

**Venue:** Horwich Leisure Centre

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016

**Present:** Elliot Bostock (Chairman), Nick Doughty, Steve Howell, Roger Harrop, Lindsay Reynolds, Georgina Brennand, Debbie King, Laurence Mills, Mike Robinson

**Apologies:** Nigel Jackson, Lisa Harrop, Jenny Yates

## 1. Minutes from 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015

- ND to assess who needs a refund from rejected galas
  - In hand : ND to issue shortly
- Membership: NJ to look into numbers for breakeven position for club
  - Carried over for NJ
- NJ & EB to assess increase in fees proposal
  - EB assessed current costs for members based on pool availability:
 

○ Performance:	£1.11 ph	14hrs pw
○ Academy:	£1.24 ph	10.5 hrs pw
○ Junior:	£1.25 ph	7 hrs pw
○ Link:	£1.43 ph	3.5 hrs pw
○ Masters:	£4.00 per session	3.75 hrs pw
  - Carried over for full assessment.
- Squad Kit – see below
- Spring Gala – see below
- Rossall swim camp: progressing with email from Steve D

## 2. Newsletter: Issued this week by JY – excellent feedback from committee

## 3. Masters Grant (BIG Lottery): Grant extension term ends at the end of Feb 2016

- Estimated £5.3k under-spend
  - Land training equipment
    - **Action:** MR, LM, Lucas Siska and Steve Jones (Masters) to assess requirements, prepare list and send to EB for formal spend approval from BIG Lottery
  - Masters Tri – clinic by Richard Varga proposed: Cost £2k
    - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, David Lloyd
    - 2x 1hr pool sessions plus 1 hr Q&A
    - 60 spaces available @ £25 per head
    - **Action:** EB to get sign off with BIG Lottery
    - **Up-dated 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016:** not approved by BIG Lottery: This is getting into a more specialised area within the sport itself and is not within the scope of

the original approved project justification for general fitness and wellbeing for the public.

#### 4. BMSS Kit

- Mark Parr to be asked to come back with 'Red Stripe' alternatives
- Will new pool affect the squad name?
- Committee decided to progress as proposed (with BMSS name) as kit is needed by squad now.
  - **Action:** EB to progress with Mark Parr

#### 5. Electronic Membership:

- EB has looked into an electronic version for club membership
- Covers transaction fees
- Allows BMSS summary sheets
- BUT 10% transaction fee
  - **Action:** NJ, EB & DK to investigate further and check alternative systems then report back to Committee

#### 6. Website Contact details:

- Post committee member details on website
- Including photos
- Committee & Non-Committee officials
  - Passed by committee
    - **Action:** Committee members to send photo to EB
    - **Action:** EB to check non-present members are happy (JY, NJ & AB)

#### 7. Dropbox:

- Already set up by Rory for Junior and Academy squads
- Available to have as App
- For Committee, Reps and Coaches
  - **Action:** EB & Rory to progress set up

#### 8. Social Calendar:

- Aim to increase Socials
- Still need to recruit Social Secretary
  - **Action:** Committee & Reps to target sociable parents into role
- A need to set up Club Awards Plus Night (Disco, Pasty, Location, etc etc)
  - **Action:** Committee to assess 1<sup>st</sup> w/e in Sept (10.09.16) as a definite date.

#### 9. Spring Gala:

- Friday pm is not available from Bolton One
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April decided as the best fit with the swim calendar
  - **Action:** ND to confirm to committee date is suitable

- **Up-dated 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016:** ND pointed out the same date as the Deventio Meet in Sheffield – LM to confirm whether Academy / Juniors will be required to attend this meet.

## 10. 2016 Training Plan

- Smithills closure 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Jan
  - Masters Cancelled
  - Monday nights – Academy to train with Performance at Bolton School
    - Bolton School chlorine issues:
      - a. Smithills closure gives the club 2 weeks to assess progress
      - b. Coaches to minimize problems with:
        - i. Showers – stringent instructions to swimmers
        - ii. Skill & kick sessions to complement Mon am difficult session
      - c. 4/5 swimmers appear to have specific problems
        - i. Action: MR & LM to assessed these swimmers and give training options.
    - **Action:** GB & DK to email Academy and Junior squads with short term plan.
- Masters training proposed to move Thursday Smithills to Wednesday Smithills
  - Can they get an extra ½ hour on Wed by Juniors training 6:30 – 8:00pm and Masters 8:00 – 9:30pm?
  - Rejected by committee who wanted to not compromise on Junior sessions
    - Proposed to have Juniors 6:30 – 8:30pm & Masters 8:30 – 9:30pm
    - **Action:** EB to progress offering Bolton Tri Club the Thursday 8:00 – 9:00pm slot, retaining BMSS control.
    - End of Jan 16 to commence this change in the program
- Link to change name to Development Squad 1 & Development Squad 2 (DS1 & DS2)
  - Committee rejected proposal to offer both squads specific 2 of 3 sessions preferring the coaches to run both squads in each of the 3 sessions.
    - **Action:** EB to change name on website & email addresses for coaches and reps
    - **Up-dated 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016:** done
- Academy & Junior recommended TM led gala in Cardiff Tiger Bay 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March
  - Committee questioned
    - the availability of TM2's for over-night stays
    - the time scale to set up the meet
    - practicalities of getting children to coach departing Friday pm
    - whether performance swimmers who fail to make the Edinburgh International cut (same w/e) should be invited.
    - **Action:** LM & DK to progress and assess practicalities
- Land training equipment (see point 3 above) to be kept at Horwich
  - This means that land training will have to take place at Horwich
  - Academy and Junior therefore need to change the Saturday program to:
    - Swim Westhoughton 5:30 – 7:30am

- Travel to Horwich with parents
- Land Training Horwich 8:00 – 8:45am
- LM to remain at Westhoughton to take the DS session – proposed 7:30 – 9:00am
- **Action:** GB & DK to email squads

11. Next Meeting proposed: 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016, 6:15 am