

Minutes of WBPC Committee meeting 25 January 2023

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

Agenda

- 1 Accounts – current and expected
- 2 Membership – confirmed and expected
- 3 Review budget – income and expenditure (attached)
- 4 Fencing project – new, secondhand, groundwork
- 5 Participation – pairs, friendlies, league and floodlights
- 6 AOB Poloshirts

Accounts – current and expected

Pam gave a report on the current finances. Currently the club has a balance of £2267-61 plus a further grant of £750 for fencing from the Town Council. The Committee thanked Martin for his efforts in securing this funding. There had been a £90 profit from the Christmas party, thanks to George,

Membership

Chris reported there were currently 41 members who had renewed so far this year. It was agreed to send out a reminder letter to those still to renew. **Chris.** It was further agreed there would be a membership drive in the spring with an Open afternoon, and possibly flyers and posters around the town.

Review of Budget

Martin gave a review of the Budget for the coming year. See attached.

During 2022 the club made donations amounting to £500 to the Sports Centre. It was agreed that we should aim to do the same in 2023. These donations to be from funds earned from functions.

Club Liability insurance of £250 from Petanque England to be purchased at the end of March by committee members paying membership to PE (reimbursed from Club funds).

Electricity for charging floodlights, either at home or at Sports Centre (with their consent). Requires approximately 15hrs charging. **Phil** to check how much it will use.

Polo shirt set up of £30 has been paid.

League match refreshments £200 will be covered from pairs competition profits.

Socials income. George proposed his son-in-law, who has played cricket for England could give a talk at the Sports Centre. Would be open to a wider audience e.g. Ross cricket club.

It was agreed George to contact and book Dick Bryce to perform at the Sports Centre. Would need advertising to attract a wider audience.

Also a possibility that Michelle from the Phoenix would come and perform. **George**

Pam and Danny are happy to organise BBQs again this summer. It was suggested June and August (depending on weather!) would be best. It was **agreed** that £10 per head would be charged this year.

Fencing Project

Martin has met with Gary to discuss the fencing. A previous quote for fencing was £5,500 (excluding labour). Buying from Meshdirect would reduce the amount to £3000 (excluding labour). Gary would be prepared to undertake the work.

Martin has also contacted the Cricket Club re their second hand fencing. They will have a meeting to give us a price. Their fencing is rigid and is 7' high. The cost of matching this would be more expensive than the chain link type. The fencing would need to be removed by the Petanque club if we decided to purchase.

Options for funding included possible Crowd funding but it was decided the fence would probably not attract a lot of interest.

Ken asked whether Petanque England made grants to clubs. Martin said he'd applied last year for a grant for signs etc. but had heard nothing back. It was suggested that a banner on the fence advertising WBPC with the Petanque England logo would promote the club.

Participation

At present 24 members had indicated interest in the Pairs competitions, 19 in Friendlies, Leagues 9

The Pairs will start in March and run through until May. Members to choose whether to play as couples, (bearing in mind holiday arrangements), or to be paired randomly.

Phil suggested that once members had played in Friendlies this might give them more confidence to take part in the Leagues. He was awaiting a reply from Golden Valley club. Abergavenny were very interested in playing at Wilton in February, with a follow up game later in the year. Cheltenham U3A had also expressed an interest in playing us. There had been no reply from Solihull and he will try to contact Monmouth again. **Phil**

Phil also reported on the League. See attached.

Phil will go ahead with the purchase of the floodlights and organise practice sessions on non-club days. **Phil**

AOB

George suggested an email be sent out to ask members what sort of socials they would support and any ideas for entertainment. **George/Chris**

Polo shirts – Phil hopes to collect them from Ledbury on January 27. Members will then be able to collect them at club sessions over the following week. **Phil**

Website – Martin to ask Harry to update the website and create a photo gallery if possible. It is hoped if the website is updated regularly with more pictures and competition results, members will log on more often and make better use of it.

Martin

It was suggested we get publicity for the club around the Petanque England Training day.

Meeting Closed