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BATH STREET MARINE TABLE TENNIS CLUB General Management Committee Meeting - Held 14 November 2017

Present: Ian McElwee (Chairman), Graham Turner (Secretary), Ian Brownrigg (Treasurer), Lesley Blanchard, Mary Delamere, Keith Hardman, Des Logan and Dave Noden.

1. Introduction

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.30pm welcoming all members of the Committee. The agenda had been circulated in advance.

2. Apologies for Absence

None.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

- a. Item 7(a) – Chairman reminded members of what had been said about social events, that before an event is organised the Management Committee needed to be advised and given their consent. This was not intended to stifle initiative, rather to ensure that all members of the Club are given info and the opportunity to participate.
- b. Item 3(b) - First Aid: There was no change, but it was believed that Barbara Alcock was following up on the first aid box. It was agreed the matter should be considered as closed and Keith will ensure that Barbara understands when he next sees her.
- c. Item 3(c) - Finals Night: It was reported that the Finals Night of the Ron Georgeson Memorial Trophy had been held at the Club on the 6 September. It had been a very successful occasion and the event winners were:
Main Event – Colin Turner (Winner); Les Dodd (Runner-Up)
Plate Singles – Keith Dudley (Winner); Steve McCormick (Runner-Up)
Fun Doubles – Keith Dudley & Steve McCormick (Winners); Colin Turner & Mary Sefton (Runners-Up)
- d. Item 9 - Club Constitution: Secretary had agreed previously to look at possible changes to the Club Constitution to reflect the current membership position. A possible draft was handed to members for them to take away and consider. The matter will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting for discussion.

4. Membership

Mary provided the details of a number of people who wished to become members. It was agreed that all be accepted, and the record of members updated accordingly. A question arose as to whether the club still had capacity to accept new members. It was agreed that it had. With the number of new additions what had effectively happened was that new and additional daytime sessions had started. The Club still had capacity for such sessions and with the prospect of new and enlarged premises it was felt the Club should remain open for new business.

5. Health & Safety Update

- a. