

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday March 8th 2017

Present: Vincent Lines (Chair), Ray Grocott (President), Paul Prince, Alan Smith, Duncan Austin, Mark Perkins, Joe Whelan, Brian Hughes, Dave Price, Sarah Stevenson, Phil Hodges, Ian Stevenson, Alan Groom, Neale Sadler

Apologies: Mike McGee, Maggie Allen, Lawrence Allen, Angela Walmsley, Mike Walmsley, John Gleave.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of 11th January 2017 were agreed.

2. Matters Arising – not included on the Agenda

Joe Whelan said he has not received his minutes for the last two months. Brian Hughes will look into this..

3. Treasurer's Report

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

- The bar turnover was £19.5k with a gross profit of £12.5k This was a reduced turnover compared with the same period last year by around £3K. This is always a quiet period with few functions.
- Membership earned £2.1k to date
- Excess of income over expenditure was -£4k which was double last years deficit at this stage. This was largely due to the expenditure on major building projects which are now completed. Any new projects will need to identify funding before they can go ahead.
- Due to the fact that Grocontinental no longer handle our wages payments we have lost our time buffer in the Club's payment dates. This has made cash flow tight and to overcome this Paul has transferred monies from our deposit account to our current. It was not earning any interest anyway.

Vinny Lines and Ray Grocott both commented that the building works and improvements that have been carried out were very good and done to a very high standard. They thanked Phil and Duncan for the great job they have done.

4. Fund Raising Activities

Alan Smith reported:

- Whilst Maggie Allen was away Sue and John Smith have stepped in to run the Monday bingo evenings. Last Mondays raised over £600 for Tilstock Bowls Club.

5. Correspondence for Committee

There was none

6. Progress Reports

Membership

Ian Stevenson reported:

The current state of new membership is:

Families + Individuals				
	Registered	paid 2017	fee	paid total
family	85	47	£25.00	£1,175.00
adult	265	79	£10.00	£790.00
sc	79	29	£5.00	£145.00
juniors	88	9	£5.00	£45.00
Totals	517	164		£2,155.00
Prepay for 2017 December			£135.00	£2,020.00

All Individuals Count		
	registered	paid 2017
adult	437	137
sc	79	29
juniors	245	74
Total	761	240

Membership Analysis	
total individual members registered	761
total paid	240
2017 new members	75
total due not paid	521
percentage due and not paid	68.46

Junior Football analysis	
No of registered players	145
Paid up members	25
Members not paid	25
Players with no membership record	0
Loss to club	£125.00

Neale Sadler asked for clarification on junior football renewal timing. Ian confirmed that junior football membership will now run from January to December and members who joined in August for this season will not be due for renewal until January next year.

7. Clubhouse Building Management

Phil Hodges reported:

- A lot of work has been completed in the last couple of months including the path between the bowling green and preparation of the sports hall for the weightlifting section.
- Nothing else is planned except the installation of the lights on the poles.

8. Grounds Management

Duncan Austin reported:

- Despite the heavy rains the grounds are still coping and having no football last Sunday helped.
- He has completed some work on repairing the netting on the 3G pitch.
- He has started work on preparing the cricket square.

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.

Brian Hughes confirmed that we have received a written statement that the glass in the trophy cabinet is reinforced glass.

10. Entertainment/What's On

Brian Hughes stated that

- The Darts evening is on March 17th and is sold out.
- Maggie Allen has book Lee Sharpe, the ex-footballer, for a sportsman's dinner in October.

11. Sporting Section's Activities Reports

Bowls

Sarah Stevenson reported:

- There is little to report as the season is yet to get underway. The season for both leagues starts week commencing 4 April.
- The Bowls section has agreed at their AGM to increase the annual green fees from £5 to £10 and this will be collected at the beginning of the season from each player.
- All teams have Captains with the exception of the Whitchurch C team. Efforts are being made to recruit a Captain and it is hoped that by the next Captain's meeting on 29 March this will be resolved.
- I have entered teams from both leagues into the knock-out doubles competitions.
- The Norman Ford Competition is being held at Prees on 8 April and Charlotte Smith, Luke Grocott, and Josh Warner have been selected to represent the Juniors for Prees. Louise Allmark has been selected to play to represent the Ladies section.
- County Trials are on 9th April (not at Prees) and Luke Grocott, Josh Warner, and Charlotte have been invited to apply.

Cricket

Brian Hughes reported:

- We now have the 2017 fixtures and the first game is April 29th.
- £390 pounds was raised at the Cricket bingo thanks to Alan, Sue and John Smith.
- The proposed date for the Simon Lines cup against Coton is May 14th but this is yet to be confirmed.

Football

Mark Perkins reported that the football season was progressing well but had nothing further to report. There have been a few cancelled games due to weather.

A discussion took place regarding gift aid and what the Club can claim it against. Neale Sadler said he had looked into this before and we need to be very clear what it applies to as it only applies to monies paid with no return and membership is a grey area. Mark Perkins is looking into this.

Darts & Dominoes

Dave Price reported:

- 19 matches have been played with 3 to go. Darts team are 8th in the league and Dominoes are 9th in their league.

Angling

Duncan Austin reported:

- The angling AGM is tomorrow night. We are getting a few new members.
- The merge with the top club has now happened.

Weightlifting

Chris Green gave an update on the progress of the new weightlifting section which Chris will be running. The room is almost ready with only the lighting work to be finished. There is a lot of interest and several groups want to use the facility which will be good for the Club financially. Members of the original Prees Weightlifting club from the 1980's, who are now based in Canada, are coming for a reunion on the 15th of March. This may result in a twinning arrangement with their club in Canada with competitions via video links. Chris would like to get some publicity for this event. Chris has his level 2 coaching course booked and intends to be fully up and running next month.

12. Any Other Business

Brian Hughes checked that the proposed Charity Commission report circulated by Mike McGee to the Trustees was accepted. The Trustees at the meeting agreed that it was fine and that it should be submitted to the Charity Commission

The next committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12th of April 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