

Ashbrooke Sports Club Limited

Minutes of Trustees Meeting of 13 January 2015

1 Attendees

Tony Watt (Chair), Peter Fenwick (Sec.), Tony Clark (Treasurer), Chris Brown (assist. Treasurer).

2 Apologies

Stephen Crute, Stephen Allen, Barry Gristwood, Chris Johnson.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 16 December had been circulated previously and were duly approved and signed.

4 Matters Arising

Matters Arising would be dealt with under the appropriate agenda items.

5 Correspondence

The meeting was updated with regard to Ashbrooke Cottage and New York Productions Ltd.

6 Finance

Cash at bank stood at £44k with a further £6k that day.

A letter had been requested and subsequently received from the Revenue regarding paye liability. This unexpectedly showed a sum of £8521 due from period ending 5 April 2013. It was agreed this sum be discharged forthwith as interest was being charged and the meetings disappointment was expressed that this was another liability which had not been disclosed by the previous Board. It was agreed that all such sums would be calculated and the Auditors asked to annotate the year end accounts to show all such sums which had been discharged this financial year where the liability had clearly accrued at much earlier dates in previous financial years. This would assist in painting an accurate picture of both this years and previous years financial performance.

Preparation of the year end accounts were again discussed. No explanations despite repeated requests had been forthcoming from the Paul Lawson regarding the method of preparation of previous accounts and the problems this was causing. None of the previous Board members at the time could explain either as they professed not to have got involved in the financial side of the running of the Charity. As a result it was agreed to request that the Auditors

carry out all necessary work to enable the accounts to be prepared as best they could. The additional cost of this would be pursued at a later date.

7 Ground and Premises

Some minor repairs were required in the bowls pavilion and a jobbing builder instructed to deal with these.

More substantial repairs were needed to the main club house particularly to the gutters .A cherry picker would be hired to enable this to be carried out together with some external redecoration.

The recent windy weather had necessitated repair to the rugby posts at Ryhope Road.

It was agreed that the Charity would discharge the account for the recently acquired floodlights and a contribution was to be received from the rugby section which would be gratefully received.

8 Events/Marketing/Development

The events organised over the Christmas period had been successful resulting in increased bar takings over the period compared to the previous year. It was agreed that such events should be repeated next year. Further club wide events will be organised during the forthcoming year.

A player's dinner had been organised by the rugby section provisionally scheduled for 7 March.

Discussions had taken place with the football team about merging with another side, grant applications through the FA and possible development of the Ryhope Road site.

Work had commenced on finally putting together a members database incorporating the returns from the bowls, rugby, cricket, tennis and hockey sections all of which have accurate records. Likewise the gym membership details are up to date. That would leave social and squash members. On the squash side a committee was being set up which was a positive step.

A discussion took place regarding tennis, its development and possibility of resurrecting some grass courts during the summer.

9 Sectional Reports

No detailed sectional reports were taken other than the continued success of the women's rugby team and junior section. The meetings condolences were once again recorded regarding the recent death of James Mclelland.

10 A.O.B

There was no other business

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

10 February at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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A.M. Watt

10 February 2015