

FAMILY FORUM MEETING

17th May 2024 at 11.30am in the Garden Room

Forum: Joy Stevens, Oliver Milton, Esther Van De Pette, Amber Dupont Liot, Susie Hock, Alyssa Penwell, Marc Newey

In attendance: Debora Drago, Ana Leal and Carolyn Ward (minutes)

Apologies: Stuart Reeks, Patricia Morgan, Dan Lott, Ricky Pharo, Simon Baker

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted.

2. Approval of Minutes of 15th March 2024 - approved

Due to time constraints the action table was not reviewed.

3. Update

3.1 Health Club

Swim School

First time they have reached 300 in their Swim school.

They have a new Swim teacher Max who recently took part in the Adult Gala.

They are introducing a 'Drowning Prevention Week' which will be within the swim school sessions given some kind of knowledge regardless of age. Every teacher will be doing that.

Upcoming event – Inter Club Swim Gala – Roehampton Club vs Hurlingham Club, Saturday 18th May, with Roehampton hosting the event. 47 kids had trialled for this event with 25 representing the club.

It was noted that unfortunately the sauna and steam room facilities would be out of use until the Gala was over. Members had been notified that the indoor pool would be closed with the outdoor pool still available. HB had been asked to include this message on WhatsApp.

Action: Reminder message to be sent to members about the indoor pool closure as positively as possible -MN

Junior Water Safety Training – Sunday 23rd June. It was noted that training is available to those who are not enrolled in the swim school. Joy asked if some comms could go out of what they have been doing / top 5 tips that the children have learnt that week AS CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN SWIM CLASSES WILL NOT HAVE HAD INFO ON DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK.

Action: Ana to send out some comms after the event.

AL

Scuba

Ana informed the committee that she was still waiting for a date for a taster session, she had found a company, but they will not be certified, you can do the theory here but need to get certified abroad. They will look to do 8 kids per session, with two sessions Sunday evening.

Snorkelling

The committee asked if it was possible to run a session with just adult supervision. It was noted that this would not be possible because of the safety risks and was standard for pools do not allow this. If they wanted to run this type of session they would need a paid instructor.

Action: Ana to speak to Stuart to see if this would be possible, session to be run late Sunday at 4pm for little ones. AL

Teen Camps

They are trialling Teen Sports Camps for Juniors aged 12 to 15 taking place in the afternoons, booked in advance, where they play tennis and take part in different fitness sessions.

Ana confirmed that the camps have a maximum capacity of 8 kids, and they have been running the sessions with 4 kids.

It was noted however when numbers have fallen lower than 50% the camps had been cancelled due to low numbers. Ollie asked if there was an option if the Club could speak to the parents to say that there was a low uptake, do they still want their children to attend rather than just cancelling the event. **It was agreed that if there were only three out of eight children present the activity should go ahead with the parents being notified if only two children were booked in. If only one child was booked in the camp it would be cancelled ONCE PARENT SPOKEN TO AND OPTIONS LOOKED TO TO INCREASE NUMBERS SUCH AS ALLOWING THE PARENT TO DRUM UP INTEREST.**

The question was asked if 11-year-olds would be able to attend, thought it would be better to have the groups defined by Year 7 and above in line with secondary school.

Action: Check dates for the Summer with RP and DL and add flyer in Juice Bar. AL

It was noted that even though the uptake was low, members appreciated that there were camps being organised.

Ollie asked if some people were only booking 2 days rather than the whole week if there could be an incentive for booking 3 days or more such as 10% reduction in cost or perhaps a free pizza. MN confirmed that rather than discount for less attendance a voucher for food would be better. ACTION - CHECK THIS IS INCLUDED IN SUMMER PROGRAMME AL

It was noted that they will be introducing on ESP to be able to pay online.

Other Activities

The Health Club are running kick-boxing taster sessions and Junior Street dance classes. They also want to introduce more parent and baby yoga sessions. Kick-boxing was really popular and more of these sessions could be run as Peter is a black belt so can do it. With regards to the Dance sessions, they need to get someone in.

On August Bank Holiday they will be doing a family day 'back to school' party. Ana is currently asking permission for music to be played.

Nuclear Race

They recently arranged a Nuclear Race for children and adults, was a fantastic day helped by the weather. If children were under 9 they needed to be accompanied by an adult but if they were older they could complete the course by themselves. There was a big challenge afterwards for the Adults who had to complete a 12k.

3.2 Social Update

Family Day coming up on the 15th of June and also scheduled is the Spy School.

No other updates were given.

3.3 Rackets Sports – as noted in Dan Lott's report.

Committee Members were asked to read the report and feedback to Joy Stevens if they had any questions.

It was noted that Ollie had been disappointed that out of the five Liveball sessions planned, three of those had been cancelled. Apparently, the sessions were cancelled because the coach could not attend.

Action: Marc to speak to DL and OM regarding the Liveball sessions TO CONFIRM THAT IT IS CLUB POLICY TO RUN A PROGRAMME FOR A MINIMUM TIME EG 6M TO ALLOW MOMENTUM DESPITE INITIAL LOW UPTAKE. MN

Committee members asked if dates could be advertised earlier as they would like to start booking things now ready for September onwards. It was noted that Tennis and Swimming lessons at Roehampton Club were advertised a lot later than other clubs. It was noted that Ana needs to complete assessments before she can sort out the different classes.

Action: MN to talk to DL And NS about the September intake. MN

3.4 Golf – as noted in Ricky Pharo's report.

It was noted that the Family Fun days are scheduled a year in advance but unfortunately the January event had to be cancelled due to the weather.

There was an event that was due to be scheduled 21st April but was rearranged to May 5th where 26 adults but it was noted that the website was not 100% reliable as the old date was still being advertised and Joy asked if the Website could be kept up to date so junior golf and family fun dates were accurate.

Action: Joy to check with RP that when the date was rearranged members were notified of the new date.

JS

OM asked if we have a Roehampton Diary so events with dates could be advertised for members to view, information filtered to whatever the members want to see and book. MN agreed that he would like to see a junior events diary.

Action: Marc to check with Helen Bolt.

MN

4. Junior Sports Psychologist.

Esther had sent an email to Joy about the possibility of getting in someone to give a talk to the juniors. The contact she had given were running 5 sessions.

Marc informed the committee that the Club could fund something like this for people to come in and listen, possibly giving the 'dos 'and 'don'ts 'with links to follow up information.

Susie commented that she had listened to something similar 'Mindset of a Champion 'which she thought could be useful to people not just in sport but maybe going for their first interview etc.

To be progressed - EVP/DL/LL

5. AOB

There was a discussion about the playground area. Current playground now only suitable for children under the age of 7. A new area will be created for older children once the 8-metre gap is created once the Padel / Pickle courts are built late 2025 depending on permissions for the IGC.

It was noted that the new area Could have a climbing frame. OM asked if in the meantime a portable climbing dome could be purchased and put on the grass area. **MN to investigate**

It was noted that there will be a climbing wall, with instructor in the Autumn time.

Multiple Use Games and Activities

OM asked if there was somewhere that alternative sports could be played and if court 11 could be used for either Basketball or Netball. It was noted that a lot of pickle was played on that court and would not be appropriate to mix other sports on a pickleball day.

The meeting concluded at 12.45pm.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- Friday 4th October at 1pm