

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE SHERE SWIMMING POOL CLUB HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2017  
AT THE TANYARD HALL GOMSHALL AT 8 PM**

The following 28 members signed in to the Meeting: Ian Allen, Jason & Jodie Allen, Verity Bennett, Handa Bray, Hilary Cawell, Alissa Collingwood, Rosanna Collingwood, J Cross, Karen Emerson, Betty Fitzpatrick, Stephanie Gallo, Peter Gellatly, Georgie Kirby, Ian Miller, Steve Moggs, David Pryor, H Roberts, David Roe, Sue Savage, Clive & Sally Stevens, Richard Stoten, Jenny Taylor, Roger Troughton, Jane Waugh, Tillie Williams, Margaret Yule. A number of other members were present (I counted 35+ present) but did not sign in.

The acting Chairman, Roger Troughton, welcomed the members to the Meeting and especially Handa Bray (Trustee), and went on to introduce himself. He said we do not have a Chairman and although it has been said we function well without one, it would work a lot better with a Chairman especially if we are going to be faced with some important decisions to do with the pool. He then asked those present to consider putting their name forward as Chair later in the meeting when we come to elect the Officers.

We are also pleased to welcome David Pryor, our new Membership Secretary, who has taken over from Mary Kelly.

Pool Leaks: As all know we have problems with leaks and an ageing pool. We have consulted a pool expert and pool constructions companies and considering options. Clive will report. We have also had a meeting with Shere Parish Council to discuss situation. Shere Parish Council Representative, Alissa Collingwood, will report.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for Absence received from: Barry & Diann Arnfield., Jackie Cox, Caroline Evans, Carole Hartney, Mary Kelly, Marion Taylor Cotter, Janek Wichtowski

**2. MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. of 24.10.16.**

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

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

Public Liability Policy – A Solicitor was consulted and confirmed that our Public Liability Insurance Policy give appropriate cover.

**4. COMMITTEE'S REPORT:**

Generally a good year, although the weather was variable. No vandal problems. Children still being left at the pool, but this has improved since the email on this subject was sent to all members. Also still non-signers in and non-payers of guest money. We can monitor card users so signers please sign in and out. The pool was very well attended. We closed at the end of September as usual.

Work on the replacement changing rooms has been put on hold until the leak problems are dealt with.

**Thanks** First to three members who have retired from the Committee, we are very sad to lose them. Mary Kelly, our Membership Secretary, after 8 years of sterling service. Barrie Welsh who has been a tower of strength on the technical side and with the filter rota. Also Louise Duncan, although she and her team have continued to put the cover on every evening, many thanks for this.

To Clive for taking care of the machinery and technical side and also running the filter rota.

To David Pryor for taking on the job of Membership Secretary

To Betty Fitzpatrick for running the maintenance rota and endless help generally.

To Peter Gellatly and Barrie Welsh for all their input on the maintenance side and to the rest of the Committee for all that they do.

Thanks also to all the Maintenance and Filter rota volunteers. Do put your names down to join the rotas next year, we can't run without you.

To Carole Hartney for membership checks and selling guest tickets. To Richard Stoten for 'the gardens' and to Steve Moggs who has repainted the changing room doors. Thanks to the Parish Council, and the Bray Estate and the Trustees for their support.

### **Reports**

#### **Maintenance** Clive Stevens

Clive reported on the year. A copy of the Maintenance report is attached. Water temperature – Clive explained that due to the high rate of leakage it was necessary to top up the pool daily with large amounts of cold water and this cooled the water despite both boilers working 24/7. Every effort had been made to keep the ambient temperature at 26 degrees Centigrade and this had been maintained successfully on the whole.

#### **Meeting with Shere Parish Council** Alissa Collingwood

The pool problems were discussed and the Council wishes to help in any way it can to ensure the future of the pool. Ways and means were suggested, especially with regard to grants. The underlease to the SSPC has another 12 years to run. No further action can be taken until the exact problems are known and solutions arrived at.

