

Ashbrooke Sports Club Limited

Minutes of Trustees Meeting of 24 June 2015

1 Attendees

Tony Watt (Chair), Peter Fenwick (Secretary), Tony Clark (Treasurer), Stephen Crute, Barry Gristwood.

2 Apologies

Chris Brown, Chris Johnson, Stephen Allen.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting

There were no minutes taken at the meeting of 26 May.

4 Matters Arising

The Annual General Meeting of 15 May 2015 had taken place.

The meeting was updated regarding Ashbrooke Cottage land strip sale and the completion of legal formalities.

The meeting was updated regarding the New York Productions/Split Festival matter. A report had been prepared and circulated. A separate meeting was arranged to discuss action to be taken.

In Stephen Allen's absence the meeting was updated with regard to the website, the repairs to the IT system and the future requirements. A member's database was also being prepared.

Stephen Crute updated the meeting regarding the preparation of contracts of employment for existing staff members and a separate meeting was organised to finalise these.

The meeting was updated regarding the investigation into the incident of 26 April. Letters have been prepared which will be sent to those involved regarding the sanctions to be imposed.

5 Correspondence

A letter had been received from Handelsbanken regarding technical breach of covenant as the year ending accounts to 31 March 2015 were outstanding. The Treasurer has been in constant touch with the Auditors and the accounts were expected within the next two or three weeks.

A letter had been received from the Pensions Regulator with the Charity's staging date (1 June 2016) for auto enrolment of qualifying staff into a government approved pension scheme. This was discussed and will be taken forward by the secretary.

Further correspondence had been received from the residents representative of the flats along the west side of the ground regarding measures to reduce the dust from traffic travelling along the path.

6 Finance

The Treasurer presented management accounts for April and May which showed a surplus of £19k. Questions were raised regarding certain entries and explanations given. There was currently £31k in the Handelsbanken account (compared to £19k for the same time in 2014) with a further £6k in the RBS account. Sums were also due from the University and Cricket section.

Staff will be reminded regarding the need to invoice sales promptly as there had been some recent lapses.

7 Ground and premises

Further quotes had been received to replace the fire alarm system. After discussion it was agreed to instruct John Cullerton and Son Ltd. The need to proceed with this work relatively quickly was emphasised as a fire inspection is due in August.

Quotations had been received to tarmac the west track. The cost would be circa £14k for tarmac alone. An alternative was discussed of installing speed bumps and running a rope fence down the side of the track so vehicles could not avoid driving over the bumps. A decision will be taken in due course after consideration of possible other alternatives and costs involved.

It was agreed that paving work in the area between the decking and the changing rooms would be undertaken.

It was noted that the decking area has been cleaned and painted. Thanks to those involved was duly extended.

Agreement has been reached with St Aidan's School for use of the Limes for football and rugby.

The Ryhope Road rugby pitch has been fertilised and re-seeded.

The Ground Committee had met on two occasions and an update was given to the meeting regarding decisions taken.

A grant application has been submitted for refurbishment of the squash courts and changing area.

The chairs for the lounge had still not arrived. The suppliers have advised that they should be here within two weeks as there have been delays in importing them from China. It was agreed that if they had not arrived by the next meeting the contract would be cancelled.

A meeting had taken place with Gentoo regarding the land at Ryhope Road and Burdon. The Council had also been contacted regarding its plans for the pitches at Hill View.

The Insurance for the premises was due for renewal shortly. A meeting will take place with the broker to finalise this.

Some concerns had been raised by the bowls section regarding the door and steps down to the ground from Ashbrooke cottage. The door will be replaced but it was thought the steps were in reasonable order.

8 Events/Marketing/Development

The Beer Festival scheduled for 17 and 18 July was discussed at length. Further meetings will take place regarding its organisation, sponsorship, publicity etc.

Ashbrooke sports Club FC had taken 15 full memberships to the club. The meetings warm welcome and best wishes for the future was recorded.

Obtaining banners with membership details to be displayed at the ground, particularly at events such as the beer festival and fireworks, will be investigated and progressed if the costs are reasonable.

9 A.O.B

A query was raised regarding the attendance of former members of the groundstaff at the ground during the day and this was discussed.

10 Date of next Meeting

21 July at 7pm

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