



Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting Tuesday 1st August 2017

Time : 10:00 am Venue: Clubhouse

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Present

Michael Adams Chair

Diane Baker Treasurer

Maureen Brown C and W

Robert Goodhand Secretary

Lester Holley Development

The committee welcomed Brian Brown Maintenance Lead attending by invitation.

Apologies

None.

Previous Minutes

Agreed.

Matters Arising

Disability Toilets (Termed Phase 1)

LH had resubmitted outline plans now for £20 000 from £15 000. This was S106 money allocated to the allotments. A presentation was given to Mendip and qualified acceptance received.

Aspirations for a new Clubhouse were agreed unrealisable. The costs were too high. LH had examined BE funding criteria relating membership to Clubhouse area. Membership was too low to attract funding. Further BB briefed on the potential to refurbish and develop the existing Clubhouse. Therefore LH proposed to integrate new toilets into Clubhouse rather than stand alone. This received full support

New Items

New Tennis Court (Termed Phase 2)

LH was exploring funding from LTA for covered courts which would attract significant LTA funding and consultation meetings were in hand. The possibility of a partnership with West Shepton Short Mat Bowls was discussed.

The proposals met with unanimous support to develop ideas.

Action LH MA and BB to meet with Three Solutions on Monday 7th August

Constitution and Rules

Suggestions received. There was discussion on voting rights. Curiously the present constitution was "silent" on voting rights. The recommendation was that active members of the Club (ie involvement in bowls, tennis or allotments) had immediate voting rights on paying the appropriate fee. Social members were those people who gave passive support to those activities but did not have voting rights.

With now only three trustees, two internal (MA and RG), RG raised the need to appoint additional external trustees – people of standing within the community, particularly in light of the wider Club initiatives now being developed.

Action To be raised at AGM

The necessary format of the next AGM was discussed. The AGM proper would address constitution, financial matters, development plans and election of the management committee members. The AGM would then terminate and the meeting continue with “bowls only” members for captains’ reports, bowls members questions and election and appointment of the bowls committee members including captains.

Membership

RG had been through the membership book and compiled an accurate historical bowls only membership list from 2011 taking care to exclude tennis and allotment holders. The “raw” figures were encouraging but closer analysis showed a central loyal membership now shrinking with a high “first year” recruitment and wastage. After deducting a standard £10 / member, the subscription totals had barely increased since 2011 despite subscription increases. Report issued.

Treasurer’s Report

RG and DB had transposed the general ledger figures onto spreadsheets which meant we could now produce “rolling” accounts automatically. Summary accounts for 2016 and 2017 to date were issued with a separate “bowls only” analysis. In brief bowls were now running a deficit even when taking into account additional fundraising activities. A cost code summary was also issued.

Action Committee to study and discuss at future meetings

There was discussion on the new dishwasher acquired without financial authorisation.

Communications

Clearly the Club was entering an exciting new phase of development with numerous funding initiatives available but communications remained poor with rumour and misunderstanding. It was agreed to publish minutes on the Club noticeboard.

Action RG to action

It was further agreed to improve communications between the Bowls and Tennis, Lester Holley and Brian Brown would be the focal point of communication and exchange, each keeping the other briefed on initiatives and activities.

Shepton GetUrSkates On

This was the planned roller disco to be run by volunteers on Friday nights at the Whitstone Leisure Centre. The Club was offering oversight, guidance and financial scrutiny to this new Community project. Financial independence was assured with grants totalling £3000 now secured.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 29Aug17