



Minutes of Management Committee Meeting Final
Monday 6th August 7:00 pm Venue: Meadow-Ville

Present

Brian Cruwys Chair Robert Goodhand Secretary Diane Baker Treasurer
Maureen Brown C & W Brian Brown (by invitation)

Apologies

Abigail McGuire Peter McGuire Michael Adams Ted Gould Chris Vaughn
Anne Neale's resignation from the committee was confirmed

Water Policy

RG had undertaken a full investigation, checking our water bill against Club meter readings. Making assumptions on water usage by allotment holders and ground staff he calculated total consumption was split roughly 50/50. Water bills should therefore be shared between allotments and bowls. We needed to manage our water consumption more strictly. There was confusion among allotment holders on access to water. Some members did not like even to enter the bowls area through to other members connecting up hoses and watering direct. Distribution and filling of water butts throughout the site had created a level of expectation. RG believed only when people had to collect their own water would sensible water management be achieved but it was too late for this season. Agreed to keep under review and start next season with clear guidelines.

Action BC to speak to ground staff about water usage

Action RG to investigate noticeboard on allotments so we could communicate clearly various policies

Constitution

RG confirmed the proposed new constitution had never been ratified so we were still operating under Issue 5. This did however name 10 officers of the Club as agreed at the last AGM. RG briefed the whole arrangement was clearly unworkable. There were named officers of the Club who clearly did not want to sit on a management committee while others who had for years served in many positions might still have a valid contribution even though not holding a specific position. A proposal that anyone could submit to be an officer of the Club was accepted. At the first meeting those officers would then elect a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer from among their number. The committee would be termed the Site Management Committee. Each section of the Club would run as autonomously as possible with the committee guiding the development of the site and ensuring balanced use of resources.

Action RG to post notice calling for volunteers to Bowls positions and officers of the Club.

AGM

It was agreed to bring forward the AGM to Thursday 13th September 6:00 pm Clubhouse

Action RG to post notice and advertise on websites.

Membership Fees

RG proposed for the Club millennium year we offer to all members a combined Bowls/Tennis membership fee of £30. This was accepted for one year only. The introductory fee of £20 remains. *(additional note : fees are ratified at AGM so this remains a proposal)*

Financial Report

A balanced set of accounts was presented to the Committee for the 18 month period October 2016 to April 2018 – though the majority of expenditure occurred “in season”. Appreciation and compliments were expressed to the Treasurer for producing such an accurate set of figures for a complex operation by a purely manual bookkeeping arrangement. However RG and DB had entered the manual figures onto a spreadsheet for final checking as had been done in previous years. Concern was raised on our level of expenditure on Green and General Maintenance amounting to £13 000. The Chair called for a separate report on this

Action DB/RG to produce breakdown for BC to have further discussion with Bowls staff.

Action BC to review continuing payments on professional advice

An interim set of accounts was then presented covering April to July. A system had been set up where a single control document used when paying in could be entered directly onto a spreadsheet and costs immediately allocated out among the different activities of the Club. Three bank accounts had been combined into one but the accounts showed the funds available for each activity – bowls, tennis, allotments and roller disco. £1000 had been allocated to a site fund and the social membership fee element of subscription was allocated to this cost centre. From there lease and site repairs could be paid,

Events Policy

As submitted by AMc at the previous meeting – this was accepted.

Memorial Match Chris Sherring

This was confirmed as fully appropriate for the match we play annually with Avon and Somerset Police.

Action RG to discuss with Val Sherring

Toilets

It was agreed to post a notice calling for three volunteers specifically to manage this project to ensure construction by the start of next season. Further this group also to revisit proposed modifications to Clubhouse.

Action RG to post notice

Millennium Logo

Action RG to forward proposed logo to committee members for comment.

Confidential Item

The Committee confined discussions on how the matter should be handled and an agreed letter was raised offering independent review.

AOB Shirts

BB gave a submission. Agreed BB and DB to continue to investigate

Action RG to enquire with Somerton their source

The meeting closed