

Settle Area Swimming Pool CIO

Kendal Road, Giggleswick, Settle, BD24 0BU

Charity Registration Number 1171790

E mail: secretary@settleswimmingpool.co.uk Tel: 01729 825944

Minutes of

A Meeting of Board of Trustees held on

Thursday 16th March 2023

at 7.00pm at The Pool.

Present: Trustees of CIO: Colin Coleman (CC): Chair: Ian Orton (IO): Secretary: Rosie Sanderson (RS): Treasurer: Bryan Atkinson (BA), Robert Brown (RB), Anne Galloway (AG), Chris Hirst (CH), Cynthia Moorehead (CM), Iain Crossley (IC), Kath Mason (KM) AND Mike Smith (MS).

Tash Ward: Business Development Manager: (TW)

Graham Cooper– Prospective Trustee in attendance.

- 1. Welcome from the Chair:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting adding that Graham Cooper as a prospective Trustee was very welcome. The Chair had reluctantly accepted Bryan's resignation as a Trustee and thanked him for all his work during the last five years and that the pool project owed much to Bryan's professional support
- 2. Apologies:** All Trustees were present.
- 3. Declaration of interest:** No declaration of interest was raised.
- 4. Minutes of a meeting of the Trustees held on 16th February 2023:**

The minutes were reviewed and agreed as a true record of the meeting held on 16th February 2023.
- 5. Matters Arising that are not on the Agenda:**

No items were raised.

- 6. Attracting Trustees:** The Chair and Secretary gave details of prospective trustees and it was agreed the Board needed to strengthen relationships with the new North Yorkshire Council.

The Chair indicated that item 7c would be a closed session as discussions would include existing staffing.

7. Sub Groups:

a) Facilities: CH gave an update on the few remaining snagging items, growth bids and operational issues such as emergency contact numbers etc.

b) Finance: RS explained that as a result of the impact of issues such as The War in Ukraine affecting energy prices, Storm Arwen seeing the insurance costs increased to £58k a year and general inflation it was necessary to increase the basic entrance to the pool to £7 per adult an increase of 40% with a pro rata increase for juniors, concessions etc from 1st April 2023. While fully understanding the need for the increase Trustees were generally unhappy with such a big increase.

After discussion it was agreed:

a) The basic adult entrance price to the pool was increased to £7 from 1st April 2023 with other charges also increased by 40%

b) That from 1st April 2023 concessions would include pool users who were receiving Universal Credit – to qualify they would have to bring evidence from the DWP and would be given a card so the evidence was only required once.

c) From 1st January 2024 the subscription to the 200 Club would be doubled to £40 a year but the prizes would also be doubled.

d) The minimum balances would be reduced from £75k.

e) The Finance Group would investigate additional loan facilities.

f) Note the VAT repayment and the insurance payment schedules.

f) The Secretary and Treasurer to approach Sport England for a share of the £63m mentioned in the budget to assist swimming pools with increased energy costs

g) That publicity to explain the increase was developed by MS as a matter of urgency.

TW and Graham Cooper left the meeting.

c) People: AG gave an update on recent staffing issues including staff training, action taken in the absence of the pool manager due to sickness and the new arrangements to support admin tasks within the pool.

d) Publicity and Marketing: MS gave details of the activities of the Publicity and Marketing Group including leaflets being developed adding that the current newsletter had gone out to 3k users of the pool and was also available in hard copy. CH outlined the latest social media update.

8. More than a pool: Six months Review Update: CH explained the Review Seminar would be held on Tuesday 18th April at 2.30pm in St Johns Hall.

Action: CH

9. Manager's Reports:

b) Business Development Manager: TW introduced her report commenting on the implications of any price increase and an update on slots when the Stingrays could return to using the pool. The Chair thanked TW for meeting with the Stingrays to put in place the motion agreed by the Board that the Stingrays were very welcome to come back to the pool.

10. Any other business: There were no items of Any Other Business.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 20th April 2023 7pm at the Pool.

The Chair indicated this date was his birthday and cake may be available!

The meeting ended at 20.38

Signed

Chair

Date

