

# Friends of the Peterborough Lido

## Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Hampton Library & Leisure Centre, Clayburn Road, PE7 8GL

**Present:** **FOPL officio)**  
 David Godfrey (DG)  
 Clare Marshall (CM) (DomG)  
 Monica Ilett (MI)  
 Maggie Divers (MD)  
 Nick Carter (NC)

**PL/Vivacity (ex**  
 Ian Spence (IS)  
 Dom Gray

Sam Hickman (SH) (Vivacity)  
 Jemma Rees (JR) (Vivacity)  
 Ian Spence (IS) (Vivacity)  
 Dom Gray (DG) (Vivacity)

Item	Subject	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	Sam Hickman, Jemma Rees, John Parker.  Hazel Barnard is now retiring and will no longer be writing the minutes for FoPL – a thank you card for all her help in taking and writing the minutes was sent from the committee.	
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Introductions and Welcome</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DG thanked everyone for coming.</li> </ul>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Previous Minutes and matters arising</b>	
	<b>The minutes were approved and agreed with the following amendments and actions:</b>	
	<b>Amendments:</b> to remove second action of item 8	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters arising:</b> <b>3. MD</b> to obtain forms so new signatories can be added-completed <b>4. CM</b> to continue to cover the role of membership secretary. <b>5. MI</b> to share Sophie Etheridge’s fundraising on FoPL Facebook page <b>6. SH</b> – Summer screenings were cancelled, <b>CM</b> passed Jack Bright article to Nina <b>7. R</b> to contact FoPL volunteers for stewarding for film- <b>JS</b> confirmed film cancelled <b>IS</b> working with B.I.B to address increasing security issues- <b>IS</b> update on business improvement plan to cover in item 7. <b>SH</b> to confirm dates for dog swim and post season swim <b>9. DG</b> send letter to P’boro Ltd. re: volunteers -this is no longer needed. <b>10. DG</b> committee members day out – no further information <b>11. DG</b> produce a newsletter and circulate requesting volunteers from membership to form a subcommittee to look at fund raising events. <b>12.</b> Covered in item 10	

<p>3</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p>	<p><b>Treasurers Report:</b></p> <p><b>Current Bank Balance: 1,829.63</b></p> <p><b>Bank signatories and banking arrangements: MD</b> is currently working on the final stages of this, she has written to the Chief executive throughout September Andy Robson wants a letter to say we have removed Chairman. He continues to send different forms</p>	<p>MD/DG</p>
<p>4</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p>	<p><b>Membership secretary report:</b></p> <p>An email was sent (10/10/23) today by <b>Karen Brines</b> resigning from her post as membership secretary. She had moved to Lincolnshire and coupled with other circumstances was no longer able to commit any time to the Lido. In the absence of <b>KB</b>, <b>CM</b> has continued to cover the membership secretary role, assisting with formatting minutes, agenda and all new memberships.</p> <p>Since the last meeting there have been 5 more new members, making a total of 78 members for 2023.</p> <p>(31 new members and 1 honorary) New membership date to be agreed – April 1<sup>st</sup>? to be discussed.</p> <p>Membership benefits : should current pre and post season swim be reconsidered in light of current extended opening?</p> <p><b>Dom G agreed</b> to look into options for private afternoon or evening swims</p> <p>There is a need to assign roles to committee members so responsibilities are shared and extra members are needed. There has been a strong interest in joining the committee from an ex seamstress and ex policewoman , both have had past involvement with the Lido. A retired man, a current swimmer, has also shown an interest.</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>CM</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><b>IT / Website update</b></p> <p><b>KB</b> is still listed as a person who can upload on Facebook, <b>CM</b> is also listed, <b>KB</b> to be removed and <b>CM</b> to be fall back if <b>MI</b> is not available.</p> <p><b>CM</b> is sending daily photographs and straplines to <b>MI</b>.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Feedback from FoPL members, volunteers and other sources.</b></p> <p><b>CM</b>, Howard Marshall and Paul Chapman are now official volunteers, more volunteers will be recruited.</p> <p>The rope winder is surviving and lane signs are still lasting.</p> <p>Many people are pleased that the season has been extended and there are many swimmers that are coming from further afield to swim where their local lido has closed ( e.g. Hitchen)</p> <p>People have commented how nice the plants are at the front of the building.</p> <p>The coverage of Sophie Etheridge the channel swimmer and how she did some of her training in the lido is all a positive for Peterborough Lido.</p> <p>There have been many grateful comments on the improvement the cleaners have made to the cloakrooms and cubicles.</p>	

7	<p><b>News update from Vivacity/Peterborough Ltd.- Maintenance inventory</b>  <b>IS</b> thanks to all staff for working to keep the pool open  <b>DG-</b> thanked Peterborough Ltd. For making the Lido so improved under difficult circumstances.  <b>IS</b> reported £10.000 has been spent on putting up more lights so the Lido can open earlier in the morning.  If it is to remain open for the winter <b>IS</b> said that both staffing and the weather will influence this.</p> <p>They are looking at a cover – the heritage officer at PCC is getting quotes for structures over the pool, which will have to be strong and ground surveys will look at pipes and the underground structure.  A structure currently being used in Portugal is being investigated as being a solution for Peterborough.</p> <p><b>IS</b> Looking at not for profit- final submission , Swimming pool recovery ( central government) Sport England.  The Regional pool has cost a lot of money. <b>CM</b> reported about her visit to Woodhall Spa and how they have built a small gym. <b>KC</b> informed the meeting that Brockwell Lido also have a gym area.  Pboro Ltd are looking at a range of options.  <b>DG</b> suggested the committee did a maintenance inventory at the end of the season and asked for a tour around the Lido for committee members.  The Sub Aqua club have the use of one of the rooms. John Parker had agreed to come and speak to the committee but had to cancel at the last minute. They have keys to the building but there is no formal agreement and they pay no rent for the room. They do help with cleaning the pool.</p>	DG
8	<p><b>Planning for the Future:</b>  <b>DG and CM</b> reported on the meeting of the subcommittee and issued a paper listing ideas and wish list.  A Christmas fair, Literary festival, being two of the items discussed with the viability taking into account health and safety and staffing considered.  <b>IS</b> meeting Brian Tiler with regard to swims for autistic, people with disabilities etc.</p>	Vivacity
9	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b>  <b>KC</b> suggested the Princes Trust as one option for involvement with the lido</p>	
10	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b>  <b>Tuesday 23 January 2024 2pm – 4pm Hampton leisure Centre</b>  <b>AGM 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 time and location to be agreed</b>  <b>Time: agreed as 6pm and discussed the AGM to be held at Hampton leisure Centre,</b>  <b>Fiona to be contacted with regard to catering provision</b></p>	

Minutes agreed by the committee at meeting on 9 April 2024 as a true record of the meeting on 10 October 2023

Certified as correct by

David C Godfrey  
FoPL Chairman  
9 April 2025