

# **Bedworth Disabled Swimming Club**



Constitution      Adopted 1993    Updated 1999;2007;2010;2012;**2014**

## Finances

The finances of the club shall be managed by the treasurer and shall be kept in a bank or building society. The treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of the finances. The treasurer shall report to the club on the state of the finances at the Annual General Meeting.

## Alterations

The constitution may be altered at any committee meeting provided that at least two week's notice has been given to the members.

## Dissolution

If the number of members attending the regular swimming lessons declines to the extent that the committee deems that the club is no longer viable, or for any other reason, the club may be dissolved by the committee after giving all members one month's notice. On the dissolution of the club any monies held will be distributed to other like-minded organisations for the benefit of swimming in the local community. Any unspent money received as grant aid should be offered back to the organisation that donated it.

## Aims

To provide a range of swimming activities to for all disabled people with disabilities and their families, carers and friends in the Nuneaton and Bedworth local area.

## Objectives

- To have a weekly meeting for swimming activities, including coaching and swimming lessons.
- To provide specialist equipment that allows swimmers to benefit from swimming pool sessions.

- To help swimmers to access suitable competitions.
- To allow swimmers to socialise with their peers.
- To provide an opportunity for volunteers to gain and use experience of assisting swimmers with disabilities.

## Powers

The club shall have the power to elect a committee, which shall be responsible for the organisation of events and the care of the finances.

## Membership

The club shall be open to anybody with a disability who wishes to become a member, and to carry out its aims and objectives wherever they live, whatever their age and status. Family members shall be made welcome (within operational the rules). There shall be no charge for membership.

## Equal Opportunities

It is the intention of the club that no member shall be excluded by reason of age, status, location, race, religion, colour, creed or any kind of disability.

## Safety and Risk Assessment

The rules of the pool and the rules of the club form part of the constitution. Any club member whose actions risk the health and safety of others or the future of the club may be given warning that their membership can be terminated. A member who has had their membership terminated may appeal within 1 month and the case must be reviewed by the committee.

## Meetings

The club shall meet on Fridays of each week that the pool is open unless the members have been previously informed. The committee shall meet as often as is necessary to ensure the smooth running of the club. An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year when members shall be informed of the state of the club and it's finances.

## Committee

The committee is elected at the AGM. The committee shall consist of at least four members and may co-opt as and when necessary during the year. There shall be a chairperson, coach, treasurer, secretary and if possible a swimmers' representative and a fund-raiser. The committee shall have the power to do what is necessary to carry out the objectives of the club. All members attending an AGM shall have voting rights. A quorum shall be four members including at least two committee members.