

Minutes of the Brockwell lido Users' Forum and AGM and the BLSG AGM

Saturday 7th October 2017

Venue: Whippersnappers Room, Brockwell Lido

In Attendance: 68 Attendees

CJ Faucher – Chair BLU

Mark Munday – Divisional Business Manager

Lee White - Lido General Manager

Donna Wiggins – Lambeth Sports and Leisure

Total number of attendees (68) with show of hands for use of pool (28), gym (14), classes (19) and outside sauna and inside spa (24)

1. **Welcome** - CJ welcomed all to the meeting, made introductions and explained that the feedback process would be based on two questions placed on Lido noticeboards, and a general discussion about a need to heat/not heat the Lido.
 - **Lido Summary Report – Lee White (Lido General manager)**
 - Gym refurbishment completed Sept '17 and generally well received
 - New mobile app introduced and new website launched
 - Whole pool all year in operation, outside lighting on the path installed
 - Spa steam room leakage fixed, gym TV screens replaced
 - On going issues include: water pressure / new water tank, scoping new pool lining (including lights) with consultation with English Heritage, wet side changing room problems, facility cleaning improvements, spin bikes relocation, review of classes.
2. **Lido Forum Feedback Session – Peter Burgess (Fusion responses in brackets)**
 - General**
 - general feeling of improvement and a genuine appreciation of the friendliness of lido staff
 - Gym**
 - More gym instructors required. (instructors listed)
 - mats: need more and they need to be cleaned (will order and clean more if continues to be a problem)
 - Dry side ladies' toilet smell (drains cleaned regularly with strong bleach)
 - Soap dispensers and loo rolls (more staff training)
 - Music levels request to reduce
 - Wonderful outside showers, good pool water quality, good value, whole pool
 - investment in the major infrastructure issues i.e. pool lining and plant (ongoing scoping)
 - Chlorine levels (no change)
 - Changing room hooks (more hooks being purchased and to be installed)
 - Lost property (will try to improve)
 - Sauna (water container may be reintroduced once users are aware of the need to comply with rule of **not using pool water**)

- Lanes sometimes over crowded (highlighted the implications on safety issues/risk procedures when lane structure are changed)
- Water polo (each group considered on merits for the summer timetable)
- Music poolside (no music policy next year)

Classes

- More yoga classes (review of classes)
- More teachers and better cover for absences (review of classes)
- App problems with cancellations (reduced the time to cancel to within 1 hour, charge for no shows)

An interesting discussion followed on pros and cons of heating the pool. Fusion has no current plans to heat the pool.

Selected comments:

The Lido has been going for 80 years without the need for heating so why start now.

If the pool was heated it would attract more users all year round.

If you ask twelve different people their view on the right level of pool temperature, you will get twelve different answers.

The environmental cost would be huge and it would need proper impact analysis and costing etc.

More consideration should be given to those who would love to swim all year round but can't because the temperatures are too low.

A third option may be found whereby heating the pool from March to September, but leaving it off for winter swimmers.

Lido is unique in it's offering of a cold water pool and we should be very proud to have it in Brixton.

Lido should embrace eco friendly solutions to allow subtle heating during periods when people require it.

3. BLU summary report – CJ Faucher (BLU Chairman)

- Highlighted successes and improvements of the year and gratitude to Fusion
- Fusion listening to users and replaced new but ineffective Spinning bikes already provided for the gym.
- Consulting users on Gym refurb and producing a stunning new gym.
- Celebrated the Lido 80th Anniversary in style on July 8th with the community.

4. BLSG summary report – Bianca Ioannides (BLSG Chairman)

- Highlighted the issues relating to the water supply and re-lining the pool
- Re-introduction of Sub Investment group, which initiates future Lido requirements.
- Success with the installation of solar powered lighting along car park entrance.

Annual General Meeting - Ann Kingsbury – (Chair of Electors)

- Minutes of 2016 Forum were formally approved
- Financial report was presented and no comments raised and formally approved

Election of BLSG members (chaired by Ann Kingsbury)

(Two independent vote counters were provided by Fusion.)

- Ann read out the names of those nominated by the BLSG participating organisations:
- (BLU) CJ Faucher, Lara Mifsud-Bonici, Humphrey Keenlyside, Yvonne Levy, Bianca Ioannides
(BPCP), Susy Hogarth (Brockwell Park Community Partners)
Effra Housing Coop, Miranda Payne
(FOBP) Michael Boyle (Friends of Brockwell Park)
(HH Forum) Giles Gibson
(HH Society) Sophia Marsh

All were presented as a slate and re-elected onto the committee by majority vote of the Participating Organisation members who were provided with voting cards, with no abstentions or votes against.

Election of BLU Officers and Committee Members. (chaired by Ann Kingsbury)

(Two Independent Vote counters were provided by Fusion).

Before the elections, all Committee nominees spoke for 30 second to introduce themselves and explain why they would be good for the BLU committee.

Election of BLU Officers and Committee members

Uncontested Officer Nominations:

CJ Faucher (Chair) 36 votes, **Shelley Silas (Deputy Chair)** 33 votes

Sara Atkinson (Treasurer) 36 votes, **Lara Mifsud-Bonici (Secretary)** 35 votes.

All were re-elected by eligible BLU members with voting cards.

Contested nominations for the required Committee members were as followed:

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	VOTES	RESULT
Berry	Nick	4	Not elected
Blench	Katrina	1	Not elected
Burgess	Peter	34	ELECTED
Ioannides	Bianca	30	ELECTED
Keenlyside	Humphrey	33	ELECTED

Levy	Yvonne	33	ELECTED
Lord	Olive	2	Not elected
Ryan-Ndegwa	Jessica	28	ELECTED
Weniz	Carolyn	34	ELECTED
Wickett	Guy	29	ELECTED

All those in bold were elected by members eligible to vote with voting cards provided.

BLU Constitutional Changes. (chaired by Ann Kingsbury)

Resolution 1 – changes to section B Membership

As proposed to BLU membership and with minor amendments tabled.

MOVED by **CJ Faucher** and reasons for proposed change explained. Questions and explanations from the floor.

Chair put tabled Constitutional amendment to the vote : FOR – 32. AGAINST – 0 ABSTENTIONS – 0

Resolution 2 – changes to section J Meeting of Members

As proposed to BLU membership and with minor amendments tabled.

MOVED by **CJ Faucher** and reasons for proposed change explained. Questions and explanations from the floor.

Chair put tabled Constitutional amendment to the vote : FOR – 34. AGAINST – 0 ABSTENTIONS – 0

Both motions were **RESOLVED** to adopt the constitutional amendments having passed the 2/3rd of members present and entitled to vote.

AOB and Close

CJ thanked everyone for contributing to the meeting and there was a reminder that the **Cold Water Swimming Gala is on the 11th November**. CJ also expressed a desire to have the Elections at the start of the next years AGM.

Finally, CJ called on Linda Casbolt, the BLU outgoing secretary who retired from the committee today. He thanked her for her many years of tireless work with the committee and presented her with a bunch of flowers and a card signed by members of BLU.