

Titchmarsh Playing Field Association

Minutes of the committee meeting

3 July 2008

Those present: Gina Gaskin [Chair] Natalie Beer Hannah Garnham Mel Chapman Ian Curtis Rob Jones Mark Noakes Paul Milner Dave Walpole
Apologies: Richard Roe Derek Ellis
cc: Emma Meen Sylvia Prestwich Phil Garnham

Action

1 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed GG: seconded MN.

2 Matters arising

2.1 None, other than those already on the agenda.

3 Financial update

3.1 An up to date statement of accounts was presented at the Annual General Meeting that preceded this meeting.

3.2 Provisional profits for the Midsummer Music event are approximately £1400. The Association's share from the Summer Fete is expected to be £750.

4 Correspondence

A reminder from the H&S executive regarding new legal requirements was passed to MN as H&S representative.

5 Health and Safety

5.1 MN has carried out the inspection and had no new issues to report.

5.2 Since the weekend a rail has been broken on the play area fence. J Gaskin to be asked to repair it.

6 Fund raising

6.1 **Midsummer Music: 21 June 08.** This event was generally agreed to have been a significant success. In discussion the following points were made.

- The increase in ticket price did not materially affect turnout. Indeed more people attended than the previous year.
- There more children present than last year. They seemed to enjoy it and did not spoil the adults' enjoyment.
- Sales of beer were much higher this year and people appreciated the provision of a bar. The attendance of the Coffee Cart was also judged to be a success even though the profit for the Association was minimal. If anything, the Cart closed too early.
- A complaint has been received from the school about the presence on the field of cigarette butts. A reminder is to be given at the start of next year's event to use sand buckets to get rid of butts and to avoid dropping them on the field.
- Some people expressed a wish to be allowed to camp on the field overnight. Permission was refused because of the terms of hire of the field.
- Even though the toilet facilities are barely adequate, there is a general preference is for the event to continue to be held at the school instead of at the playing field.
- A decision was taken that the dance floor will not be available for general hire.

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| 6.2 | September Quiz | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were reminded about the need to organise the teams for individual streets. • Teams will again comprise 8 players. • A meal comprising lasagne and salad will again be included in the ticket price, agreed at £7.50. DW will organise the bar. • GG agreed to apply for a temporary events notice. • There will be a raffle but the number of prizes will be restricted. Individual members offered to provide or organise prizes, including basket of fruit [GG]; meal at pub [MN]; hamper [HG]. | <p>All</p> <p>DW GG</p> <p>All</p> |
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| 7 | Developments | | |
| 7.1 | Pavilion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The roof is now complete and work is beginning on the fitting the windows and internal finishes. • The award of the plumbing and electrics contracts is now almost finalised. • Because of the length of time required for the screed to dry out, access to the recreation area may have to be deferred for a short time beyond the original completion date. • Following a discussion on hire rates it was decided to raise pitch fees to £25 for Titchmarsh FC and to £30 for other teams. This will include an element for use of the pitches for training. Junior squads are to be charged £10 per training session. • It was agreed that there is a need to get representatives from the teams more closely involved in the management of the facilities – a point for discussion at the next meeting. • Concern remains about the mound of rubbish at the end of the lower pitch. JH will be asked to remove it when he finally clears the site. | <p>August agenda</p> <p>IC</p> |
| 7.2 | Development Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on this item was deferred until the September meeting. | |
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| 8 | Pitches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DW commented on the poor state of the upper pitch. He also mentioned an offer by Johnny Wisniewski to mark out the lower pitch and to organise a group from Thrapston FC to provide remedial work on the drainage hollows. • MC is meeting with a consultant next week to discuss levelling the upper pitch. . | <p>DW</p> <p>MC</p> |
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| 9 | Titchmarsh Times | <p>The article to contain mention of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AGM; • Publicity for the September quiz; • The remaining vacancy on the committee. | <p>MC</p> |
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| 10 | Management of the pavilion. | <p>A working group was set up comprising GG, PM, MC and NB. The group will be task specific and related to setting up the management structure for the pavilion. Its remit will eventually devolve to the whole committee. Its first meeting on 8 June will concern establishing the terms of reference and reviewing the hire agreement. PM requested a copy of the agreement.</p> | <p>GG,PM, MC,NB</p> <p>IC</p> |
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| 11 | AOB | <p>None</p> | |
| Next meeting: Thursday 7 August at The Wheatsheaf. | | | |