

FAMILY FORUM MEETING

22nd February 2023 at 11am in the Fountain Room

Forum: Joy Stevens, Mohamed El Guindi, Susie Hock, Oliver Milton, Patricia Morgan, Esther Van De Pette, Amber Dupont Liot (zoom), Shelly Perrott, Marc Newey

In attendance: Simon Baker, Luke Fenton, Ana Leal, Peter Georgiou, Nik Snapes, Nilofar Arman

Apologies: Tony Taylor, Dan Lott, Ricky Pharo, Debora Drago

JS welcomed Esther and Amber as new additions to the Forum.

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted.

2. Approval of Minutes of 12th September 2022

The Minutes from the meeting of 12th September 2022 were approved.

3. Update/Reports

3.1 Gym and classes

Junior gym hours have been extended to 8pm as a trial on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Gym inductions are going very well and there is now regular junior attendance at the gym. The Health Club is running a taster Junior Yoga session and a taster Street Dance class, £8 per class. If successful these will become regular sessions, aiming to have five-day courses. Yoga age range is also being explored to see what junior ages can be accommodated.

There is positive encouragement for parent/child classes such as the Family Bootcamp. MN also suggested specialist masterclasses which will encourage members to attend as a one off without commitment and will lead to a build up of interest over time.

The Forum asked for the Health Club to look into parent/child classes and get back to the Forum. MG also suggested kickboxing and noted that Peter is also qualified at kickboxing.

3.2 Junior Coordinator and Swimming Update

PG is running 3 free 'Water Polo' sessions for Juniors. There is also a new junior course called 'Rookie Lifeguard' accredited by RLSS and PG will be the instructor for this course. If

successful, more sessions will run. Juniors can become an NPLQ qualified lifeguard from the age of 16 years and the Rookie Lifeguard course can provide them with some experience. Junior Members can become lifeguards at the Club once qualified but the Club will need their parental support to ensure that the role is taken seriously.

MN suggested circulating indicative dates of all camps for the diaries, subject to amendment.

3.3 Rackets Sports

Junior Groups have been moved indoors for the first time this term. As we are approaching the summer term, Sunday bookings are being looked at again as 80% of Members sign up for Saturday and 20% for Sunday. This is most likely due to lifestyle and habit. The Racquets team are looking to try and enlarge the Sunday group by making the Sunday timetable similar to the Saturday one.

DL is in the process of setting up one-off clinic sessions for teenagers. This will be at a charge and the sign up is selective so the coaches from the Development Group will encourage the parent/child to sign up. **JS asked for the clinic to be advertised. OM/JS asked for Junior Liveball to involve more Juniors of different levels.**

3.4 Golf

A report by the Sport Shop was previously circulated and noted.

The Easter Golf Camps allow juniors to have one-off taster sessions without having to commit to a whole term.

MN/LL will ask Mike Pattison, the Croquet captain, for taster Junior Croquet sessions as requested by JS. MN/LL

The Croquet family lawn to be advertised on the website once the turf work is complete. Helen

3.5 F&B Update

The Café refurbishment is progressing well but awaiting delivery of furniture and final touches. Once completed the café can then be used in the evenings as well. **OM suggested having one item on the menu to change weekly to keep the children's interest.** DD

Future 'Magic Carvery' dates to be advertised in advance. NC/HB

Amber raised an issue where staff at F&B have to be asked to clear away empty plates, especially on a weekend. **Staff to be trained to clear plates regularly in the restaurant/juice bar. Also request for more Pasta Bolognese.** DD

4. AOB

SP said that the format of the Recorder needs to change as a lot of Members miss information in its current format. There will be more Health Club related regular updates sent separately to the Recorder, as requested by the Health Club Committee. OM also suggested a digital noticeboard for Members that pops up when they login to the website, and they can set their preferences so they only see information related to their interest. **SB, Karen and Helen are looking into this by looking at how other Clubs are sending out communications.**

JS asked to ensure that the website is regularly updated with the latest information and for an annual refresher for the members to set their preferences.

ADL requested a dedicated place for members who want to be able to do some work at the Club and SH also supported this request as a place for children to do some homework. MN will look into this but it is not possible to allocate a separate room to be used a dedicated work area. Flexibility is needed but also Members need to make phone calls outside or in the bandstand. **MN/DD/SB to action.**

In the summer parasols will be put back in the playground to provide more shade.

EVP asked for pool parties with floats and also for the timing of the float sessions to be changed to either before lunch or before dinner, around 3pm, as at the moment it is immediately after lunch. LF said moving the inflatable session to a later time will require additional staffing for one hour and Members will have to pay for the additional staffing. **To be taken to the Health Club Committee for approval.**

OM raised the point that Members should not leave their young children in the inflatables and go off poolside leaving the lifeguards to look after them. **DM is to be notified immediately if this happens and parents to be spoken to.**

Discussion was made about the possibility of extending the playground area in the future but will have to consider the number of Members that will use it, investment costs, etc.

The meeting concluded at 12:52pm.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be set for May, avoiding May half term.