

Friends of Bude Sea Pool Annual General Meeting Minutes Falcon Hotel Bude, 15th November 2017 7.30pm

1. Present: (Committee and Admin) Paul Tilzey, Stephen Rosser, Martyn Holehouse, Mark Henderson, Sean Collins-Powell, Fay Hargreaves (co-ordinator), Debs Rosser, Frances Faulkner, Margaret Burch (taking the minutes).

Also attending:- Jane Masterman, Wendy Talbot, Chris Raven, Paul Smith, Debbie Stokes, Vika Bundy, David Bundy, Tracey Robinson, Sarah Blake, Mary Hicks, Sheena Loy, Gill Saunders, Bill Williams, Terry Williams, Linda Ashworth, Sue Shaw, John Edwards, Janet Barraclough, Steve Horsfield, Bill O'Mahoney, Eve O'Mahoney.

The Chairman, Paul Tilzey, welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Trustees and Committee were introduced.

2) Apologies for Absence:

Mary Blount, Terry Jourdain, David Mayor

3) Minutes of 2016 AGM

PT went through last year's minutes, any relevant items will be brought up during the meeting.

AOB - visitor numbers, lease of Sea Pool from council, new office, CCTV, operational hours, lights, water polo, lockers, dogs, youngsters on outer wall, thanks to volunteers and all behind scenes, keys for changing room. No items for open forum.

Paul signed minutes as approved.

4. Chairman's Report - Paul Tilzey

Paul went through the report, which was projected onto the screen. (See accompanying Powerpoint presentation)

Thanks given to Fay, for whom there was much applause. Thanks given from Fay to Janet Barraclough - PR, Tracy Robinson - visitors scheme, Averil Sainsbury, Dean Wronowski and Andy Jourdain - consultant civil engineer who has helped with lots of maintenance.

5) Treasurer's Report - Stephen Rosser

Copies of accounts available, and if anyone wants a copy it can be emailed. SR went through accounts, which were on the screen, page by page. The accounts show a healthy position, but we mustn't be complacent, and still need to get more income.

1. Question from the floor regarding no Gift Aid this year. In 2016 three years worth was claimed, none claimed this year as you have up to 4 years to make a claim, so will be claimed in a future year.

2. The Hub, is it used enough to warrant thinking about building something else? A lot of money has been spent on the Hub, but need to publicise it more. Put on newsletter. Get schools involved. Suggested having an open day, (have done already). Used by quite a lot of groups already. Changing rooms used a lot. Not having toilets is a drawback. Need more signage, also more effective signage.

6) Election of FoBSP Committee

Trustees Jane Masterman, Kate Skillington, Paul Tilzey, Martyn Holehouse & Stephen Rosser

Current committee: Mark Henderson, Terry Jourdain, Debs Rosser, Ray Newberry, Stephen Rosser, Paul Tilzey, Martyn Holehouse, Sean Collins-Powell & Frances Faulkner.

Terry wishes to come off the committee. Potential new membership helper - Chris Russell.

Two volunteers to come on committee from floor - Gill Saunders & Tracy Robinson Proposed by Terry Williams, and seconded by Bill Williams. Later in the meeting Sarah Blake also volunteered to join the committee. Also agreed.

7) AOB

Visitor Giving - Tracy Robinson came across the idea in Dorset. Started in lake District, donation giving at time of paying for goods, hotel etc. So far the following have joined the scheme: Wooda, Falcon Hotel, Brendon Arms, Edgecumbe Hotel. This has been another way to get income for the pool, as well as all the existing methods.

CCTV - All ratified and in hand. Town system due to be updated next year, so best to wait until then to install at Sea Pool.

Merchandise - new designs of t-shirts and hoodies etc. All encouraged to purchase from the shop.

FoBSP rules - Want to amend constitution to have 2 trustees at Committee Meetings, instead of the current three, in order to make the meeting quorate more attainable. Proposed by PT and seconded by MH. All agreed.

8) Open Forum

Walkways Funding - Buy a Brick. People could "buy" a granite brick, which would be inscribed, and used on the walkway. May only be able to be used on certain part of the walkways due to possible erosion by the sea.

Changing rooms - H&S issue, steps too big for a lot of people to use to get into the Hub. To comply with planning the base of the Hub needed to be higher. Door into changing rooms is so heavy, and when windy, the doors are lethal, and there could be an accident some time. Need to have a hook on the outside to keep door open. Changing rooms are used a lot. A positive use of hub, also other swimmers are coming far and wide to practice for events.

Critic of high wall - so much sand in the pool making swimming difficult, probably due to outer wall being so smooth. Sand is washed in and stays. Pool may need draining twice a year. Solution could be to raise the other walls and raise the level. Bude Sea Pool is one of the ten best in the whole world, and wouldn't want it to lose its natural appearance by erecting lots of buildings

Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

