

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
Brockwell Lido Users Committee
7:00pm on Tuesday 25th February 2025
at the home of a Committee member

In attendance: Ben Longman; Robin McIver; Tina McKenzie O'Neill; Marc Meryon; Carole Stagg; Ian Matthews

1. Apologies for absence

Margie Patrick; Stephen Trowell

2. Introductions

As this was Robin's first meeting, members briefly introduced themselves.

3. Appointment of Secretary

The Committee considered appointment of Secretary who will be responsible (in discussion with the Chairman) for setting a schedule of meetings and producing an agenda for and minutes of meetings of the Committee and the Annual General Meeting.

Carole, who was the current Secretary, had advised the Chair that she was prepared to step down and the meeting AGREED to appoint Ian Matthews as Secretary.

Ben indicated the need to share certain key information relating to the website, membership list and email with Ian and they agreed that it would be useful to meet before the next meeting.

There followed a general discussion about the Website and roles that Ben would like to see Committee members take in order to share the load of promoting BLU to members and potential members. It was pointed out that engagement with members was an item later on the agenda.

4. Notes of the last two meetings

The Committee considered and **APPROVED** the notes of the Zoom meetings held on 10th and 26th November 2024

5. Matters arising

The Committee considered matters arising from the notes of the last two meetings, not covered elsewhere on the agenda

i. Update of progress on replacement of the sauna

Marc advised that the two Saunas had been delivered and were being assembled. There was a question about the division of the saunas and the fact that Fusion were likely to designate one as female only the other as mixed. There was a discussion about the extent Fusion would police use of the sauna and the Committee **AGREED** this was an operational decision for Fusion with which we would not become involved.

ii. Update on work repair or replacement of the hoist

Ben reported that he had been chasing this and had been told that a new hoist had been delivered and would be installed in the coming weeks.

iii. Update on logging system for equipment fixes (BL)

Ben told the Committee that he was developing a QR code. It will probably start life being hosted through his company and using Google Sheets. Ian agreed to look at setting up a Google Account for BLU although it was pointed out that there was an existing BLU Gmail account that had been set up by a former Chair, but since his death nobody had been able to access it.

6. Draft minutes/Feedback from the last BLSC Meeting

Marc gave a quick overview of the role and composition of the Steering Group and the obligations upon Fusion as part of their long lease. He reported that he had been elected as Chair of the BSLC and he advised the Committee that the main issue discussed at the last meeting was Fusion's Service Delivery Plan for 2025 and their proposal to increase charges in April 2025.

There was a discussion about Fusion's performance and Lambeth's response.

There was a wide-ranging discussion about how BLU might support the Steering Group and how together we could influence Lambeth. It was **AGREED** that we would speak to relevant contacts to make clear BLU's position in relation to Fusion's performance.

Ben pointed out that there might be an opportunity for a further nominee from the BLU Committee to sit on the Steering Committee and Ian indicated that he would be prepared to do so should this be the case.

7. Possible vehicle to take on the future management of the Lido.

Marc reported on discussions he had had with Ian about establishing a vehicle that might be able to take on the future management of the Lido and it was **AGREED** that Marc would circulate a paper for the next meeting about how we might best take this issue forward.

8. Engagement with Users

The Committee discussed how we might engage effectively with users and potential users.

In the first instance, the Committee **AGREED** to produce a monthly newsletter with Members of the Committee taking turns to produce something each month. Ben indicated that he was prepared to produce the first of these Newsletters and Tina said that she would produce the following one.

There was a discussion about the BLU email which is linked to the Website. There was meant to be an automatic forward of all emails to all members of the Committee. Marc said that these all went into his spam folder and other Committee members said that they were not receiving any or regular emails.

It was felt that it would be helpful if members of the Committee each took a monthly turn in responding to emails. Ben indicated that many of the emails were for Fusion and that there was an automatic reply advising people that BLU were not responsible for the running of the Lido and directing people to Fusion's website. As a result, there were few emails that needed a response. Carole felt that it would nonetheless be helpful for Committee members to have a crib sheet or list of FAQs to help ensure that we gave consistent responses to any emails that we receive.

[Post meeting note: Ben has said that he will prepare a crib sheet]

9. Schedule of Meetings for 2025

Ian spoke about the proposed dates for Committee meetings and the AGM in 2025. He pointed out that our constitution required us to meet at least 4 times a year, and to hold an AGM.

Tuesday appeared to be a convenient day for most members. and he has chosen dates that he hoped would follow meetings of the BLSC, so that our representatives would be able to report back on issues that had arisen at those meetings. Marc indicated that he was not aware of a programme of dates for BLSC.

The Committee **AGREED** the proposed schedule, with the next meeting being held at 7pm on Tuesday 20th May 2025. Marc kindly agreed to host this meeting at his home.

After the confusion over the time of this evening's meeting , it was **AGREED** that meetings would start at 7pm and would last no longer than 2 hours.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm