



Meeting of Brockwell lido Users Group Committee

7th December 2015, 7pm Location: Committee Members house - Red Post Hill

Present: CJ Faucher, Shelley Silas, Judy Holman, Yvonne Levy, Linda Spashett, Lara Mifsud-Bonici, Carolyn Weinz, Mary Hill, Ruth Thompson, Linda Casbolt, Bianca Ioannides, Julian Fox, Guy Wickett

Apologies: Humphrey Keenlyside, Sara Atkinson

1 Minutes of 1st September and any outstanding actions

Minutes agreed

2 December 2015 Manager's Meeting

A new dryside manager and a new maintenance person have been appointed. Spa – LF would like the support of BLU to ban those repeatedly breaking the rules. FUSION do have a process for banning members, but this is slow, and hard to enforce. BLU are in support of a ban for abusers. Action: CJ to discuss options with LF. People do get thrown out of the pool if necessary. Perhaps PAYG spa users should be asked to sign to abide by the rules? A majority of users who attend the BLU Annual Forum are pool users; CJ suggested mini Forums to encourage other parts of the lido to be represented at the AGM. Agreed to try it for a year. BLU will publicise and attend alongside FUSION but not organise.

3 TLC Concerns

Café (TLC) and winter swimming: Currently pool opens at 8.15, the café opens at 8.45 which works as the café should be open 30 minutes after the pool is open for a limited hot drink service. Some concerns were expressed that The Lido Café is not meeting its contractual obligations around serving Lido Users, especially swimmers, during the summer. BLU would like to know when the contract is up for renewal and to have input into the process. Action: CJ to discuss with LF what the contract arrangement is. Generally better communication between TLC/BLU and between TLC /FUSION is required.

4 Outstanding FUSION Swimming Issues None raised

5 BLU Archiving

There's a distinction between historical information, and BLU paraphernalia. MH has lots of both in boxes and has created a list; there's about 10 lever arch files plus the scrap books. YL and others also have information. MH has a number of copies of the book 'Out of the Blue'.

Lambeth archives were going to take the tapes of the oral interviews used for Out of the Blue but this is no longer likely; there are paper summaries and MH is working with others on the HHF oral history project to archive chunks of the recordings. Action: Committee is in support of digitising the recordings. RT will ask a Professor from Historic Pools of Britain to see if he can be of assistance.

MH will pass on the list of BLU paraphernalia to others who have materials so that we can create a record of what is where.

6 BLU Technology

Mike Thacker's involvement is ending and the BLU Committee will take over direct responsibility for their own technology. Action: CJ to progress and finalise with Mike.

7 Historic Pools of Britain

RT attended a presentation; the sub is £300 p.a. Committee decided that it is not suitable for BLU to join as the organisation specialises in helping to save Lidos currently under threat. BLU will always offer assistance when requested by Lido's attempting to reopen.

8 BLU 2015 Review/2016 Changes

All agreed that 2015 has gone well, the committee has worked well together and there was good work through a period of adversity. CJ raised the need to spread the work load more within the committee. A BLU member has expressed a eagerness to assist with the Committee's social media updates. Action: committee suggest inviting them to the next meeting and to consider co- opting.

9 Committee Member reductions following AGM.

Action: The reduction of member numbers in line with the new constitution will be implemented by the Committee as soon as is practical and before the next AGM in 2016.

10.AOB 1 Bank account: Action: Need to update BLU account to manage annual payments,

to be done on SA's return. There are 4 signatories on the current account, and a need to clarify all signatories.

2 Car Park: Query on Car Park revenue? Action: RT to investigate

3 Service providers: Service providers (Yoga teachers) at the time Fusion took over, were given protected rights to hold 90 minute classes, however over the years many of these providers have found new premises. There have been some requests for longer classes; LF has asked the new dry-side manager to audit all classes. It's not clear if Fusion are intending their teachers to provide 90 minute classes.

4 Christmas Day Swim: BLU & Fusion to provide refreshments, Fusion should ask all those who have signed up to bring cake etc. Someone needs to be in charge of urns. Action: CW to speak to LF.

5 Networking: RT suggested that BLU has good relationships with many stakeholders, and a need to expand to other local councillors. Action: CJ and SS to make contact; LMB to help identify the correct people.

6 Disability representation: Currently under represented. Action: Put a note in the newsletter seeking a representative interested in joining the committee as a co-opted member.

7 Memorial bench: A long term lido user and BLU member would like to donate a bench. Action: CJ to raise with LF.

8 Selling books at the lido: LF to confirm possible options for display.

Chairman's Award: Recipients were. Bianca, Humphrey, Ruth, Julian, Linda Casbolt.