



MBSC Committee Meeting 5th September 2016

Held at the Sports Club Clubhouse at 7.30pm

Present:

Bob Sykes (Chairman) – BS
David Gordon – DG
Mick Stokes – MS
John Denore – JD
Steve Robinson – SR
David Lawrie - DL

Apologies: Ricky McDougall, Stella Bridle (SB) and Matt Watson

1. Approval of minutes of last Committee Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, 25th July 2016, were agreed as correct – with any matters arising being covered in the agenda of this meeting.

2. Club News Updates

Cricket Club

Another excellent season was continuing – with the team top of the league with no matches lost. The new clubhouse had been a real bonus, plus Atherstone were very happy too and would be seeking to renew their current ground lease agreement for another year.

1485 Triathlon Club

SR & DL reported Tri-Club membership was good, with lots of activity and positive feedback from various events. The Tri-Club were holding a “Couch to 5K Run” coaching and support group on Wednesday evenings – starting from September 8th through to November 3rd – and, should enough interest persist, this will be a regular run training session involving the creation of new MBSC membership in due course – all good news for the Sports Club.

Football Club

There was an FC Meeting arranged to overlap with this meeting, to cover common areas relating to management of the new Clubhouse and proposals for an Opening Ceremony. JD advised that it had unfortunately proved impractical to raise an U15 team this season and the U18's were short on numbers, but everything was otherwise ok for the new season.

3. Finance

DG advised the current status of Sports Club funds – and the projected bank account figures after payment of outstanding and anticipated invoices plus income awaited from external sources.

Average Electricity costs had now settled at around £30 per week – compared to £16 per month for the old pavilion. Thankfully the huge bill incurred for drying out the Clubhouse plasterwork had now been virtually paid off.

DG also advised that some of FC fines, already totalling £238, could have easily been avoided with a little more care and attention to detail when submitting forms/responses – to be noted by team managers etc.

4. Clubhouse Project

There were still outstanding difficulties with full completion of the original project – partly due to issues with Bedaro and also with the Highways Agency (regarding the new Car Park to Roadway tie-in). Similarly there appeared to be a recurrent problem with toilets backing up after inclement weather – with further investigations to be made by camera inspection of the sewage and drainage pipework. It was agreed that some of the withheld payment to Bedaro should be released as a gesture of goodwill – although several thousand would still be held back for completion of the car park/roadway tie-in in due course. Bedaro had now supplied some of the necessary completion certificates which had been duly forwarded to the Football Foundation.

The old pavilion had now been demolished and the resultant area of land was being graded using the large excess soil heap from the Clubhouse project. This would then need topsoil and seeding asap (before the winter) at an estimated cost of £6.5k, (in addition to the £3k cost of demolition), with potential use of the new grassed area as a multi-sport facility and potential funding sources as such discussed.

5. Clubhouse Requirements & Essentials

With the Clubhouse now available for both Sports Club and Community use, there were a number of requirements to be addressed – not least management and caretaking functions for the new premises. Additional items were also essential to meet statutory regulations – e.g. CCTV coverage specified by the licensing authority, with a total of 10 cameras inside and out (for which a very reasonable price had been quoted and accepted by the Committee).

As the person currently responsible for issuing keys and retaining a list of key-holders, it was suggested that Stella might take on the role of Clubhouse Manager – including compilation of a diary of use, to avoid clashes between Sports and Community use of the new facilities. BS would contact Stella to see if she would be prepared to accept this position. BS advised a potential interest in the Caretaker role too – from someone living locally and who presently assisted with the current cleaning contract, which was providing an excellent service so far.

Arrangements for the interim period were discussed – i.e. allocation of keys, a key-holder list on a notice board, required access to the Boiler Room, Kitchen and Office plus volunteers to run the Bar (who must be 18+). It was agreed that the internal Boiler Room door should be left unlocked in the short term but the Kitchen door should be kept locked, whilst the cost of providing coded locks on various internal doors would be investigated.

MS had obtained a selection of essential signs for the new premises – e.g. warning of Hot Water for the washrooms or directions to the Fire Assembly Point. More of these would be needed (for which SB had obtained a catalogue from the local supplier) and it was agreed that MS/SB had budget approval to purchase essential items such as signs and notice boards as needed – plus some form of blinds or shutters for the Office and Function Room windows on the ‘public’ side to enhance building security.

MS had received the PCIF award plaque for display at the Clubhouse and JD advised that similar plaques for Sport England and the Football Foundation would soon be available. It was agreed that RESPECT signs should be obtained and displayed, if available.

Further to several enquiries and offers, it was advised that Slimming World classes would be held in the Function Room on Thursday afternoons/evenings, 52 weeks per year at £50 per week – a very useful source of income. Unfortunately, neither Music & Movement nor the local Brownies were able to accept our current terms and conditions but other enquiries offered better prospects. The Committee reiterated its previous decision to avoid hiring out the Function Room for weddings and birthday parties, at least for the time being.

6. Clubhouse Opening Ceremony

Due to the considerable and continuing delay in full project completion, it was agreed to defer the official Clubhouse Opening Ceremony until Friday 7th October, thus giving sufficient time for notification of invited attendees and preparations for the event.

JD advised that no major celebrity – i.e. from Leicester City FC – was available to perform the official opening so further ideas/offers needed to be pursued with some urgency. SB had compiled a list of nominations for attendees to be invited, including Press, Sponsors, Guests and past Club and Committee members.

7. A.O.B.

Tri-Club members DL/SR requested provision of floodlights to facilitate winter use of outside areas – including a potential Wednesday evening Running Club – with lights possibly being mounted on the Clubhouse building/canopy or by purchasing portable battery-powered units. It was agreed that the Football Club could make significant savings on winter training costs if floodlights of sufficient power were available at the ground. It was therefore agreed to request a quotation from James Tudge (Central Electrical Services) for provision of outside lighting on or around the Clubhouse area – also to investigate potential funding sources for a floodlight project.

The need for additional equipment storage was also requested and discussed – possibly by provision of shelving in the existing containers or cupboards/lockers in the new Clubhouse.

The MBSC meeting closed at 21:30 (including an overlap with the FC Committee meeting)

Proposed date of the next meeting – Monday 3rd October 2016

MAS – 15th September 2016