

## BLU Committee Meeting

*21 November 2019*

Present: Guy, Jason, Nigel, Mike, Adam, Stephen.

Apologies: Ben

1. Welcome: Guy welcomed the committee.
2. Vision: Guy led a discussion as to our ambitions for BLU. The points raised varied from keeping the Lido clean and the gym equipment working; to engaging with users and potential users; and liaising with Fusion to the benefit of all users. Adam is to initiate a thread on Slack to enable the committee to think this through.
3. Activities to be carried out:
  - Meet the Manager: this is to continue. It is an important part of our interaction with Fusion. Nigel will take responsibility for arranging it. He would however not be expected to attend all the meetings. That would be shared between us.
  - Newsletter: this is to continue. It is an important way to reach out to users. Adam and Jason will take on responsibility.
  - Website: this needs to continue, but there needs to be some discussion with Fusion as to what can be done to improve their website and stop our website repeating it. There will be interaction with the Newsletter. It was hoped Ben, might take responsibility for the website.
  - Twitter account: this needs to be considered further. We should not be worried about tweeting if we have nothing to say.
  - Spokespeople: rather than each of us approaching Fusion when we feel so inclined, it was thought that Guy, Stephen and Nigel should act as spokespeople.

- Managing Bank Account: Stephen, as Treasurer, would be responsible but Guy would retain authority to continue to use the account to make sure that we can pay bills promptly.
  - Elected members of BLSC: Guy, Ben, Stephen, Nigel, Jason.
  - Notice board: to be discussed at the next meeting.
  - Gala: to be discussed at the next meeting.
4. Future Dates: Meetings to be once every 2 months, at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays.
5. Conflict of interest: It was raised by Mike that it appeared that his position on the committee was contrary to clause G3 of the constitution. He offered his resignation. It was agreed that Mike's role with Streamline Swimming was well known, and that he had raised whether this might be a problem before standing and it was raised at the AGM, where he was overwhelmingly elected. It is clear that there is no fault on his part. There followed some discussion as to whether his position as a member of the committee was contrary to G3, and how best we might benefit from Mike's knowledge of, and engagement with, the Lido and its users if he were not to be a member. The decision was made to sadly accept his resignation but invite him to attend meetings of the committee in a non-voting capacity, save where the topic discussed might give rise to a conflict of interest.
6. AOB:
- It was noted with regret that there were no women on the committee; that the committee was all white; and that there was a preponderance of swimmers. Each of us were to seek out people to co-opt to rectify this.
  - Anti-social behaviour: it was raised that there was some aggression from some users to other users which led to intimidation. Fusion did not appear on top of this. This topic would be considered further at the next meeting.

Stephen Trowell