**Birmingham Swimming Action Group**

**Combined AGM & Minutes of First Meeting**

**11th October 2015**

**Kingstanding Leisure Centre**

**Present:** Mandy Blizard (PBSSS), Yvonne Rimmer (PBSSS), Dave Marsh (West Midlands Disability), David Rogers (CofB Speed) Shirley Wigley (Boldmere)

**Apologies:** Judy Tullett (Castle Vale), Helen Rogers (Kingsbury), Rachel Wilson (Orion),

Ian Stanford (CofB), Helen Slatter (ASA), Pete Haw-Tierney (Camp Hill)

**AGM**

As no nominations for the post of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer the posts will stand as per the previous AGM.

Treasury Report - The accounts were completed to the bank statement of the 2nd June 2015 and the balance in the bank was £1,408.63. The Water Festival broke even with a cost to SAG of £4.38 so was a success for the group. Copies were distributed to members present, copies are available upon request.

**Meeting**

| Item | Notes & Actions | Action by Who |
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| 1 | **Coaches Forum**  Need to understand from Helen Slatter what is or has happened with this group for coaches.   * The clubs have not received feedback from the ASA * There seems to be a general lack of communication between the clubs and the ASA * West Midlands need to have inspirational coaches to bring swimming to the forefront   **Action**  Update to be requested from Helen Slatter | MB |
| 2 | **Club Development Grant**  Contact to be made with the ASA to see if funding is available for the Water Festival | YR |
| 3 | **Safeguarding Training**  Boldmere SC held a session that was opened up to all SAG clubs.   * Online courses are available to anyone who has completed face to face training, requirements are below: * Training must be completed before the date the current certificate runs out * Cost is significantly lower £16.00 |  |

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| 4 | **MOU/Constitution**  The group need to revise the constitution to include items from the MOU. We do not require both. Items to be amended are:   * Voting Rights - e) A quorum shall be 8 members, including at least 2 elected officers needs to be amended to a quorum shall be 5 members at least 2 elected officers * Finance - The financial period should commence on the 1st April needs to be amended to the 1st September to bring this inline with the AGM * An EGM to be called to vote and confirm the changes so that this can then be approved by the ASA. This to be actioned by Email and voting to be set up. * Dave Marsh kindly agreed to review both the Constitution and MOU and produce an up to date version of one Constitution   **Action**  MOU and Constitution to be emailed to Dave Marsh | DM  MB |
| 5 | **Serco**  They have been visiting the clubs individually and each one present had different feedback, there was no consistency other than they wanted us to relinquish our Learn to Swim by September 2017. External attendees for this other than SAG clubs are; Serco, Helen Slatter and Lesley Hill.  A meeting is to be called for all clubs to get together and discuss with Serco their intentions etc. Before this happens the clubs need to meet to put together a collective list of questions and present to them the issues that we will have in Birmingham.  Also, we need to look at the Parkwood Leisure business model in Solihull as this is not affecting their clubs Learn to Swim. | All |
| 6 | **Icknield Port**  The plans have been made available for development of the site but there is no mention of the swimming pool that is supposed to be being built. It was noted that the plans were put back for the build to September 2017  **Action**  ASA to be contacted for an update | MB |
| 7 | Water Festival   * Officials list to be sent to Shirley Wigley * SRS Leisure will be in attendance which SAG will receive a percentage of the sales * Need to confirm the numbers of swimmers from the clubs, closing date 30th October * All timing will be manual * Medals will be collected from the desk rather than presentation at the end * Volunteers, all clubs to bring a minimum of 6 * Raffle, all clubs to bring a prize * There will be a 15 minute break for officials   **Actions**   * Medals and ribbons to be purchased * List of events to be emailed to Shirley Wigley * SRS Leisure to be approached for a raffle prize * Programmes to be printed * Water for officials to be purchased | MB  MB  MB  MB  YR |
| 8 | **ASA Update**  **Young Volunteers** - Training to be held early 2016, venues to be sources for:   * Safeguarding for 13+ * Timekeepers course * Poolside Helpers   It was suggested that we could hold these at Castle Vale Community Pool  **Serco** - Helen Slatter meeting with them on the 20th October, any feedback will be passed on  **Club Development Visits** - Helen will be contacting each club to discuss:   * Club Development * Club Issues * Swim21 Renewals   **Training Needs Assessment** - we have all completed the ASA version of this numerous times, it was felt that if SAG did a collective analysis and held this on file then this could be sent to the ASA as and when required  **Actions**  List of attendees for Young Volunteers to be collated so that numbers can be confirmed | All |
| 9 | **Club Updates**  **Orion** - no update to be given  **Boldmere** - Possibly running a Level 2 Teaching course and Officials training starting up shortly for J1 and J2 (dependent on numbers)  **Actions**  Candidates for Officials training to be sent to Shirley Wigley | All |
| 10 | **AOB**   * CofB Open Meet at Easter to include a Synchro demo on the Friday night * Regional Volunteer of the year is Mandy Blizard (PBSSS) Congratulations and good luck for the nomination for National Volunteer of the Year. * Boldmere would like to thank Ian Stanford for the feedback from CofB around the development squad * Sutton Schools Gala - this is happening at the end of January and if the Young Volunteers timekeeping has been completed this will enable them to support this event |  |

Date of Next Meeting: 10th January 2016, 10.00am at Kingstanding Leisure Centre

Extra Meeting: TBC - Serco