

Friends of Bude Sea Pool Minutes of 2019 A.G.M. Final

The Falcon, Bude. Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7 p.m.

Present: See Attendee List attached

Apologies: See Apologies List attached

	Action	By Whom	By When
1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION The Chairman Paul Tilzey welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked for a minute's silence before commencing the meeting to honour and respect the memory of Stephen Rosser the former Treasurer who passed away earlier in the year.			
2. APOLOGIES A list of the apologies already received was read out and other names nominated from the floor were added.			
3. MINUTES OF LAST A.G.M. There was an action from the previous AGM Minutes which the Chairman advised had been undertaken. Martyn Holehouse proposed that the 2018 Minutes be approved; this was seconded by Sean Collins-Powell and agreed by all attending the meeting.			

4. REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND UPDATED STRATEGIC PLAN – Chairman of FoBSP Paul Tilzey

The Chairman paid tribute to Stephen Rosser, FoBSP former Treasurer who had sadly passed away, and to former Trustee Jane Masterman who had been a founding Member of FoBSP but who had now stepped down. He also thanked the former Committee Members Gill Saunders, Tracey Robinson and Sarah Blake who had also stepped down. He thanked all the many FoBSP Volunteers and FoBSP staff who worked tirelessly to keep the sea pool and the FoBSP Charity running efficiently, and also the sponsors, business sponsors and contributing Friends and members of the public who donated.

He advised that a full report of the activities of FoBSP during 2018/19 were outlined in the Review of the Strategic Plan – this is available on the FoBSP web site along with the Strategic Plan for 2019 -2021. In the meantime he highlighted the key points:-

Maintenance – Save our Steps. Thanks to a successful fund-raising campaign, enough funds had been raised to replace the crumbling and dangerous steps leading up from Summerleaze Beach using local Cornish granite. The job had now been completed and other areas of concrete had been repaired. Maintenance is the charity’s highest item of expenditure and every year, each time the pool is emptied, the cost of removing the bridge over the sluice is £1,780, removing pebbles is over £2,000, a total of £4,000, before any actual maintenance is undertaken.

Office – As membership numbers had increased, a new Computer Record Management system had to be installed to facilitate more effective communication with our members and to better manage our financial transactions.

Running costs – It has been calculated that the total cost of running Bude Sea Pool is £12 per hour, every hour throughout the year.

Next season – The three steps leading down to the pool have become worn and in a poor state of repair and are due for refurbishment. The surrounding rocks also need to be carefully monitored as they protect the Hub.

A graph was shown of visitor and user numbers indicating that numbers have risen this year from last year. The Chairman also showed a slide of the Guardian article this week showing that Bude Sea Pool was the Number 1 outdoor swimming destination in the country.

<p>5. FINANCIAL REPORT</p> <p>The FoBSP Financial Accounts were presented to the Meeting showing Income and Expenditure shown on the screen.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the income figure for this year was some £25K higher due to three years Gift Aid being credited in this last financial year. In future, this will be claimed regularly and automatically using the new CRM system.</p> <p>Question from the floor – can Direct Debits be made monthly or quarterly? Committee Member Sean Collins-Powell explained that with the new CRM system this may now be possible and as it was now easier to adjust payments, there would be scope to amend or increase subscriptions in the future.</p> <p>Question from the floor – should FoBSP have a profit? The Chairman explained that FoBSP have a surplus, rather than a profit and our current reserves equal less than the cost of running the pool for one year. However the Trustees were aiming for larger reserves to mitigate against unexpected financial expenditure due to catastrophic storm damage to the sea pool or other risks.</p>			
<p>6. AMENDMENTS TO FOBSP ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION</p> <p>Two amendments to the Articles were proposed:-</p> <p>a) Change the number of Trustees from 5 to 6. This was to increase the skill set of the Trustees and allow a more balanced gender Board. Question from the floor - Whether this would be a 3 against 3 situation? The Chairman replied he had a casting vote, so this should not arise.</p> <p>b) Remove Junior Membership. This was because this category was no longer used as family memberships were popular.</p> <p>David Mayor proposed that the Meeting accept these amendments; this was seconded by Steve Horsfield. All were in agreement so the Amendments were passed.</p>			
<p>7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE</p> <p>Frances Faulkner introduced the 6 Trustees including three new Trustees as detailed on Paper 3, Item 1, and the three existing Trustees.</p> <p>Frances also detailed the Committee changes, as per Paper 3, Item 2 detailing those standing down this year, and introducing the new member, and existing Committee members. All the biographies of the new Trustees and Committee were available to all attending.</p> <p>Steve Horsfield proposed that all six named Trustees be elected; this was seconded by James Marshall. Unanimous voting in favour of this proposal.</p> <p>Steve Horsfield proposed that all named Committee be elected; this was seconded by Chris Menlove-Platt. Unanimous voting in favour of this proposal.</p>			

<p>8. QUESTIONS AND MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION RAISED BY MEMBERS</p> <p>Bill Williams (Swim Safe Co-ordinator for Bude) thanked FoBSP for the help with Swim Safe and thanked all the staff for their help in running it. The Meeting applauded his efforts on Swim Safe. He explained there is now a huge national sponsor for 2020, but each local Swim Safe still needs to find 50% of the annual expenditure.</p> <p>Alison Wood gave her thanks for all the hard work undertaken by the Trustees and Committee.</p> <p>Martyn Holehouse outlined the details of the new Trusted User Scheme – all members of FOBSP have access to the Hub by a key which anyone can obtain free of charge. Application forms for a key are available. The locks would shortly be changed and notification given when the keys are available. Plans are in process of making sure the Hub stays dry. Chris Brewerton asked if FoBSP had used his findings in respect of the Hub ventilation and the Chairman replied that this was now being investigated.</p> <p>The recent FoBSP Auction raised over £4,000.</p> <p>Bill Williams asked if plans were still in place for a joint FoBSP/Swim Safe fund-raising disco? Gill Cannon advised that she had now taken over as Committee member with responsibility for fundraising and would discuss it with him. Jeff Palmer offered to provide live music for fundraising functions for which he was thanked.</p> <p>Martin Dancey asked for FoBSP thoughts on climate change? i.e. how should we protect the pool in the light of this as in 300 years the sea levels could be 3 metres higher? The Chairman advised that FoBSP were considering the risk, and it would be reflected in the Risk Management section of the Strategic Plan and that one of our new Trustees was an expert in this field.</p> <p>Question from the floor asked about the Pepper Pot being moved back from the cliff, and what impact this would have on the sea pool? The Chairman advised that Cornwall County Council have accepted responsibility to clear away any major rock falls and slippage at Bude Sea pool but not to do anything else.</p>			
<p>9. A.O.B. AND CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>Dave Mayor requested that a thank you letter is sent from FoBSP to our local lifeguards to thank them for their help at the Sea Pool during the season.</p> <p>Sarah Blake gave thanks to the volunteers who give up their time scooping up pebbles etc in all winds and weathers.</p> <p>The Chairman finished by giving thanks to all who attended the meeting and thanked all Friends and Business Supporters who have helped to keep Bude Sea Pool open and free for generations to come. Finally – he asked for everyone to keep spreading the word about Bude's wonderful Sea Pool!</p> <p>Meeting finished at 7.50 p.m.</p>	Write to Lifeguards	Chairman	Dec 2019