



MBSC Committee Meeting 7th November 2016

Held at the Sports Club Clubhouse at 7.30pm

Present:

Bob Sykes (Chairman) – BS
David Gordon – DG
Mick Stokes – MS
Stella Bridle – SB
Steve Robinson – SR
David Lawrie - DL

Apologies: John Denore, Ricky McDougall & Matt Watson

1. Approval of minutes of last Committee Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, 3rd October 2016, were agreed as correct – any matters arising being covered in the agenda of this meeting.

2. Club News Updates

Cricket Club

MW had advised DG that amalgamation of Cricket Club monies with the Sports Club account would shortly be completed, leaving sufficient funds for payments due on the recent ECB loan.

1485 Triathlon Club

SR and DL reported 'business as usual' with plenty of events and activities – including recent successes in the Malta International Triathlon as well publicised in the local press. Further monies were being forwarded to the Sports Club account – annual subscription rates and options for payment were also discussed, including the potential for members to pay their subscription via the Sports Club website Shop facility; MS to investigate and report back.

The availability of an online option also raised the question of Social Membership and some form of membership card – as well as the corresponding Club and Social Membership fees. SR agreed to research options for production of Sports Club membership cards (Vistaprint?) incorporating a serial number, the Club logo and possibly a tick box for one of three sports clubs or just social membership.

Football Club

JD reported via email that all teams were currently thriving (if not always results wise) and winter training was now under way at the Dixie.

The Football Club were endeavouring to get league administration/fines costs under control, especially the adult teams, and also ensure that all membership subscriptions were being paid. Dale Stringer and Stewart Scragg had monies to be paid in to the Club account too.

3. Finance

DG advised the current status of Sports Club funds – both main and Clubhouse – and gave a brief summary of recent and projected expenditure, including payment for the Bar Roller Shutter. DG had also submitted a claim to the Football Foundation for 80% of groundwork invoices but had received no response to date.

DG advised that there was potential for significant income through Gift Aid on allowable expenses – all Club officials to be made aware of this. Further income had been received from Shackerstone Festival and NFU for their advertising boards and a suggestion had been made regarding a 'shared' advertising board – i.e. for a couple of small local businesses to appear on one board; a good idea!

Following the recent Clubhouse flooding incident, DG reported that Belfor (NFU's appointed contractor) would be carrying out repairs to the décor in due course

4. Clubhouse Related Items

It was sincerely hoped that Bedaro would finally be attending site as arranged for Thursday 10th November to discuss and resolve all outstanding issues – the Sports Club stance being that no additional monies would be paid over and above the originally agreed contract sum total, especially given the recent flooding issue caused by toilet problems advised to Bedaro many months ago plus the recent goodwill gesture of a £5k payment (despite the lack of any attention whatsoever to all the snagging list items advised to the builder).

Similarly, whilst a Building Control Certificate had been received and a Practical Completion Certificate could be generated by the Sports Club themselves, other essential documents were still outstanding from the builder.

Following Thursday's planned meeting with Bedaro, the Sports Club would request further investigation of the current surface and foul water drainage issues by Dave Saunders and also contact a local plumber to resolve problems identified within the Clubhouse toilets.

BS described how Market Bosworth Rugby Club managed their Clubhouse facility with a paid Caretaker/Bar Person. SB agreed to produce an advert for the local press to fill a similar role at the Sports Club.

Discussion also took place regarding the potential option of a third party running the bar but paying a fixed rental to the Sports Club – with knowledge of similar working arrangements at both Aylestone Park and Harborough Town sports clubs proving successful.

Replacement window blinds had now been obtained for the Function Room plus extra blinds for the kitchen and office windows. These would be fitted in the next couple of weeks.

It was unanimously agreed that combination locks should be fitted to segregate and secure the sports changing rooms and function room areas of the Clubhouse – SB/SR would look at costs/availability/fitting of suitable systems.

It was suggested that the 2 Hot Water control switches should be clearly marked to facilitate their identification and use – SB would arrange this.

A quotation was due for Pest Control/Sanitary Facilities/Floor Mats etc. – plus interest in an advertising board if a contract was awarded.

5. Sports Club Rules & Hire Contracts

SB had circulated minor amendments to the Sports Club Rules, as necessitated by the recent Licensing review – i.e. to comply with statutory regulations for the Bar licence. The revisions could be approved at the next Sports Club Committee Meeting – only Constitution changes requiring an EGM. It was also requested that only minutes of AGM/EGM meetings should be available in full on the Sports Club website, with perhaps only short-form minutes of regular monthly Committee meetings; (MS to implement).

By email, JD had advised that he would be happy to produce some draft contracts/service level agreements based on others seen/used – gratefully accepted by the Committee.

BS had received an approach from AFC Market Bosworth regarding pitch rental but it was unfortunately not possible to accommodate any more use of the pitches at the current time to preserve and protect ground quality for member club's use. BS would hence advise them accordingly.

6. Groundwork

JD was following up recommendations from the recent local F.A. report specifying the Club's suggested ground maintenance needs – although a chain harrow for the pitches after every match would be nice but rather impractical. JD was also awaiting a response regarding the wrong size Ball Retention netting from Net World Sports.

Further discussion of groundwork needs for 2017 would take place at the next Sports Club Committee meeting in December – likewise Fund Raising for both Clubhouse and Ground needs for the coming year(s), including the potential astro-turf facility and floodlights.

7. A.O.B.

The Public Defibrillator case had now been received and was awaiting James Tudge to install the required spur to power the external unit within the next few days.

MS reported a number of enquiries regarding availability of the Function Room for birthday party events – previously not deemed acceptable by the Committee. However, following a recent hosting, it was agreed that all such events would be considered on an individual risk assessment basis – subject to a £15/hour one-off hire charge and extra if use of the bar was requested.

MS had received an invitation for the Sports Club to submit an entry to the St Peters Church Xmas Tree Festival (similar to last year's Angel Festival) – individual clubs could make their own entries if so desired.

A Poppy Wreath had been obtained on behalf of the Sports Club for ceremonial laying at the Market Bosworth Square War Memorial at the service this coming Sunday 13th November – MS offered to attend and place the wreath if no-one else was available as in previous years.

The meeting closed at 21:15

Proposed date of the next meeting – Monday 5th December 2016

MAS – 16th November 2016