

Minutes of the PTA Meeting
1st March 2011
7:30pm Aldrynton school



1. Present and Apologies
Elaine Stewart, Sue Beasley, Stephen Lea, Graham Begg, Peter Kemm, Simon Windisch, no apologies

2. Minutes of the previous meeting
This will be left for the next regular meeting

3. Presentation on pool policy and pricing – Stephen
Available on the website
Perhaps we should focus more on the 40% of people who don't pay their £12 donations (£1000) during open evening.
Income has steadily dropped over the last four years.
Discussion on raising prices: try to increase income – Graham will send figures.

4. Pool discussion
Jane Bertrand has volunteered to help with the chemicals this year.
Last year Liz Parsons did the rota, which was a godsend. If she was prepared to do it again Sue would be very grateful. Simon Windisch sent out letters last year. Julie Culham, Debbie Bevan, Jane Bertrand & Ian Parsons & Helen Greives all did chemicals when Andy – it wasn't so onerous. They organised themselves with a spreadsheet. Graham could get someone to do the task of maintenance while Andy is away, he will contact last year's team and see if they will do it again. The chemical checks are straightforward. Takes less than 20 minutes now that the leak has been fixed.

We do need to consider hoovering over the two weeks. The job done manually will take an hour and a half which is too long. Undecided what to do. It needs to be done three times a week minimum. While Andy was away it probably got done three or four times in 15 days. You need a dedicated amount of time without children to do it.

If we had a working pool cleaning robot it does it all itself. 4.5 hours a week is very costly in terms of Andy's time. Elaine will talk to Julia in the morning regarding warranty etc. We need to investigate the potential purchase of a new pool cleaner. Stephen will investigate the status of the current broken one. Perhaps do a pool hoover share with another school? Graham/Elaine will contact Earley St Peters, Loddon & Colliton about this.

If this is your first year of buying a ticket you don't have to do duties? May allow people to join after the resus training dates.
Decided to use the sliding scale with new and lapsed users doing shadow duties as

a once only offer. These letters musn't go to reception because they get a dutyless offer anyway.

Reception will be asked to do shadow duties.

Everybody will pay.

Two shadow duties for new users. Blow the trumpet to make sure that people know it's a new rule.

Training: we don't give people the pool tour anymore. Need to make it mandatory. Add a basic guide to pool operations and safety.

About the damaged pool cover – can it be repaired?

Can we get a shorter strip of pool material to bridge the gap between the shortened end of the pool cover and the end of the pool.

Duty free tickets for people having a hard time. There were two last year. Are we going to repeat this? No for the moment. At Sue's discretion

Strongly encourage resus training even for duty free people. It's all part of the cost and is a very useful skill and also includes a tour of the pool.

Can't offer any concessions for £12 pool fee as this would invalidate gift aid.

Capital expenditure: Boilers are OK and £60 for pool toys.

Climb on toy – might be dangerous. Difficult to work into a regular session.

Drinks: Sealed drinks OK poolside.

How to demarcate between gate and supervisor, perhaps a high chair? Might prevent chatting.

Pool party: details on application.

pool@aldryngtonpta.com becomes a distribution list

Make rota a google calendar.

Parents evening 22/23rd March, need to get the letter out before then.

Send letter out on the 15th. Didn't get disclaimers in last year. Asking for first payment now and returning of forms. Deadlines will have to be before resus training.

Forms need to go out in sufficient time to plan for resus training in May

Critical bit of info is resus date and commitment with deposit. That starts at the parent's evening. Do disclaimer form and balance later.

Simple rules, positive points, reminder to pay £12.

5. Date and time of next regular committee meeting Wed 30th March 2011 7:30pm at school.