps

Sheffield – TBC and fitted in with competition calendar.

Teignmouth - TBC

Llandudno 2022- hotel is asking for room breakdown and then we will probably receive the invoice. Lots of planning needed over the next couple of weeks.

Birmingham Marlins – Christmas extra session 29th December: 17:00-19:00 Morris Centre.

Return to swimming 3rd January 2022.

Social Events

-Quiz Night – Manish has completed a lot of research. Committee very happy for this to go ahead.

-Suggested date Sun 2nd January 2022: 17:00 hrs via Teams.

-£5 per household team entry fee.

-Mike hopefully will be the quiz master. Questions purchased from known internet site.

-First, second, third prizes awarded.

AOB

-End of year reports – 19th December 2022 from Karen and Dave at the Xmas relays session.

-AGM needs to be held 2022 - March TBC.

-Transgender swimmers – Morris Centre policy sought on changing rooms/toileting. Swim England advice and policies asked for particularly on competing in competitions. Awaiting advise.

-Older swimmer – needs a full bench changing area place. The Morris Centre cannot currently provide this facility and Swimmers' family advised they may have a refund if not happy with what we can provide. Swim England advise sought to suggest other clubs who may be able to help with more appropriate facilities.

-Issues with parents picking up late and Karen having to watch children whilst trying to coach and lifeguard session or having to stay late after sessions completed. Also, swimmers' parents waiting on the opposite side of the road and younger children expected to go out on their own, is not acceptable. The wording on the parent's code of conduct will be amended.

Meeting drawn to a close by Dave: 20:40 hrs.

Next meeting planned: 12th January 2022.