

**Swimming Club Meeting / New Pool**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011.**  
**Notes of meeting**

**Present:** Duncan Anderson, Rob Drage. Alastair Roberts, Peter McCallum,  
Neil Matthews, Paddy Winter

**Apologies:** Nic Piper

**1. Current Plans**

Questions and comment made:

- Are there attachments for a false start rope and 5metre rope  
**Yes**
  
- Will need a moveable curtain between diving and main pool – this was added at Quays.  
**Architects looking at a design to fit something onto the barrier between the pools. The barrier between the pools will be moveable to allow for maximum space for galas.**
  
- Are benches going to be in place at back of spectator area  
**No, but it will be possible for large events to bring in approx 50-60 foldable chairs.**
  
- Water Polo needs 2.0m depth for competition  
**We have via email been promised £30,000 funding via ASA to dig down the extra 0.2m**
  
- Where will socket be for timing equipment to avoid trailing leads  
**We have passed on details of Daktronics company for timing**
  
- Suggested plinth at shallow end as more room here for relays  
**This will now be at the Diving Pool end.**
  
- Would like a plinth to practice diving from to the south of the diving pool for beginners  
**Yes this will be in place**
  
- What height is the pool hall ceiling and what is the ceiling made from (Water Polo)  
**approx 5-6m in height**
  
- Need good lighting specifically at both ends for judges  
**This has been passed on to architects**
  
- Where are ventilation ducts as these are used as seats at other sites and not a good idea.  
**Unfortunately these are in a similar place and this will become an operational issue once open.**

## **2. Background to moveable floor in both pools**

- Full movable floor costing approx £450,000 has been passed under the Council Invest to Save Scheme.
- This requires a payback in 10 years and part of the scheme was for the Centre to expand lessons from 700 lessons per week to 1100

## **3. Implications for Swimming Club**

- Exclusivity to Centre for Learn to swim programme
- What stage is beyond the L2S programme in ASA and STA. Suggested Stage 5-6 or STA level B/C.
- Timescale to introduce this – January 2012 to start migration of students
- The Club would still like to book 10 hours per week in new pool
- Swimming Club would be looking for 8 year olds onwards but if exceptional juniors should be recommended as early as possible

## **4. Pool programming and Club requirements**

- Swimming Club and Water Polo Club to think about requirements and times for new pool.
- NM to discuss with Nic Piper requirements for club.
- A.R mentioned the possibility of a Regional Water Polo school of Excellence in the Main Pool on Friday nights as the closest school is at Crystal Palace.

## **5. Diving development**

- Can the club fit there own bubble machine as they currently do at the Aquarena.

**Yes this will be ok for the club to have their own bubble machine although one has not been budgeted for as part of the build.**

## **6. Water Polo Club**

- You can buy floating or attachable goals  
AR confirmed that the best goals are the attachable goals
- Suggested an opportunity to develop Mini Water Polo for 7-10yrs
- Need anchor point on one side of the diving pool for a water polo goal

## **7. Way forward & AOB**

Next Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 5.30pm