

Titchmarsh Playing Field Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

8th April 2010

Those present: Gina Gaskin [Chair] Mark Noakes Debbie Stevenson Antar
Howarth Natalie Beer Simon Beer Richard Hughes Heather
Beattie Mel Chapman Ian Curtis

Apologies:

cc:

Action

1 **Minutes of previous meeting**

None.

2 **Matters arising**

GG introduced Steven and Bridget from The Col. Pickering Regiment of The Sealed Knot Society. The regiment recently contacted the Parish Council about re-establishing links to the village which is where Col. Pickering was born. The Parish Council do not have sufficient space at the village fete to accommodate them so put them in touch with the PFA. The committee recently discussed the possibility of having the regiment along on the afternoon of the Midsummer Music Evening (or Battle of the Bands-just for Richard!). Steven informed the committee that if gunpowder is to be used the cost to the committee would be in anywhere up to £500.

A Typical display, or Regimental, consists of 3 45 minute displays with 1 and ½ hours between each display. The first display is usually a fairly regimented display of 17th century soldiering with the 2nd and 3rd displays usually merging together. The average of 20 persons taking part with or without gunpowder.

The sealed Knot Society have registered gunpowder masters who control all gunpowder coming to the site, they distribute it and then take any remaining gunpowder away with them.

NB raised the issue that the TEN requires information on gunpowder and amount of people attending the event is to be no more then 499 at any one time.

MC asked about overnight accommodation and Steven informed the committee that the group will set up a living history camp with caravans around complete with fires and cooking if possible. The group can also do sword fighting displays and a mummas play. They will be fully interactive with the public, encouraging them to handle the weapons, try on breastplates etc.

Fire brigade and police will need to be informed, Bob Smith is the fire inspector who is familiar with the group.

GG received an email from John Greig regarding the safety concerns with putting on a display of this kind. It was agreed that the committee would hand over safety concerns to John Greig. GG to email John an ask if he wouldn't mind taking on this and the TEN regarding gunpowder. NB will do the TEN for alcohol and entertainment.

GG

Tickets will be adults £10 children £5. The afternoon event will be free, and the committee will have a tea and refreshment tent available. It is anticipated that the afternoon event will end around 5pm then there will be a break of an hour to set up the youth bands playing for ½ hour each up til 8pm then the main groups will take stage until 11pm when Paul will take over and end the evening.

RH still waiting for confirmation on The Whybirds, as GG has a 7 piece group lined up for a similar price, £250.

RH

RH to look into buying tyvek bands for entry into the evening session.

GG

GG to book all the marquees for the event.

3 **Financial Update**

Ladbroke's insurance runs out the day after the race. MC suggested we continue to pay this as it covers all areas, including the putting on of displays such as The Sealed Knot Society.

Current account £720.80 with £135 to go in
Tracker £6334.01

GG presented a bill from John Gaskin for repairing the red horse at £105. All agreed to pay. Invoice has gone in for £1600 to the school.

MC received a complaint about school equipment being left out when the pavilion was out for hire but this has been resolved.

GG has two invoices, one for £25 for the race permit and the other for £50 for UKA membership. All agreed to pay.

MC bought up Fields in Trust membership at £35. All agreed not to pay this as there appears to be no benefit to the membership.

4 **Correspondence**

GG email from John Greig regarding the safety issues with The Sealed Knot Display-see above.

5 **Fund raising**

5.1

10k Road Race

GG awaiting numbers.

MC to print off posters to put up in local area.

GG to allocate jobs via email and to let NB know who will be attending for food purposes.

HB has volunteered to do the on line computer.

Marquees will go up at 5pm on the Saturday 1st.

Midsummer Music to be held 19th June. NB to organise TENS for the event.

MC
GG
HB

NB

6 **Developments.**

6.1

IC presented the committee with the business plan that was drawn up before the pavilion was built, and we can tick off most of the points, which is good news. IC also presented a future development idea that he would like all committee members to look at and have a think about in time for the July meeting when this will be discussed again. If any members would like to view this please email IC.

GG agreed we need better contact with the footballers-perhaps inviting them along to every other meeting.

RH suggested the possibility of setting up subgroups for fundraising events and this led to the question being raised do we need to continue fundraising?

IC

GG

7 **Pitches**

- MC informed that Thrapston Warriors have requested another meeting with the committee.

8 **Health and Safety**

8.1

- MN reported no issues

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AOB

• AH and MN require a new pitch marker. All agreed to go ahead and purchase a new one

AH/MN

SB has sorted the fire alarm. SB to ring AF electricals to enquire about them serving the alarm on an annual basis. PAT due Oct 2010.

SB

IC has a H&S file. One is required to be kept on site and the other off site.

IC

Next meeting: Thursday 13th May 7.30pm at pavilion