



MBSC Committee Meeting 21st March 2016

Held at “The Gate Hangs Well”, Carlton at 19.30

Present:

Bob Sykes (Chairman) – BS
David Gordon (Treasurer) – DG
Mick Stokes (Secretary) – MS
Ricky McDougall – RM
Stella Bridle – SB
John Denore – JD
Steve Robinson – SR
Jack Spence – JS
Seth Lewis – SL

Apologies: Matt Watson

1. Approval of minutes of last Committee Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting (29th February 2016) were agreed as correct.

2. Club Reports

Member Clubs had slight concerns regarding the proposed events on June 11th – with a possible clash between a home Cricket Club fixture, the Football Club tournament and the official clubhouse opening ceremony, plus a lack of car parking. The relative timing of individual activities on the day should hopefully resolve any issues – with Riley’s Field as a possible car parking option.

Also, both the Cricket Club and Tri-Club now required access to the container with a damaged lock – further efforts would be made to gain access before contacting a welder to cut out the damaged lock as a last resort.

Sadly it was reported that the Cricket Club would no longer be running any junior teams this season – something the Sports Club would be seeking to redress for future years.

3. Finance

DG advised current status of the Sports Club accounts – £5k in the main account and £10k in the Clubhouse account – but payments were due for training pitch hire and unpaid kit sponsorship, plus significant electricity costs (see below). However, further income was anticipated from fund raising and other sources as described under relevant paragraphs below, whilst a £5k interest-free loan application had been submitted to the Leicestershire & Rutland Playing Fields Association, and required forms for control of Football Club funds were now lodged with the bank.

Following anticipated increases in recent quarterly electricity bills due to the Clubhouse project – successive quarterly values being £40.21, £49.46, £81.64, then £298.30 to 23rd December 2015 – a massive leap in electricity costs had occurred in the last few weeks. Based on weekly readings, the current quarterly amount was £2,302.06, due to initial heating/drying out of the new Clubhouse. DG had already contacted Eon regarding regular monthly payments and it was recommended that an approach should be made to Eon for an agreed plan to extend the payment period for this huge bill. It was also recommended that BS/RM should raise this issue with Bedaro to see if they may be willing to make any contribution towards the overall cost.

RM advised that once Bedaro leave site, i.e. within the next couple of weeks, the Sports Club would immediately become entirely responsible for the new Clubhouse and all associated facilities. DG would therefore contact NFU to update the existing insurance policy to provide the necessary revised level of cover as soon as possible – obviously another additional ongoing cost to the Club.

4. Fund Raising

A number of grant application awards had been successful that would facilitate full completion of the Clubhouse project, including internal fittings and furnishings etc. There were significant sums from Sport England and the Dixie Educational Trust plus other smaller amounts.

Further applications were now being made, including potential matched funding from the Football Foundation and possible Community Grant sources (e.g. the Leader Project) – with suggestions for nominated projects including demolition of the old pavilion (cost estimate awaited), fencing of the hedge-line boundary, a footpath around the sports field (disabled access), or Clubhouse fixtures and fittings (or even expansion into the roof space). JD advised that a grant for mobile floodlights could potentially be obtained by a future application to the Football Foundation.

5. Clubhouse Project

The Clubhouse building project was now practically complete, with only a few items to finish off – including the kitchen (currently being fitted by the Sports Club). Hence Bedaro may now be off site within a week, with only the outside work by Ambion continuing thereafter. RM advised that grass seeding of damaged areas around the Clubhouse would need regular watering (via the outside tap provided) – JS agreed to pass this on to other Cricket Club members.

Committee approval was given for Sylvester Cheung to perform a snagging review of the building, including testing of all fixtures and fittings, and provide a written report. RM would arrange for this to be carried out, and was also arranging for new advertising board signs (at a cost of £70 each) to be attached to the new security fencing once this had been erected. Committee approval was also given to commission new roadside Sports Club signs; i.e. similar to those at the Water Park and Marina. Enquiries would also be made regarding ‘official’ sign-posts to the sports ground – i.e. brown amenity signs normally supplied and installed by the Highways Agency (but at what cost?)

SB was submitting an alcohol licence application and BS was making enquiries to obtain two beer fridges for the ‘Bottled Beer’ sales. It was agreed to clean and retain the existing quality chairs and tables in the old pavilion whilst researching options for additional furniture requirements, including desks for the new office. A First Aid Kit and notices were also required for the new premises.

6. Clubhouse Hire / Events

In view of various unknowns – e.g. ongoing electricity and insurance costs – and the time needed to establish the new facilities and formal contracts for its use, it was unanimously agreed that the new Clubhouse would be available for internal Sports Club use from May but not for regular external third-party community use until September – i.e. the start of the Autumn school term. MS would inform all current interested parties of this decision.

The question of nominated key holders for the new Clubhouse was raised, pending appointment of a volunteer caretaker/groundsman – being advertised in the local free press – also the need for Private Property signs and methods for prevention of ‘illegal’ use of the Sports Club’s new car park.

The Sports Club AGM on Monday 18th April would be the first one-off event to be held at the new Clubhouse, followed by an official Opening Ceremony on Saturday June 11th (i.e. in conjunction with the Football Club tournament and presentation evening), then the Bosworth Festival Musical Concert on Saturday 2nd July. It was agreed that the Clubhouse would be open for a Bar and Toilets at the Concert but the Sports Club would not provide catering on this occasion (as this was usually a picnic-style event). SB would check the availability of Riley’s Field for car parking on that day and the Sports Club would endeavour to sell tickets for the Bosworth Festival Concert at Friday evening training sessions and also during the 11th/12th June weekend events.

As part of the Bosworth Festival, the Sports Club had been invited to host an activity at the Parish Field on Saturday 25th June – e.g. a Beat-the-Goalie shoot-out similar to the format used each year at the Shackerstone Festival – which could raise essential funds for the Club.

More detailed discussion took place regarding plans and proposals for the new Clubhouse Opening Ceremony event on 11th June – including timing, format, invited guests list and local press coverage – bearing in mind the Football Club’s junior tournament in the morning and a home Cricket Club fixture against Quorn in the afternoon, as briefly discussed earlier in the meeting.

7. A.O.B.

Ground Work

RM reported success from Verti draining and fertiliser treatment of parts of the ground but ideally this should be complemented by filling the furrows with silica sand – costs for this to be obtained.

Bosworth 10k Run – Sunday October 2nd 2016

SL requested use of the sports ground and facilities for a proposed Bosworth 10k Run this coming Autumn – i.e. Sunday 2nd October 2016. This was deemed unlikely to clash with other activities and therefore approved by the Committee. SL also requested a copy of the Sports Club logo to include in any 10k Run publicity – MS would duly forward a copy.

With the Clubhouse project now all but complete, the proposed **date of the next meeting would be the 2016 Sports Club AGM – i.e. Monday 18th April – to be held at the new Clubhouse.**

The meeting closed at 20:55

MAS – 26th March 2016