

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday May 10th 2017

Present: Vincent Lines (Chair), Ray Grocott (President), Paul Prince, Lawrence Allen, Alan Smith, Duncan Austin, Mark Perkins, Ian Stevenson. Alan Groom, Neale Sadler, Mike Walmsley, Dave Price, Chris Green.

Apologies: Brian Hughes, Joe Whelan, Mike McGee, Sarah Stevenson, Phil Hodges, Maggie Allen, Angela Walmsley, John Gleave.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of 12th April 2017 were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising – not included on the Agenda

Neil Sadler stated that he had not received a copy of the April meeting minutes.

Lawrence Allen was pleased that the television facility in the clubhouse had been upgraded to HD.

3. Treasurer's Report

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

- Paul Prince pointed out that the Club's income and the expenditure for 2016 were very much in line with each other.
- Excess of income over expenditure was now -£2.027k
- We are generally self-sufficient but the club was not currently making any profit so any further major project expense this year will require fundraising.
- The Chairman expressed concern about the condition of the decking. Chris Green was aware of some decking elsewhere that may be available.
- Wages were down £3k. PP was working with Gary Dawson in this respect.
- Ray Grocott expressed his pleasure at the manner in which the Club's finances were being administered.

4. Fund Raising Activities

Mark Perkins stated that the grant application reported at the last meeting was going forward.

5. Correspondence for Committee

There had been no correspondence received by the Club Secretary pertinent to this meeting.

6. Progress Reports

Membership

Ian Stevenson reported that his records of membership receipts was essentially in line with that of the Treasurer, given the interval between money being received and banked. He also updated current progress with membership renewals for 2017 and reminded all present that it had been agreed that the annual payment of membership fees by Football Section members had been put back from 1st August this year to 1st January 2018.

There had been 144 new memberships taken out so far in 2017, with approximately 56% of membership fees due for 2017 now paid up.

The Membership Secretary's updated report table follows:

Families + Individuals				
	Registered	paid 2017	fee	paid total
family	94	62	£25.00	£1,550.00
adult	280	163	£10.00	£1,630.00
sc	87	59	£5.00	£295.00
juniors	111	36	£5.00	£180.00
Totals	572	320		£3,655.00
Prepay for 2017 December			£135.00	£3,520.00

All Individuals Count		
	registered	paid 2017
adult	471	275
sc	87	59
juniors	291	142
Total	849	476

Membership Analysis	
total individual members registered	849
total paid	476
2017 new members	144
total due not paid	373
percentage due and not paid	43.93

Junior Football analysis	
No of registered players	167
Paid up members	159
Members not paid	0
Players with no membership record	8
Loss to club	£40.00

7. Clubhouse Building Management

No report on this occasion.

Grounds Management

Duncan Austin reported:

- The land is very dry at the moment. He was pleased that therefore that we have the watering system.
- It was agreed by all concerned that the football pitches were in excellent order and much praise was given regarding the current condition of the cricket pitch.

9. Health & Safety Management

No report on this occasion.

10. Entertainment/What's On

Lawrence Allen gave a brief report of recent events e.g. Boxing (Joshua v Kiitschko Sky Box Office world title fight, when the pictures, sound and atmosphere in both the Bar area and the Function Room had been excellent,

Given that Maggie Allen was not available for this meeting due to a major commitment at Whitchurch Civic Hall, he also outlined a number of proposals for Club Social events including a Members' Night as soon as possible now, a Summer BBQ (no own food to be brought on) with bands playing on the balcony, a Sports Evening featuring guest speaker Lee Sharpe supported by a comedian, A Northern Soul night is also scheduled for the autumn.

Mark Perkins made mention of the Parlour Tricks magic show on Sunday 15th October.

11. Sporting Section's Activities Reports

Bowls

Sarah Stevenson had submitted a written report that the Bowls Section had unfortunately had to drop another team (this time the 'A' Team) from the Market Drayton League.

The Section is nevertheless hopeful that they will have enough teams to sustain the remaining 7 teams across the leagues. The season is currently progressing well for the Club. The Doubles Competitions are also progressing well.

Ray Grocott enquired from Alan Smith whether early arrangements for the Floodlit Bowls Competition later in the year were in place. Alan Smith reported that they were.

Cricket

Duncan Austin reported on the early start to the season by the cricket section. Some team members had been unavailable for understandable reasons but the team now coming back to full strength.

Football

Mark Perkins reported that most teams had now finished their seasons.

One of the teams mentioned at the April meeting had won a Cup Final scoring 9 goal (after having been 3 – 0 down at half time!).

The first of the upcoming Tournaments organised by the Football Section is scheduled for 25th/25th June 2017. Over a thousand young footballers are expected to take part this year.

It has been agreed that Market Drayton under-10s side can play at our ground.

Dave Price expressed concern about extra wear to our pitches.

Post Meeting Note: The recent girls football coaching session led by an England International Women's Soccer star was considered to be very successful in every respect.

Darts & Dominoes

Dave Price reported that the Darts team finished the 2016/17 season in 7th place in their League, The Dominoes Section had finished 9th in their League with unbeaten 'Star' players being Paul Prince and Phil Hodges.

Angling

Duncan Austin reported that all was going well.

- The angling membership now has around 50 members given previous members of the Village Club.
- The Village Club members have paid for the re-stocking of the Prees pools.

Weightlifting

Chris Green outlined his vision for the development of the Weightlifting Section stated that it was coming along nicely with midweek sessions scheduled for Tuesday to Friday evenings. Seniors attending on Tuesday evenings include one lady member and one Senior Citizen (Lawrence Allen).

Chris is pleased that the Weightlifting Section now has a spot on the Club Website. He is also looking to arrange a promotional Open Day, possibly when a junior sporting event is scheduled for that same day.

12. Any Other Business

Lawrence Allen enquired if, for pedestrian safety reasons in the car park area, that a single line of paving slabs could be laid from where the pavement section beside the approach road from Cricket Meadow finally ends, along the turfed section beside the house walls up to the rear of the small green bowls hut. This should encourage pedestrians not to walk unnecessarily through the centre of the car park itself, thus reducing the chance of an accident caused by a reversing car.

Finally, the Club Chairman gave an insight into enquiries that had been made with an adjacent landowner with a view to extending the grassed playing surfaces available to the Club.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14th June 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