*Chairpersons Report AGM 2020*

*Well it’s been an unexpected year for everyone. The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has had a profound impact on all our lives. For our members and their families dealing with such sudden and rigid changes to normal life can be so hard but hopefully things are starting to get back to normal and we are determined so will our club! I know a number of clubs have had to close permanently due to financial pressures but we are very lucky and have enough money in reserves to keep going and luckily we don’t have to pay for much that’s not directly related to the sessions so please don’t worry – we have no plans to close our club – definitely not!*

*Although we had to cancel all our regular sessions we have replaced a few of them with Zoom sessions on Mondays and Fridays. These have been brilliant and I hope have given everyone a bit of fun and exercise during lockdown and the ongoing period of social restrictions. Thanks so much to everyone who has attended and to our teachers and coaches, Chloe and Mike who have adapted their sessions to work online so perfectly! We have also had some Zoom games nights and set up Whatsapp groups which have allowed our members to interact and stay in touch. If you would like to join any of the Zoom sessions or Whatsapp chat groups please let us know.*

*Before the pandemic we had some wonderful sessions and some great social trips. Around Christmas was very busy with pantos – Cinderella at the Nuffield and Nativity and Peter Pan at The Mayflower. They were great shows and we had a wonderful time. We also arranged a trip to Harry Potter World which is always something everyone enjoys and this time everyone was super excited to visit the new Gringotts Bank! We had a trip planned to The Mayflower in September to see Lion King – that’s moved to next September, so 2021 which seems like ages but the time will fly I am sure!*

*The committee have still been carrying on behind the scenes and our meetings are now all via Zoom – what would we do without it?! The minutes are on the web site if you would like to read them. We have been thinking hard about how we introduce our proper sessions again and are going to appoint a dedicated Covid-19 Officer from the committee. We have to follow Government and Local Authority guidance and of course our first concern is keeping everyone safe but we know how important our sessions are and we will find a way to make it work in the “new normal” world – realistically though we don’t expect to be able to start running sessions properly again until the new year. We will keep you posted by email on our plans. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas on this we would love to hear them, or wants to join the committee and get more involved in running our club please get in touch – we would love to hear from you!*

*Unfortunately we have had to withdraw from the football league. We know you enjoyed this but it was quite expensive for us to do and also we don’t have a level one qualified coach and first aider available to manage the sessions, and the numbers for the afternoon sessions in particular were very low. We know some of you will be disappointed and we are sorry but don’t worry Friday Football will carry on and be up and running again as soon as we can safely make that happen. Also, Mike Pink, the SaintsAbility Project Officer will let us know if there are teams looking for players anyone who really wants to carry on may be able to join another team.*

*We do have funds in reserve but we could always do with a little bit more so if anyone has any fundraising ideas or sponsorship suggestions then let us know. In a normal year it costs about £4000 to run the activities. Last year we raised £2000 towards that and covered £2000 from reserves but our reserves  won’t last for ever and we really don’t want to put prices for sessions up, so please do all you can to fund raise, like Phil Smith did with sponsorship from the Great South Run this year – thanks so much Phil, brilliant!*

*We have taken the decision to defer the annual membership renewal to the new year when we will have a clearer idea of plans so your don’t need to worry about renewing your membership until then. We will contact everyone about that in January.*

*We use email as our main way to stay in touch and contact people. Please make sure you let us know if your email address changes. Also it’s best to add our email address*[*info@multisportsclub.org.uk*](mailto:info@multisportsclub.org.uk)*to your contacts list as we know sometimes the email systems think our emails are spam and put them in your junk folders! It’s a good idea to check your junk/spam folders every week just in case!*

*So, to finish the review of this unusual year I just wanted to say thank you so much to our members and their families, carers and friends for continuing to support our club. We think it is special and we hope you do too! Thanks also to our incredible coaches, teachers and volunteers – we could not do this without you:*

***Volunteers***

*Compass Dance - Maggie, Katherine, Leah, Sabina*

*Sports Thursdays - Keith, Sarah, Jake, Aaron, Zoe, Millie, Ella*

*Sports Fridays - Phil*

*Sports Sunday Mornings - Phil*

*Swimming - Debbie, Ruth*

***Coaches and teachers***

*Mike*

*Amber*

*April*

*Chloe*

*Trudi*

*Lee*

*Julie*

*Stewart*

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