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BLU Newsletter January 2015

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Benjamin Franklin



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DIARY DATES

Sunday 25th January 11am BLU EGM

(Extraordinary General Meeting)

EGM with links BROCKWELL LIDO USERS GROUP: NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Dear Members,

Following the BLU Forum on 27th September 2014 at which BLU's AGM was also held, a member has questioned whether the process of elections for the Committee that took place that day was constitutional. The Committee believe that the best way to put this concern to rest is to call an EGM and run the elections again. At the same time, acknowledging that our constitution leaves a lot to interpretation and was written when BLU had a very different purpose, the Committee has started work to improve and strengthen the constitution and bring it into closer line with the constitutions of comparable local unincorporated associations. Some of this work is complete, the Committee therefore recommends that you also vote on amendments relating to membership and elected officers at the same special meeting.

Therefore, the **agenda** for the meeting is:

Election of BLU Committee and office holders

Amendments to BLU Constitution

THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11am ON SUNDAY 25th JANUARY 2015 IN STUDIO 2 AT THE LIDO. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

Arrangements for the meeting -

Given the nature of the business, the meeting will be chaired by an independent Councillor Paul McGlone, who is Deputy Leader of Lambeth Council and Cabinet member for Finance and Investment.

Members of BLU – that is, individuals who are on BLU's mailing list (email or hard copy) – will be entitled to vote. To avoid any dispute about eligibility, only those individuals who were on the membership list on 27th September 2014 – the date of the AGM whose conduct has been called into question - may vote. Individuals wishing to stand for the Committee and for any Committee offices should make their intentions known to info@brockwelllido.com no later than 18th January 2015. Meeting papers will be emailed out no later than 11th January 2015. A small number of hard copies will be available from the Lido from 12th January.

BROCKWELL LIDO USERS GROUP: EGM MEETINGPAPERS

Dear Members,

We wrote to you on 12th December 2014, where we gave you notice of an EGM taking place this month on 25th January in Studio 2 at the Lido at 11:00.

As set out in the EGM notification, we are now providing you with the Meeting Papers for your information before the meeting.

Agenda:

- 1)Welcome.
- 2)Election of Paul as the procedural chairman for the EGM.
- 3)Agreement of EGM Ground Rules – Chair.
- 4)Election of BLU Committee and office holders.
- 5)Amendments to the BLU constitution (see attached document)
- 6)Close

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[Signed]

The BLU Committee

11th January 2015.

BLU PROPOSAL - PLEASE READ

Sunday, 8th February 11am-12 noon Cold Water Swimming Gala

Another first for our Lido! Free entry to all spectators. Teams or swimmers wishing to join a team should contact Tara, the pool manager. Volunteers are also needed to help with preparations earlier on the morning of the gala. Toned gym bunnies particularly welcome. Again, please contact Tara at the Lido.

Photos of Christmas day swim below and on [BL facebook page](#)



Thanks to [onlyamomenthoney](#)



Many thanks to all the lovely winter lifeguards!

Lido Celebrations
Christmas Day swim

For the very first time, there was swimming at Brockwell Lido on Christmas Day. Valiant lifeguards, including manager, Tara, watched over about 50 swimmers and many more spectators. We hope it isn't the last time! Donations of £140 were made, to be put towards something on site. A massive thank you to Tara and her team.

Photos on Brockwell Lido [facebook page](#)

The traditional **mid-winter jump-in** (Freeze for Trees) on December 13th attracted 120 swimmers and supporters. £5000 was raised for Trees for Cities.

Photos on Brockwell Lido [facebook page](#)

On the same day, 100 people sang their hearts out at the **Carol singing** event poolside and £140 was collected for St Christopher's Hospice.

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Meetings with Lido Managers

You will probably be aware that a BLU committee member (usually the Chair) meets with Lido managers at least once a month. Matters discussed include issues in the gym, the spa and the pool. Suggestions made by members are always followed up. This month, subjects included problems with the wooden gym floor, cleaning issues during the holiday period, cold changing rooms, cars parked in motorcycle bays and anti-social behaviour in the spa area. If you use the spa, please remember that food and drink is not allowed in the area, apart from water of course. And oils, skin creams and lotions are not permitted because they cause pollution and malfunctioning of the hydropool. For these reasons, bags should be left in lockers in the changing rooms, not taken into the spa area.

We look forward to welcoming you to the BLU members' **EGM on Sunday, 25th January at 11am**. This should be a short meeting so you will have plenty of time to enjoy the other delights of Herne Hill.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and fit New Year!

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