

Ashbrooke Sports Club Limited

Minutes of Trustees Meeting of 25 November 2014

1 Attendees

Tony Watt (chair), Peter Fenwick (sec), Tony Clark (treasurer), Chris Brown (assist. Treasurer), Stephen Crute, Stephen Allen, Barry Gristwood.

2 Apologies

Chris Johnson.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 October had been circulated prior to the meeting and were duly approved and signed.

4 Matters Arising

Matters arising would be dealt with under appropriate agenda items.

5 Correspondence

The Annual Return to Companies House had been submitted and an extension for filing of the accounts obtained

The meeting was updated on correspondence regarding the potential litigation involving the owners of Ashbrooke Cottage and New York Productions Ltd.

6 Finance

The Bank balance including uncleared cheques amounted to £51k with £5k in the RBS account. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of using part of this sum to pay off the brewery loan enabling greater flexibility in purchasing power and cost reduction.

The Treasurer updated the meeting with the current position regarding the preparation of the year end accounts.

A discussion took place regarding subscriptions for 2015 and it was decided that these should remain the same as this and last year.

A discussion took place regarding a salary increase for a member of staff and this was approved. Stephen Crute agreed to draw up an appropriate employment contract and job description.

7 Ground and Premises

The 14 new chairs ordered for the lounge would arrive in Feb 2015. Redecoration of the entrance and corridors would commence January/February 2015.

The drainage work to the rugby end of the ground had been completed as far as possible with further work needed in the Spring when another drain running along the rugby stand might be necessary.

A progress report regarding the reinstatement of the old squash court previously used as a ladies gym was requested and a general discussion took place regarding refurbishment of the existing courts and changing area. Grant possibilities are being investigated particularly from Squash England.

8 Events/Marketing/Development

The Fireworks display had been successful with a net profit of circa £14.5k realised. A full debrief regarding the event will take place. Thanks to all who helped out were extended.

The meeting was updated with events booked for the remainder of November and December involving the club. These were:

27 November Cricket Dinner Amore 8pm

28 November Football dinner in Ditchburn Room (sold out)

6 December Hockey Christmas Party Ditchburn Room

14 December Rugby/other sections social game(s) followed by bar reception 11am to 3pm

19 December under 10 children's party 5pm to 7.30pm Bar

22 December Christmas Concert 7pm Ditchburn Room

29 December Cricket Social Ditchburn Room

The need to encourage greater use of the Club facilities was discussed. The bar manager will be asked to advertise the more regular events such as the Tuesday night quiz and televised football games.

Stephen Allen gave an update on the website and membership data base.

9 Sectional Reports

The Strollers event on 2 November had been a great success. The cross country season was now in full swing.

Rugby were consistently putting out three senior men's teams. The ladies team were unbeaten this season with one of their number receiving a trial for Scotland Ladies. The junior section continues to thrive.

The Hockey season was underway with the ladies team doing particularly well .The lack of suitable playing surfaces in and around Sunderland was a concern .Happily an under 10's team had been established and played their first game last week.

Junior cricket nets were continuing and plans for senior nets in the New Year had been made. Close season fund raising was taking place.

10 A.O.B

A Christmas function for the staff was discussed.

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

16 December at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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A.M.Watt

16 December 2015