

Brockwell Lido Users Group (BLU)
EGM – Sunday, 25th January 2015 - VENUE: Lido Studio 2

Background

- BLU AGM 27th September 2014 – one member questioned process of officer elections.
- Committee agreed to call an EGM to address concerns and start process of review of the BLU Constitution (notified to members 14th December 2014).
- To avoid disputes about eligibility to participate and vote at the EGM, membership was 'frozen' at 27th Sept.
- EGM meeting papers emailed : **Sunday, 11th January 2015** & notices displayed at Lido.
- Deadline for nominations : **Sunday, 18th January 2015.**

MINUTES

Quorum (Constitution para J3 – 20) : 40 registered members entitled to vote attended.

1. **Welcome by** BLU Chair

2. **Election of Chair for the EGM.**

Meeting agreed election of Paul McGlone (local Lambeth Councillor and Member) as Procedural Chair for the BLU EGM.

3 **Agreement of EGM Ground rules - Chair**

*Chair proposed and meeting **AGREED** to the following Ground Rules to facilitate completing the business in good order.*

- Eligibility to participate and vote (agreed in advance members as at 27th Sept 2014).
- Time limit for the meeting - propose 1 1/2 hours maximum.
- That no nominations from the floor shall be allowed.
- That only the Constitutional Resolution put forward by BLU Committee shall be considered.

Voting

- Unless agreed unanimously, voting shall be by show of hands.
- Fusion Officers will be asked to act as tellers, who shall count the hands, agree the number and advise the Chair of the vote.
- Note : **40 Members** present who are entitled to vote (excluding Chair).
- Note : **simply majority** of those voting needed to pass an ordinary resolution / election.
- Note : **27 votes needed to pass a constitutional resolution** (2/3rd's of members present entitled to vote – Constitution para K).
- There shall be **no 'hustings' / speeches** for officer / committee elections, with the exception of the contested officer position, where up to 1 minute shall be allowed for each nominated Member to speak.
- That contributions on the Constitutional resolutions be limited to: **MOVER 3 minutes** – other **CONTRIBUTIONS 2 minutes** maximum per member (on each proposition).
- **Constitutional 'points of order'** - only through the Chair with Chair's decision being final.
- **Common courtesy** - asked to respect each others right to speak, not interrupt or heckle other speakers and in the interests of fairness, keep any contribution within the agreed time limits.

4. **BLU Committee elections**

4 (a) **Officers**

Discussion on whether uncontested nominations for the 5 BLU officer positions should be declared elected or subject to a vote from the floor of the meeting. As the BLU Constitution Section F is open to interpretation, and BLU having called for nominations to be submitted in advance by 18th January, Chair's guidance was it was not uncommon for such uncontested positions to be declared elected.

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The Chair proposed and the Meeting **AGREED** by a majority vote to accept the principle that uncontested nominations for officer positions should be declared elected without a vote.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED:

The Chair declared **CJ Faucher** ELECTED un-opposed as **Chair**.

The Chair declared **Shelley Silas** ELECTED un-opposed as **Vice Chair**.

Contested election for the position of Secretary:

- Votes for Humphrey Keenlyside – 34
- Votes for Tim Sutton – 3

The Chair declared **Humphrey Keenlyside** ELECTED as **Secretary**.

The Chair declared **Linda Casbolt** ELECTED un-opposed as **Membership Secretary**.

The Chair declared **Sara Atkinson** ELECTED un-opposed as **Treasurer**.

4 (b) Committee members (up to 10)

Chair's guidance to the meeting was that, given 17 nominations for Committee members were received; that as five of those nominations were elected as officers (and therefore withdrawn), there remained 12 valid nominations for the 10 Committee member positions.

Members would be asked to vote for each candidate in turn; should only vote up to 10 times (self-policing); but did not have to vote 10 times, if Member choose not to.

With the Fusion Officers acting as tellers (to agree the number of votes) the following votes were cast:

Nomination	Surname	Given name	Votes	Chair declared:
1	Devery	Anthony	14	Not elected
2	Fox	Julian	32	ELECTED
3	Hill	Mary	35	ELECTED
4	Holman	Judy	35	ELECTED
5	Ioannides	Bianca	30	ELECTED
6	Levy	Yvonne	35	ELECTED
7	Mifsud-Bonici	Lara	30	ELECTED
8	Spashett	Linda	35	ELECTED
9	Sutton	Tim	6	Not elected
10	Thompson	Ruth	33	ELECTED
11	Weniz	Carolyn	33	ELECTED
12	Wickett	Guy	25	ELECTED

5. Amendments to BLU Constitution

Resolution 1 – changes to Section B Membership

As proposed to BLU membership and with minor amendments tabled.

MOVED by **CJ Faucher** and reasons for proposed change explained. Questions and explanations from the floor.

Chair put tabled Constitutional amendment to the vote : FOR – 34. AGAINST – 4. ABSTENTIONS – 2.

RESOLVED to adopt the constitutional amendment (having passed the 2/3rd of members present entitled to vote).

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Resolution 2 – changes to Section F Officers

As proposed to BLU membership and with minor amendment tabled.

MOVED by **CJ Faucher** and reasons for proposed change explained. Questions and explanations from the floor.

Chair put tabled Constitutional amendment to the vote : FOR – 18. AGAINST – 14. ABSTENTIONS – 4.

RESOLUTION FELL as a constitutional amendment (having failed to meet the 2/3rd of members present entitled to vote).

6. Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.