



Dear Members,

Following on from last week's announcement of a swimming programme suspension I promised that I would keep regular communications going throughout the shutdown. As we are all painfully aware an awful lot has happened in the past week, so it seems trivial to talk about swimming matters with so much going on, however there are a few things the committee need to update you on.

Fees Update

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we have been prioritising limiting the costs the club will face during this ongoing period of inactivity. Discussions with our pool & gym providers have been fruitful, and all venues have agreed to a suspension of pool hire and gym charges for the duration of the enforced break. Whilst we anticipated this would be the case, we cannot thank them enough for their understanding over the matter and the stance they have taken. This agreement has allowed us to focus on the other numerous running costs we incur on an ongoing basis that we cannot mitigate.

When calculating our monthly membership fees, the club considers all the costs that we will incur throughout the year, in conjunction with available grants & fundraising opportunities that can reduce this cost. This cost is then split into 12 monthly payments to make fees easier to manage, so it's worth noting that in any given month members aren't just paying for the pool time that they receive.

Following the review of these costs and the lost fundraising opportunities, we will be making a change to our monthly membership fees for the duration of the current suspension of activities. This will allow us to minimise the financial damage to the club whilst we are unable to swim and compete.

From April 1st monthly fees will be reduced to £12/month per swimmer for the duration of the enforced break. Fees will return to normal immediately once swimming resumes.

We fully understand that everyone is still uncertain as to what the future brings, and things are changing on a daily basis. We also appreciate that everyone's circumstances are different, and we are sympathetic to all members who are struggling in any way. All we ask is that if this is a stretch too far on your own personal finances over the coming months, that you contact me on cdascchairman@gmail.com.

As always if you feel you want to keep your current rate of membership fees running throughout the break that would help us out massively with the improvements we want to make within the club and also with our future running costs, but please only do this if you want to and do not feel obliged.

The committee would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding during this testing week whilst we completed this exercise.

What to do whilst we are not swimming and unable to go out?

Those of you that follow us on social media will already know that we are releasing daily waterless workouts for our swimmers and parents. Head coach Mike Robinson is working with the North West Pentathlon Hub to devise and deliver these sessions in the form of a short video that can be done at any time.

Already we are onto our 8th workout including a special guest appearance from 400m Olympic Bronze medal runner Kelly Massey. With more special guests in the pipeline it's a good way to keep fit, keep our club spirit going and raise the profile of the club during the break. If you haven't seen them they are available on Facebook and Twitter by searching for the hashtag #waterlessWOD, or by following our social media accounts below:

Facebook - [@DolphinsCDASC](#)

Facebook Members page - https://www.facebook.com/groups/221175964575497/?ref=group_header

Instagram - [@DolphinsCDASC](#)

Twitter - [clitheroedolphins](#)

YouTube - [Clitheroe Dolphins YouTube](#)

If any member has any concerns or comments as a result of this announcement, then please address them to me via cdascchairman@gmail.com. We appreciate this is a worrying time for all at the club, so we are appreciative of your support and understanding at this time.

Kind regards and please stay safe,

Lee Scanlan

Chair

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