

## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday April 12th 2017**

**Present:** Vincent Lines (Chair), Ray Grocott (President), Lawrence Allen, Paul Prince, Alan Smith, Duncan Austin, Mark Perkins, Joe Whelan, Brian Hughes, Mike McGee, John Gleave Sarah Stevenson, Phil Hodges, Ian Stevenson.

**Apologies:** Maggie Allen, Dave Price, Angela Walmsley, Alan Groom, Neale Sadler. Mike Walmsley.

### **1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were agreed.

### **2. Matters Arising – not included on the Agenda**

None

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Paul Prince presented a spreadsheet to the end of March. The key points were:

- March was a much improved month. The bar turnover was £36.7k with a gross profit of £23k.
- Membership earned £2.89k to date which is £500 up on this time in 2016
- Excess of income over expenditure was -£1.3k which was a big improvement on the February figure of -£4k.
- The Club is being well maintained and improved with the maintenance figure being £9.9k compared with £3k at the same stage last year.
- The figures are very positive with the busiest time of the year still to come.

### **4. Fund Raising Activities**

Mark Perkins stated that he was intending to apply for a grant from the Old Prees Club funding to buy new nets but wanted to make sure no one else was applying on behalf of the Club. It was confirmed he should go ahead..

### **5. Correspondence for Committee**

Brian Hughes read out the contents of 3 emails received by committee members from Tony Pugh. These referred to the delayed payment of match fees by one of the bowls captains. Tony consulted with the police over the matter and suggested this was criminal activity even though the monies have all now been paid.

As a result of this the captain involved was summoned to a meeting with the Club Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and the Bowls Secretary. The captain was warned that this was not acceptable and that all monies must be paid in at the time of receipt. It was agreed that in future the captain would no longer be handling the team monies and that the Bowls Secretary would put a procedure in place that would stop this situation arising again.

Paul Prince stated that the Bowls Treasurer had raised this issue with him previously but had said he would deal with it and no further action was required by Paul. He said that the suggestion in the emails that he had "swept things under the carpet" and "smacks of a cover up" was very disappointing and made him very angry. Paul said that his actions at all times were in the best interest of the club and any other suggestion was very insulting.

An open discussion took place ending with a vote on 3 questions:

1. Did the Committee feel that anything had been "swept under the carpet"? **Unanimous NO**
2. Did the Committee feel that the situation had been handled correctly and in the best interests of the Club?  
**Unanimous YES**
3. Did the Committee consider the police needed to be involved? **Unanimous Definitely not.**

## 6. Progress Reports

### Membership

Ian Stevenson reported:

Ian stated that his figures show more membership revenue than the Treasurer's spread sheet since he has recently received memberships from the Angling section.

The number of junior footballers unpaid is now down to 8 and Ian thanked Mark Perkins and Kris Morris for their help in achieving this improvement.

The current state of new membership is:

Families + Individuals					All Individuals Count		
	Registered	paid 2017	fee	paid total		registered	paid 2017
family	94	60	£25.00	£1,500.00			
adult	274	154	£10.00	£1,540.00	adult	464	262
sc	84	54	£5.00	£270.00	sc	84	54
juniors	108	31	£5.00	£155.00	juniors	284	133
<b>Totals</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>299</b>		<b>£3,465.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>449</b>
Prepay for 2017 December			£135.00	<b>£3,330.00</b>			

  

Membership Analysis		Junior Football analysis	
total individual members registered	832	No of registered players	167
total paid	449	Paid up members	159
2017 new members	136	Members not paid	0
total due not paid	383	Players with no membership record	8
percentage due and not paid	46.03	<b>Loss to club</b>	<b>£40.00</b>

## 7. Clubhouse Building Management

Phil Hodges stated that he had nothing to report as there are no projects currently underway.

Lawrence Allen enquired regarding the white lining in the car park. Phil said it was in hand but he was waiting for warmer weather.

## ***Grounds Management***

Duncan Austin reported:

- The poles have been erected for the new lights but we need to raise £5k funding to purchase the lights..
- The grounds are all looking good but are very dry and may need watering if the weather remains dry.

