

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE SHERE SWIMMING POOL CLUB HELD ON MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2014
AT THE TANYARD HALL GOMSHALL AT 8 PM**

The following 19 members signed in to the Meeting: Allen Ian, Chapman Ron, Fitzpatrick Betty, Gallo Stephanie, Gellatly Peter, Hartney Carole, Kelly Mary, Marler Geoff, Meunier Alain, Patterson Siobhan, Pears Sue, Stevens Sally, Clive & Sue, Stoten Richard, Taylor-Cotter Marion, Taylor Jenny, Troughton Roger, Waugh Jane, Wichtowski Janek.

The acting Chairman, Janek Wichtowski, welcomed the members to the Meeting.

Janek opened the meeting with the sad news that Mike Westbrook had suddenly died on 16th October 2014. Our thoughts and condolences are with Mike's family. Mike came on the Committee in 1998 and was an invaluable member. He put in an enormous amount of time and work on the pool, on the machinery; pool emptying, clearing and painting; planning and organising repairs and improvements; winterising the pool; and countless other tasks. We owe him a great debt and he will be irreplaceable. Janek asked us all to stand and drink a toast in tribute to Mike.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from: B & D Arnfield., Peter Duncan

MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. of 28.10.13.

Agreed as a correct record and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

These would be dealt with during the Meeting.

4. COMMITTEE'S REPORT:

After a wet, cold start we had lovely hot, sunny weather for most of the summer and the pool was well used. The pool closed at the end of September. No appreciable vandalism or mishaps. Work to reline the pool with fibreglass was started but it was not possible to fibreglass due to the wet weather, and your Committee will be considering how to proceed. The persistent problem of unaccompanied under 18 year olds, non-members gaining access and adults leaving underage children at the pool continues and will be discussed later in the meeting. The Committee must take firmer action, identifying offenders and withdrawing membership. We again had a resident duck on her nest, this time behind the shower. She successfully led her ducklings out to the stream whilst we were painting the pool.

Thanks Janek, on behalf of the Club, thanked all involved in cleaning the pool, painting etc. at the start of the season. Thanks to Clive also for running the boiler and filter system and all those on the filter rota. A special thanks to Betty Fitzpatrick for running the maintenance rota. Thanks too, to all the maintenance rota volunteers, do volunteer next year; the Pool could not run without you. Thanks to Peter Duncan for putting on the cover every evening and to Ron for dealing with problems with members, Mary for her work as Membership Secretary and looking after the gate card system, Peter Gellatly for his technical and practical input and many hours of work for the pool; Ian for chairing our committee meetings, and to the rest of the Committee for their input. Thanks to Carole Hartney for selling guest tickets and membership checking. Thanks to the Parish Council, and the Bray Estate and the Trustees for their support.

Maintenance

Clive reported on the year. A copy of the Maintenance report is attached. Some problems with algae towards the end of the season. The pool temperature has been raised slightly and was 27-30 degrees throughout the season. The new cover to the emergency exit system stopped this being used as an easy way out. Barbed wire installed on top of the deep end wall to discourage entry there. More work is needed on shading and overhanging trees. The changing rooms are breaking down and the roof is leaking, we must rebuild. Peter G is getting plans drawn up for this. Clive thanked all those who helped in any way.

Maintenance Rota Betty reported a good year. Again, problems with children left unattended at the pool. Betty has collected and collated all the signing in sheets and used guest tickets for this season. A copy of her signed in and guest tickets collected results is attached. 6692 signed in over the season. The padlockable ex-ballot box for money and guest tickets, provided by Mary and installed by Mike, has ensured guest money does not go missing and guest tickets are not reused.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Peter took us through the accounts for the year to 30.09.14. The figures are not greatly different from last year. £26,753 received for membership and guest tickets. Repairs and maintenance £2,023.01. Chemicals £6559.09. Capital works £7964.00. Gas £3338.77. Other expenditure much as usual. There are still some bills to come in. We have plentiful fund for replacing the changing rooms. There were no questions and the accounts were accepted unanimously.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Thanks to Julie Dudley for examining the accounts. Julie is willing to be our examiner next year.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: There were no nominations for this position.

Treasurer – Peter Gellatly : Secretary - Jenny Taylor. Re- elected unanimously.

Membership Secretary: Mary Kelly. Permanent position.

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Two new SSPC members were elected to the Committee: Richard Stoten and Roger Troughton.

Ian Allen, Peter Duncan, Clive Stevens and Janek Wichtowski served two years. Re-elected unanimously.

9. SUBSCRIPTION RATES The Meeting agreed that subscriptions should remain at Family £60 and Single £30. **Subscriptions for 2014: Family £60 ; Single £30.** Guest tickets - £1 each for adults and children.

10. MEMBERSHIP

Mary reported that the system had worked well. For 2014 both rejoining and new local applicants forms available and enrolled from January onwards and remote rejoining and new applicants forms available and enrolled from 1st April. The membership was filled by 3rd April 2014. . The majority of applications from Local new and rejoining members had been accepted, with 8 local late applicants unsuccessful. 8 remote renewals and 44 new had to be returned.

Total local and remote membership – 451 . Local 70% Remote 30%

Local renewals 228 Local new 70 - total 318

Remote renewals 98 Remote new 35 - total 133

Also: Committee members, etc. = 19. Honorary members = 3. DNX =15.

For 2015 onwards it was agreed that Remote rejoiners could apply before new Remote applicants.

11. A.O.B.

Children left at pool, non-payers of guest tickets, non-members at pool: As usual, these problems were discussed. The Committee would take them on board at the next Committee Meeting.

Sally Stevens proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee and the meeting concurred.

THERE was no further business and the meeting closed a 9.00pm. Janek thanked everyone for coming. We then had social time with wine (provided by Clive, to whom many thanks) and nibbles provided by the Committee.