



MBSC Committee Meeting 3rd October 2016

Held at the Sports Club Clubhouse at 7.30pm

Present:

Bob Sykes (Chairman) – BS
David Gordon – DG
Mick Stokes – MS
Ricky McDougall – RM
Stella Bridle – SB
Matt Watson – MW
David Lawrie - DL

Apologies: John Denore (Work) and Steve Robinson (Holiday)

1. Approval of minutes of last Committee Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting, 5th September 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 now complete – with the team finishing top of the league with no matches lost. This meant promotion for 2017 with a couple of items required to meet the league's specification at a higher level – ideally including a decent outfield mower and roller (see Groundwork item). It was agreed that some form of recognition should be given to Andrew James for his excellent and unpaid work on the cricket square (including fuel for the roller) – perhaps a Xmas gift.

MW advised that £380 had recently been spent from the Cricket Club account on loam, fertiliser and seed for the cricket square and there were sufficient funds in the account to meet quarterly £250 payments for the ECB loan.

MW requested that plastic water bottles should not be left by others to clutter the outfield and also advised that Atherstone would be seeking to renew their ground lease agreement for the 2017 season. Thanks should go to the Red Lion in Market Bosworth for their support in providing teas for all home matches at no cost to the Club.

1485 Triathlon Club

DL reported plenty of activity and positive feedback from regular meetings and events – he would provide more details of the proposed 5k run at the next meeting. The Tri-Club were considering items to purchase for winter training purposes and also requested the possible provision of a running track around the outer perimeter of the sports ground. This could perhaps serve as a disabled access pathway around the ground, as previously suggested.

Football Club

BS confirmed that sadly there would be no U15 team this season but membership numbers in all other age groups were good and the season had started well. The new adult goals and ball retention nets had been delivered, although there was a query about the netting height – 6m or 4m (with the latter received and installed). The cost of winter training at the Dixie facility was raised – see further comments under Groundwork item.

3. Finance

DG advised the current status of Sports Club funds – both main and Clubhouse – and gave a brief summary of the recent and projected expenditure, including potential settlement of the final project invoice and the associated claim from the Football Foundation; the latter subject to any further required documentation/certificates being released by Bedaro.

DG also advised that most recent invoices had been paid, including the new line marker and CCTV camera installation (a licensing requirement). An autumn 2106 invoice received from H&BBC regarding waste collection was queried – this was confirmed by SB as incorrect, since H&BBC collections ceased as of 28th September this year. Although as yet not received from Sylvester Cheung, RM advised that the outstanding architect's fees should not exceed an agreed figure of around £750.

It was agreed that a current Dave Saunders invoice should be paid in due course whilst the NFU insurance annual renewal was likely to cost around £3.5k (due Dec/Jan).

4. Clubhouse Official Opening

SB provided a detailed summary of various arrangements and attendees for the Clubhouse Official Opening event planned for Friday 7th October, including a Bar-B-Q to follow the main event. MS agreed to provide name badges for Club Committee members whilst both SB and RM were sorting out final preparations for the big day, including numerous items referenced under Clubhouse Requirements and Essentials and a general tidy-up (especially patio area).

It was suggested that Car Parking for invited guests should be reserved by the Clubhouse and that JD could advise all managers to avoid parking in this area, and also of the Bar-B-Q for all attending this Friday afternoon's training sessions.

5. Clubhouse Requirements & Essentials

Various items were required for the Clubhouse ahead of the official opening, some for décor and others to meet likely specifications both now and in the future. Decisions were made on proposed sporting pictures for the hallway and statutory signs and fire extinguishers. Blinds had been obtained for the Function Room – more were needed for the Office and Kitchen – and one quote for a Roller Shutter for the Bar area had been obtained. RM would obtain further quotes for a Roller Shutter and also for locks on various internal doors.

SB would obtain the additional blinds whilst MS would arrange purchase of a chair trolley to facilitate storage of unused chairs away from the function room. RM/SB would obtain signs for in and around the Clubhouse (e.g. Fire Assembly Point) and BS would organise for fire extinguishers to be available at Friday's opening event.

CCTV requirements specified by the licensing authority had now been installed but not as yet fully tested. The recent attempted break-in – unsuccessful but requiring replacement of a glass panel – highlighted the need for improved security, and additional external lighting would be considered (in conjunction with last meeting's request for floodlighting).

Despite increased pumping capacity, further investigation was needed into the toilet flush and drainage issues – perhaps an inadvertent connection of surface and foul water pipework during the build?

Following a recent Function Room enquiry, provision of a baby-changing facility would be considered – perhaps in the Disabled or Ladies toilet.

6. Groundwork

Discussion took place regarding restoration and maintenance of the Sports Club ground, and proposals for use of the new raised area – ideally the creation of a floodlit multi-function all-weather playing area, which could significantly offset current winter training costs. This was recommended as part of a 'Shopping List' for new fund raising applications and objectives.

Other items on the list would include a secure Storage Compound by the Clubhouse and new ground care items – e.g. a mower and roller for the outfield. RM believed JD had a report specifying the Club's recommended ground maintenance needs so Ground Care would be an agenda item at the next committee meeting; likewise the associated Fund Raising.

7. A.O.B.

Anthony Parkes had provided a replacement battery for the Sports Club Defibrillator – and an official external housing had been ordered, following donations from the team holding recent CPR sessions plus MS and SB families. James Tudge was due to install a spur to power the external unit within the next few days, and could also review external lighting needs.

MS reported a fair number of enquiries regarding availability of the Function Room – a few Clubs and Societies were unfortunately unable to meet the minimum hourly hire cost whilst private birthday party and wedding reception enquiries were being politely declined at the current time, as previously agreed by the Sports Club committee.

BS reported interest from a Table Tennis Club, which would be very good news if a mutual agreement could be reached. Information had also been received from a Volunteer Agency which may be useful for future reference in manning/maintaining the Club's assets.

RM had received a request to hold a private New Year's Eve Party at the Clubhouse. This would be considered but only if the Sports Club ran and retained all income from the bar, and subject to payment of a returnable £50 deposit (as paid by Clubs and Societies using the facility). DL enquired about holding the Tri-Club Xmas Party at the Clubhouse on Saturday 17th December (7pm – 11.30pm) – which was agreed under the above terms and conditions.

MS advised a significant revamp of the Sports Club website had been made and requested up-to-date information on events and achievements or other relevant items be forwarded to the Club Secretary for inclusion on the website. In addition, MS had just received details of the 2017 Parish and Community Initiative Fund (PCIF) award scheme – to be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 21:45

Proposed date of the next meeting – Monday 7th November 2016

MAS – 6th October 2016