## ***9. Health & Safety Management***

Joe Whelan said that he had nothing new to report but if anybody sees any potential H&S issue please talk to Joe.

Mark Perkins reported that he had to force open the AED cabinet for an emergency. In fact, it was not actually needed in the end. Brian Hughes said he had reset the box and it was now functioning normally.

## ***10. Entertainment/What's On***

Lawrence Allen stated that

- The Darts evening is on March 17<sup>th</sup> was a huge success and Simon Whitlock was the best player we have had here in terms of high scores.
- Gary Dawson is proposing to screen the Joshua- Klitschko fight with a £3 charge to view it. It will be on the football presentation evening.
- Maggie Allen is proposing to have a summer BBQ day in August with activities on the field and live music. People will not be allowed to bring their own BBQs.

## ***11. Sporting Section's Activities Reports***

### ***Bowls***

Sarah Stevenson reported:

- The bowls section is currently going through a testing time
- An extraordinary meeting was held at the end of March with the relevant Captains and the consensus was that there were too few players, and no Captain, for the Whitchurch C team to be sustained. We gained special approval from the Whitchurch League to remove that team only the day before the season was due to start, with no fines to the Club being incurred. The rules state that in these circumstances we must withdraw our lowest team. The League very kindly waived this rule also. We will of course need to pay for the books and score cards which had already been printed. This leaves only 3 teams in the Whitchurch league.
- Another extraordinary meeting was held last week to decide prior to commencement of the Market Drayton League season, whether Prees could sustain all 5 teams. After a long and protracted meeting, and a sudden change of Captain for the E team, the relevant Captains concluded that Prees will be able to support 5 teams, certainly in the short term, and a decision will be taken in a few weeks, whether we are able to continue. The difference in fines and fees between withdrawing a team at this stage or waiting a few weeks into the season and then withdrawing, was minimal, and so it was agreed that if we could try to keep all 5 teams going for the season, that would be the best outcome. It was accepted that during holiday periods, this may become untenable, and in this case, a team may need to be withdrawn part way through the season. I will hold bi-monthly Captain meetings to ensure that things run as smoothly as possible.
- The Norman Ford Competition was hosted by Prees on Saturday 8 April. The sun shone all day! Of the 32 players who were invited to play in the competition, 7 were from Prees Club, namely Louise Allmark, Charlotte Smith, Louis Mould, Luke Grocott, Josh and Geoff Warner, and Matt Blackhurst. Geoff and Josh Warner did extremely well, reaching the ¼ finals round.

- The doubles games fixtures for each of the leagues are starting to be published and Prees has agreed to host several games, the dates of which Gary is aware.
- The new system of recording green fees and game subscriptions is so far working well.
- Other than the above, Prees Club is looking forward to a stress free, successful season.

The Chairman said that he thought the decision to retain our teams in the MD league and to drop a team from the Whitchurch league was the right decision and he thanked Sarah for her efforts.

### ***Cricket***

Brian Hughes reported:

- The first Saturday game is on April 29<sup>th</sup> and midweek league on Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Football***

Mark Perkins reported:

- The football season was coming to an end and all 3 girls teams are in cup finals.
- We have had a request from a Market Drayton under 10 side who want to play their games here next season

### ***Darts & Dominoes***

No report. The season is now completed..

### ***Angling***

Duncan Austin reported:

- The angling membership has increased by around 20 members.
- We have 3 waters. Coton, Sandford and the Birches at Hawkstone.
- Andy Peate has won the winter league.

### ***Weightlifting***

No report.

Chris has successfully completed his level 2 coaching and is now a fully qualified coach.

## ***12. Any Other Business***

Lawrence Allen asked if we could think about upgrading the Sky TV to HD and to replace the old projector which is beyond its sell by date.

Alan Smith thanked Gary Jan and Lawrence for making John and Sue's golden wedding party such a success.

Ian Stevenson Calum was in the bar with his father and was recovering well from his terrible accident.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 at 8:00pm**

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please provide any progress reports to another committee member or directly to Brian Hughes, to present at the meeting.

Minutes accepted as a true record ..... Date .....