

Brockwell Lido User Group meeting, 13th August 2019

Attendees: Beverley Burton, Guy Wickett, Stephen Trowell, Bianca Ioannides, Yvonne Levy, Shelley Silas, Jessica Ryan-Ndegwa, Ben Longman, Jonathan Blake

Guests: Mike Johnstone, Jason DaPonte, Emma Hollick

1. Introductions and welcome to potential new committee members

- a. Yvonne Levy gave a brief history of BLU, founded in 2001. Beverley Burton talked about the role of BLU representing different user groups.
- b. Discussion about co-opting new members and the need for a wide range of people on the committee. Mike Johnstone, Jason DaPonte and Emma Hollick made representations about what they could bring to BLU as committee members.

2. BLU's Objects - discussion of BLU's objects as set out in its constitution

- a. BLU members had a discussion of member roles and key objects in the constitution. Members including Stephen Trowell and Ben Longman raised questions about how BLU should act as a conduit for its members, and how it should be accountable.
- b. Committee members discussed where and how BLU should give feedback to Fusion, and the need for a more accessible, physical way (such as a comments board) for members to give feedback and raise issues.
- c. Bianca Ioannides reiterated the objects in BLU's constitution, which include safeguarding the lido's future, ensuring user involvement and consultation in decisions on the future of the Lido and helping promote and enhance the user website.

3. Engagement and marketing

- a. A discussion around the need for more engagement and social media activity. General discussion about the need for more content to support and promote usership of the lido.
- b. Ben Longman offered present plan for revamping the website.
- c. Shelley Silas and Beverley Burton solicited feedback in advance of meeting with the Lido General Manager in the coming days.

4. Pool lining

- a. Bianca Ioannides has talked to Mark Munday about presenting more on the three options for the pool lining. Fusion have not made a decision yet. The pool has not been patched and painted for 9 years and BLSC has pushed for a lining. There are concerns about making 100% sure there is no leak.
- b. In terms of safeguarding the lido there is concern that a leak or other issue could close the lido over the critical summer season. Surveys to date indicate no major leak but that does not mean there won't be one in the future.

- c. Stephen Trowell asked if Fusion had outlined the rationale for their preferred lining option, and made the point that users are divided but would benefit from more information.
- d. Guy Wickett asked if there have been structural reports made available for either BLU or the BLSC to read.

5. Any other business

- e. Beverley Burton gave a reminder that BLU needs to give notice of an AGM 21 days in advance and recommended that BLU meet before then to cover AGM planning
- f. The committee agreed to fund a memorial cup for CJ Faucher to be presented at the upcoming gala at the lido.
- g. Café – Stephen Trowell asked whether it would shut down in September. Bianca Ioannides confirmed that Fusion are still discussing extending the lease with the current leaseholders.