#### **Membership** David Pryor said he had no problems so far.

**Maintenance Rota** Betty Fitzpatrick reported a good year and thanked the volunteers for a good job done.

### **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The accounts have been examined by Julie Dudley and signed off. Peter took us through the accounts for the year to 30.09.17. Copy attached. £57,994.62. Subscriptions and ticket sales = £33,117.27. Gas 2016 = £7,069 2017 = £8074 Due to a mains water leak over winter 2016 we may have a c.£8,500 water bill. We have appealed against the waste water charge of £3,000 and the water charge of £5,000 but have not yet heard from the Water Company. The accounts were accepted unanimously – proposed Ian Allen seconded Richard Stoten.

### **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: David Roe offered himself to stand for Chairman. Nominated by Sue Pears and seconded by Rosanna Collingwood. Elected unanimously.

Treasurer – Peter Gellatly proposed Ian seconded Tillie : Secretary - Jenny Taylor proposed Betty Fitzpatrick, seconded Sally Stevens. Re- elected unanimously.

Membership Secretary: David Pryor ex-officio position

### **8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

Jason Allen agreed to stand for election to the Committee: nominated Clive Stevens, seconded David Roe. Betty Fitzpatrick and Marion Marion Taylor-Cotter have both served two years but are willing to stand again. Proposed Tillie Williams and seconded Richard Stoten . Both re-elected unanimously.

**9. SUBSCRIPTION RATES** The Meeting agreed that subscriptions should remain at Family £80 and Single £40 for the coming year. **Subscriptions for 2018: Family £80 ; Single £40.** Guest tickets - £1 each for adults and children.

### **10. MEMBERSHIP**

2017: Local renew = 262 Local New = 60 : Remote Renew = 116 Remote New N/A

The membership was filled by mid April 2017. It was not possible to offer any new remote places.

For 2018 both rejoining and new local applicants forms will be available and enrolled from January onwards and remote rejoining forms available and enrolled from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## **11. THE FUTURE OF THE POOL**

The Shere Swimming Pool is well over 100 years old and, inevitably, is now probably in need of more substantial refurbishment, or possibly even re-building. In particular, the leaking of water from the pool has increased this year and there have been ongoing problems with crumbling of the rendering on the sides of the pool. There is also the ongoing issue of water welling up from the spring underneath the pool to address, in any major works to be undertaken.

Exploratory work has been agreed to pressure test and investigate the pipework for leaks and to effect immediate repairs, where needed, if modest. However, it is now also necessary to consider the possible fuller costs of ongoing increased maintenance year by year, in comparison with the cost of a more substantial rebuild, before any more significant short-term repairs expenditure is incurred.

Earlier in the summer the Committee commissioned an independent swimming pool expert to report on the pool, and to draw up a proper specification for a possible reconstruction. This work is still in progress. The plan is therefore, following the current Investigations, and further consultation with pool experts and builders, to make a comparison of relative costs and benefits of the different options, and to agree an optimum strategy for the future.

Whilst the club currently has sufficient financial resources to commission further moderate repair and maintenance work, rebuilding would require major fundraising to be undertaken. There is a possibility that grants might be obtained to pay for rebuilding, which would be the preferred approach.

It is not, at this stage, expected that members would need to be involved in major fund-raising events themselves, or to contribute much more themselves to the costs. It was agreed, provisionally, that member subscriptions should therefore be kept at current, recently increased levels, for the coming year.

Until we know where we stand, it is too early to start on any fundraising or grant applications just yet (which would require detailed costings of the work to be carried out). It is nevertheless important that work be progressed to formulate all the different options, and associated costings, in parallel, and as quickly as possible now, so that a way forward can be agreed which would not jeopardise the pool being open for members next year. The aim will be to convene an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) for members to agree the way forward, once the options are clear.

The issues and problems were discussed at some length in the meeting, with many useful questions and ideas being put forward by members. A need was also recognised to improve communications with members, and so every effort will be made to keep you all up to date with progress in the meantime, via the website, emails, Facebook etc.

## **12. A.O.B.**

The meeting felt that the membership had not been kept informed of the problems and asked for more and better information on pool matters. It was also requested that an email was sent to all members to advise of AGM's and any other meetings or events where all should be informed.

