

## **Minutes of WBPC Committee meeting 7 November 2022**

**Present:** Martin Hudson (Chair), George Tait, Phil Lear, Ken Johnson, Pam Stockton (Treasurer), Chris Houghton Secretary

### **Agenda:**

- 1 Minutes of meeting 20 September 2022  
Matters not covered elsewhere –
  - Quote for path/gate
  - Website
  - Christmas Social
- 2 Agreement with Ross on Wye Cricket Club
- 3 Finances/accounts
- 4 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM – what we need to do/say
- 5 Floodlights/uniforms – detailed proposals

### **Path/Gate**

Martin opened the meeting by explaining that the cost of the new path and gate had come to slightly more than had been budgeted for. This was because of the need for more polythene; the original cost of the gate not including VAT and delivery and additional labour costs to fit the gate. It was **agreed** by all that the new path and gate were a great success and much appreciated by members. Martin thanked all who had participated in shovelling and barrowing gravel and for the fine job done by Gary Ward. Ken suggested that extra turf could be cut from the surrounding grass and put over gravel to the side of the path to help stabilise it. As we now have an agreement with Ross Cricket Club, we will need their permission to cut the turf. **Martin** to contact Cricket Club.

### **Website**

As Chris has decided she would prefer not to do the website, there is a need for someone to take this on. It was suggested that we contact members to see if anyone has the knowledge to do this. **Chris** to mail members.

### **Christmas Social**

Currently George has received 26 bookings for the Christmas social. Lyn Tait has agreed to co-ordinate the catering assisted by Marian, Pam and Chris.

### **Agreement with Ross Cricket Club**

Martin confirmed that the Agreement has now been signed with Ross Cricket Club. This is a rolling 1 year agreement for 11 years, with a 1 year notice. There are 3 leases in existence – Cricket club 4yrs, Football club 20yrs and WBPC 11yrs. As our lease is of a good length it makes potential spending on a new fence viable. Martin is preparing an application for a grant from the Town Council towards the fence on a long year funding.

### **Finances**

Pam provided a print out of the current financial situation which showed an in hand balance of £846.02. In this calendar year the club has made donations amounting to £505 to the Sports club from the social evenings organised by George.

Currently the membership fees are £25 per annum which will rise to £35 in 2023. It was agreed that anyone joining after 1<sup>st</sup> September in any year, should pay a reduced fee of £25 for that year.

## AGM

Martin put forward Draft ideas for the 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM on December, (see separate notes). This would also include an update to playing times to cover Greenwich meantime in Autumn and Spring, and use of the fenced path to access the pistes. It was also agreed to keep the Covid precautions the same as before.

Martin asked committee members to make a short and snappy reports about their area of responsibility – **Martin** explain connection with Cricket Club, highlight achievements this year – new pistes, path & gate, need to replace fence and Ken's DIY contributions. **Chris** membership/updating membership form, **Pam** Treasurers report, need for funds to cover costs and proposed increase in membership fees. **George** socials, contributions to funds and plans for 2023, **Phil** success of pairs, melees and friendlies, potential for joining Summer league.

Re-confirmation of committee members.

Proposals from members to be submitted by Monday November 28, prior to the AGM.

### Floodlights/uniforms

Phil gave a full report on potential floodlights. League matches start at 7.30pm until 10.00pm from 20 April until the end of August. 2 pistes would be used at a time. It is expected there will be 8 home matches with the need for floodlights in April, May and August. Ken had researched the cost of purchasing or hiring lights. A tripod and lamp system to direct on each piste would cost £40 each lamp and £30 for the tripod (total £110). The lights are rechargeable, 6 hours running, 5 hours charging, 30,000 hour life, guaranteed 1 year.

The kit is collapsible and can be stored in a car. Charging could be shared between players or possibly be charged at the Sports club (at a cost).

The alternative was to hire which was £300 for a 1 week hire. Agreed this wasn't viable. **Agreed** in principle that purchase of floodlights would be the better option.

For the 8 home matches the club would need to provide refreshments – teas, coffees and biscuits at a cost of approximately £25 per time (£200). As Phil makes a contribution to funds from the Pairs competition this would cover the costs of the refreshments.

Before the purchase of the lights need to see how many members would like to take part in the leagues.

### Club polo shirts

Phil showed samples of polo shirts from Club Sport in Ross. Members had expressed a preference for blue. Cotton shirts with the logo, (in white), are priced at £13-50. The club would pay a one off setting up fee of £30. Members would pay for their own shirts. Email inviting them to purchase a shirt, not compulsory, but available for friendlies, leagues and club sessions. Phil to find out what sizes are available.

**Meeting closed.**