

Titchmarsh Playing Field Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

4 September 2008

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

Action

1 Minutes of previous meeting

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

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 £1506.

3.2 The following payments were authorised:

- Parish Council £736.48 [the net payment to Agrostis for pitch consultation.
- Chapman Bros. £112.80 [white liner]

3.3 The landlord of The Wheatsheaf was thanked for a donation of £42.50, proceeds from the recent activity day.

4 Correspondence

4.1 The following publications had been received:

- Rules of the Road [for the 10K race]
- FA Touchline [with an article on the pavilion project]
- The Playing Field magazine

5 Health and Safety

5.1 MN reported that he had carried out the inspection and had no new issues to report.

5.2 The RoSPA report: MN provided a review of the report for presentation to the Parish Council. It was agreed to take the following action.

- Bolts under the slide [JG to be asked to remedy]
- Loss of bark from the landing areas [MN to enquire about purchasing further supplies]
- Replacement of swing seat [not an urgent item, but the condition will be closely monitored and reviewed again at the end of the winter]

IC

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MN

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6 Fund raising

6.1 September Street Quiz

- Eight teams have agreed to participate.
- The start time agreed as 7pm for 7.30.
- RJ agreed to organise a raffle.

RJ

6.2 Future events.

The following points arose from a discussion on policy.

- Because of the expense of maintaining the new pavilion there is likely to be a need to increase the £4000 which is raised on average each year.
- The management has planned a budget which should keep the increase to a minimum.
- The pavilion will provide an opportunity for fund raising events, although in deciding the number and type the Association will need to consider

- carefully the need to retain the goodwill of neighbours.
- NB suggested a ceilidh to celebrate Burn's Night. She agreed to carry out some research into this. NB

7 **Developments**

7.1 **Pavilion**

- The building is on schedule to be completed by the middle of September.
- The decoration is nearly complete and the flooring and landscaping – including car parking - starts on 8 September.
- The kitchen is now complete, except for the tiling. The management group has this part of the project in hand.
- The old pavilion cannot be used as there is no electricity to power the showers. MC has informed all those teams who have booked pitches. DE urged that the new changing rooms be made available as soon as possible.

7.2 **Development Plan:**

- Discussion on the progress of the plan was deferred until the November meeting when it was felt that there would be more to report once the pavilion was up and running. November agenda

7.3 **Opening Event.**

- The official opening was agreed as 12.30 on 26th October. MC has produced a draft invitation. Unfortunately, Titchmarsh FC is no longer playing at home on that date as they have a cup match. MC to see if he can get Thrapston AFC to change their kick off time to the afternoon so that the changing rooms can remain open for viewing by visitors. MC
- DE agreed to explore the possibility of organising a veterans' match for that date. DE
- The response from the Football Foundation for a guest to open the building has been disappointing. IC is awaiting a reply from Northants FA to see if they can identify someone to undertake the role. IC agreed to notify the local MP of the date. IC
- The more detailed arrangements for the day are being organised by the Management Group. Management Group

8 **Pitches**

- There was nothing further to report on the project to level the top pitch.
- Discussions are underway regarding the regular use of the pitch for matches by teams in the local Youth League.

9 **Management Group**

- The group has finalised the hiring agreement and hire charges and is discussing these with the teams/groups affected.
- The group is currently pricing blinds, furniture and crockery for the Community Room.

10 **AOB**

The next edition of the Titchmarsh Times is to include articles on the opening of the pavilion and the proposals for Burn's Night. MC
DW

Next meeting: 7.30 pm Thursday 25 September at the pavilion.