**THERE was** no further business and the meeting closed at 9.30pm. Roger thanked everyone for coming. We then had social time with wine (provided by Clive, to whom many thanks) and nibbles provided by the Committee.

## **SHERE SWIMMING POOL AGM MAINTENANCE REPORT 2017 - CS**

### **1. Summary**

No serious accidents or safety issues were reported this year. Overall the pool filter room equipment has had a few problems this year, and pool has been closed for a few days twice at the beginning of the season to repair plaster that had fallen from walls and steps.

- Dosi records confirmed that the water clarity, PH and chlorine levels were normally within limits.
- The average pool temperature varied between 24-30 deg. Most mornings it was 26C
- No abuse of emergency exit button or vandal activity was noticed although the safety rail in shallow end became detached and needed attention

### **2. Technical Report and Issues in plant room**

- The cleaning and painting was undertaken by Barrie Welsh +committee in mid-April.
- A burst water pipe was repaired by a plumber in school yard after a large bill received
- There are excessive water leaks from the cracks in the base/side of the pool. This was compensated for by increasing top ups to 10 cu.m daily but must be corrected ASAP.
- In mid June a problem occurred with the dosi electronic system which effected the water clarity and resulted in black algae on sides and bottom of the pool in the deep end. This was treated with Algicide overnight but continues to be a worry!
- Further lockouts of Dosi were recorded on several occasions due to a build-up of salt in the chlorine injector probe which was cleaned several times before being replaced with a new one. The problem reoccurred and is aggravated by an air leak now seen
- Our thanks go to Barrie Welsh for preparing and running pool in the spring, Louise D for pulling the cover over the pool every night, thus keeping the pool warm nightly.
- AND to all the devoted rota volunteers who have operated and cleansed the pool so diligently during this season. A big thank you. Thank you all so much.

### **3. Report on work necessary to renovate the pool and stop leaks**

- The ceramic mosaic tiles around the top of the pool are in poor condition and holes in the plasterwork allowing leaks and ingress of ground water must be repaired urgently.
- A swimming pool consultant has been commissioned to prepare a specification for the installation of an underground sump and the rebuilding of the pool structure;
- The costs could exceed £100k and members will need to fundraise at the same time as the committee try and obtain grants from charitable sources
- Most pumproom plant is over 10 years old and will need updating and possibly an extra boiler added to increase the ambient temperature from 26 to 28degC
- The changing room roofs need urgent attention and some structural footings replaced. Some members suggest we should not change the doors or signatured woodwork.

**Shere Swimming Pool Club**

Accounts for year ending September 30th 2017

**Balance sheet**

<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Deposit A/C	15395.10	15370.54
Current A/C	53306.85	43215.66
Unpresented Cheques	(86.11)	(591.58)
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Net Assets	<u>£ 68,615.84</u>	<u>£57,994.62</u>

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Revenue	33117.27	25984.00
Grants	0.00	0.00
Interest	24.56	34.55
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Expenses	<u>(22520.61)</u>	<u>(23323.98)</u>
Surplus/Deficit	10621.22	2694.57
Accumulated Fund B/F	57994.62	55300.05
Surplus/Deficit	<u>10621.22</u>	<u>2694.57</u>
Accumulated Fund C/F	<u>£ 68,615.84</u>	<u>£57,994.62</u>

**Profit / Loss account**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenue		33117.27		25984.00
Grants		0.00		0.00
Bank Interest		24.56		34.55
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		33141.83		26018.55
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Capital works	0.00		1530.50	
Repairs and Maintainance		4548.99		2318.35
Chemicals		8555.44		7409.51
Gas		5547.92		7198.29
Electricity		786.43		717.04
Water		275.17		207.76
BT		286.13		313.25
Computer and Gate		346.26		67.87
Stationery + Post		173.66		485.06
Insurance		1145.00		1748.51
Rates		0.00		0.00
Guildford BC		87.50		83.50
Shere PC		29.70		10.00
Environment Agency		35.22		167.01
Other		703.19		1067.33
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		22520.61	1530.50	21793.48
Surplus/Deficit		<u>£10,621.22</u>		<u>£2,694.57</u>