

Friends of the Peterborough Lido

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 7th February 2022 at Hampton Leisure Centre

Present: Janet Martin (JM) (Chair) Sam Hickman (SH) (Vivacity)
Clare Marshall (CM) (Vice Chair) Ian Spence (IS) (Vivacity)
Monica Ilett (MI) Hazel Barnard (HB) (Vivacity – notes)

1. **Apologies** – Sue Godfrey, Tom Measures, Maggie Divers
2. **Previous Minutes** - Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2021 were agreed to be correct with one correction – Monica Ilett to be noted as sending her apologies.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - (i) **Café Development** – no further updates have been received. Structural changes to improve the café and the serving hatch are being considered. IS is checking implications of structural changes in relation to the building's listed status.
 - (ii) **Visitor Book** – it was agreed to implement this; Janet will obtain a suitable book.
 - (iii) **Friends of Lido Charitable Status** – this item to be carried forward, to be discussed at a future meeting.
 - (iv) **Midsummer Magic** – this event is aimed at the business community to promote the venue for corporate events. JM is to meet with the CEO of Opportunity Peterborough to discuss and push the event and the corporate message to businesses – **JM to invite IS to the meeting.**
 - (v) **Merchandise Point of Sale** – alternative locations to sell merchandise, other than the reception office, are being considered. This has been tried previously, however many items were stolen as a result.
 - (vi) **Staff Identification** – the addition of an ID board with photos of staff on duty is being considered.
4. **Maintenance Work Required** – repair work has been carried out to address a major leak that was recently discovered. Monitoring is being carried out to ensure the repair work has been successful.
5. **Opening Day** – has not been decided yet and is dependent on the repair works to fix the leak (as mentioned above) being successful.
 - Saturday 2nd April was suggested as a potential date for reopening, all being well.
 - It was proposed that the Lido opens in April with limited opening hours until 28th May when it will revert to normal seasonal opening hours.

- It was suggested additional early morning and twilight swims be considered as they are very popular and in demand.
- An opening ceremony to be considered as held in previous years.

6. Planned Events

- Planned days/evenings are being organised for events such as the Summer Solstice (date to be agreed) and British Naturism.
- The Midsummer Magic event template has already been planned, in conjunction with the Rotary Club, and is ready to go. Tickets are going on sale at £30 each (£275 for 10) to include a glass of champagne. **JM to forward a copy of the risk assessment to SH.**
- A pop-up cinema event was suggested, this has been tried previously but was found to be very expensive, IS to forward contact details of alternative providers if he can obtain them.
- An LGBT event is being organised, hopefully to coincide with Pride week in Peterborough.
- As last year's dog swim was a great success it will be repeated this year. It was suggested the event should be held over two sessions to cater for demand as it was over-subscribed last year.
- Aqua fit classes are to be organised and prepared.
- Corporate days/events are being considered – the Midsummer Magic event will help with this and will, potentially, generate useful ideas that can be used to create a package that can be offered to businesses.
- It was suggested events could be generated that are 'piggy backed' to national events such as the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

7. **Financial Update** – No update since the last meeting – £958.28 is currently held in our account at Santander. It was suggested the admission fees remain at £7.50, with the option to "top up" to £10.00, the same as last year.

8. **AGM** – to be held 22nd March 2022 at Vivacity Premier Fitness Café at 6.00pm.

- The Constitution does not currently allow for the appointment of a Vice Chair which is now to be included and ratified at the AGM.
- HB to look into the possibility of providing a projector for the meeting. *Post meeting note – a projector is available and will be set up for the meeting.*
- SH to provide an overview at the meeting accompanied by Jemma Rees who will be fully based at the Lido for the 2022 season.
- IS to take charge of the meeting whilst the position of Chair is being ratified.
- MI to be ratified as a full member.
- JM to send out the papers for the AGM at least two weeks prior to the meeting requesting/ noting nominations of Committee Members/Officers to be ratified at the meeting.
- It was suggested MI issue a 'hold the date' message on the website.

9. Any Other Business

None

10. **Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 6.00pm at Vivacity Premier Fitness Cafe