

Titchmarsh Playing Field Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

25 September 2008

Those present: Gina Gaskin [Chair] Natalie Beer Mel Chapman Ian Curtis Derek Ellis
Dave Walpole

Apologies: Hannah Garnham Paul Milner Rob Jones Mark Noakes Richard Roe

cc: Emma Meen Sylvia Prestwich Phil Garnham

Action

1 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed NB: seconded MC.

2 Matters arising

2.1 None, other than those already on the agenda.

3 Financial update

3.1 MC reported the balances as follows: Tracker £18424; current £2086. The profit from the quiz was £642.80

3.2 The following payments were authorised:

- District Council £100 [Public Entertainments licence]
- Gina Gaskin £41.58 [purchase of tiles]

3.3 A payment of £30 has been received for the Rounders team for use of the field and another £10 is due from the Thrapston team.

4 Correspondence

4.1 No correspondence has been received.

5 Health and Safety

5.1 In the absence of MN, this item was deferred.

6 Fund raising

6.1 September Street Quiz

- The general consensus was that this had been a very successful evening. It was especially rewarding to welcome new people to one of our events.
- GG identified DW for the bar and Paul Cooper, the quizmaster, for particular thanks.
- The quiz will be organised again next year but members were asked to consider ways of involving more people.

6.2 Burns' Night

- There may be difficulties in finding a group etc to perform on this evening as Burns' Night [25 January] falls on a Saturday in 2009.
- NB and GG to investigate groups etc and to report back to the next meeting.
- The venue for such an event is likely to be The Clubroom.

NB/GG

7 Developments

7.1 Pavilion

- The building is very nearly complete with just internal locks, benches and toilet partitions to be finished.
- The landscaping –including car parking – is well advanced and should be complete by the end of September. IC to discuss with the contractor the insertion of a gravel board on the field side and the erection of the basketball post.
- IC to check with the insurers whether it is necessary to have a

DW

IC

telephone connection to the alarm system. If so, IC to progress with organising connection.

- The Management Group is preparing plans for shelving in the inner stockroom.
- DW raised the issue of corner guards on the walls in the changing area. IC to discuss with JH.
- It was decided that the outside lights should go off at 11.30 each evening.

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7.2 **Opening Event.**

- It was decided to keep the event relatively low key. Rushden and Diamonds FC has been approached to provide a player to perform the opening and a reply is still awaited. It was agreed that the two women stalwarts of Titchmarsh FC should be invited to cut the ribbon.
- DE/PG are organising a veterans' match for the Opening Day.
- MC has prepared the official invitations. All invitations are to be completed by 8 October.
- The Management Group has the catering etc in hand.

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8 **Pitches**

- 8.1 MC reported that he is still looking to provide a local – less expensive – option for levelling the top pitch and will discuss any proposals with the Football Foundation.

MC

9 **Management Group**

- 9.1 NB and GG have been pricing furniture for the Community Room. The Committee agreed to the purchase of 6 round tables, four rectangular ones [two each of two sizes], a trolley to transport the furniture to and from the store and 70 chairs. Estimated price £2200.

10 **AOB**

- DW asked that the grass be cut in good time for the Opening Event so that the field looks its best.
- MC asked about the area of disturbed land behind the old pavilion where the services have been laid. JH has this in hand to remedy.

MC

Next meeting: 7.30 pm Thursday 23 October at the pavilion.