

Titchmarsh Playing Field Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

11th February 2010

Those present: Gina Gaskin [Chair] Mark Noakes Debbie Stevenson Antar Howarth Natalie Beer Simon Beer Mel Chapman Ian Curtis
 Apologies: Richard Hughes
 CC: Emma Meen Sylvia Prestwich Phil Garnham

Action

1 **Minutes of previous meeting**

One amendment to the previous minutes: GG will not be speaking to SP about medals and pins etc.

2 **Matters arising**

Welcome Heather Beattie to meeting, who has come along to see if she would like to join the committee full time.

MC introduces Darren Andrews and Chris Hope from Thrapston Warriors who have come along to talk to the committee about possibly using Titchmarsh as their home pitch.

Thrapston Warriors are a breakaway team from Thrapston Juniors. They are an under 11's team with 16 kids, including one girl. They require a new home venue next season and would be willing to help with fundraising for the new pitch. Their games would be played on a Sunday morning, which at the moment would not be possible with just the bottom pitch in use.

They are also looking to organise a mini tournament and will liaise with MC to organise dates.

3 **Financial Update**

We currently owe Eon £220.73 from winter charges, we only pay £15 a month and this was not increased by Eon over winter to help cover costs. All agreed to pay the dept.

All have decided not to pay £35 a year to Fields and Trust magazine.

Bills to pay

IC for signage £12.76

MC for stationery etc £42

Current account £590.37

Tracker account £6333.22

MC is away from 24th Feb and will pass on bank details to GG.

4 **Correspondence**

GG forwarded an email from MN from Martin Glynn regarding pitches-this is discussed under *Pitches*

5 Fund raising

5.1 AH to take on promoting this years race and putting details in Titchmarsh Times

GG to book the clubroom + marquees

DS to organise road race licence online

AH
GG
DS

Midsummer Music to be held 19th June

6 **Developments.**

6.1 **Improvements to play area.**

- DS awaiting quote from Monster Play and looking to invite one further company along to quote for the new area.

DS

Pavilion

Bookings are doing well. School has hired the pavilion all day, mon-fri from Feb to mid sept

7 **Pitches**

- MN has been asked to approach the committee about another breakaway team from Thrapston seniors. This will be the Thrapston Junior team which has 7-8 teams, one of which is a girls team. They are looking to move and have between £10k and £15k to put towards helping the top pitch be redeveloped. Age range is from under 8's to under 16's teams. They will use Titchmarsh as a base mainly for training but also for some home matches. Committee has decided that more figures are required before a final decision is made and a meeting has been arranged to discuss this further.

MN

- IC is putting together the application to the football foundation for more funding. Kirsty Frier who will be involved in assessing our application has said that having girls involved with the teams will help our application. IC is looking to apply to Wren for £10k. Football Foundation for £11k and the further £4k we will raise ourselves. Decisions on the application are not expected before May 2010.

8 **Health and Safety**

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- MN reported that the damage the moles are doing is getting dangerous. Also there are some holes appearing on the top pitch where the drainage was put in.

9 **AOB**

IC presented a draft agreement between TPFA and TPC, this along with the business strategy will be discussed in Aprils meeting. IC

GG requires a key for the end door after two members of the public reported that the end door was not locked after the football teams had finished for the day GG

MC raised concerns about pitch being redone this year and the music evening being held on the playing field. The possibility that the pitch will be reseeded this year is very slim so this shouldn't be a problem.

MC and RH have been discussing groups for the music evening and it was agreed that RH should look into that further RH

Next meeting: Thursday 11th March 8.00pm at pavilion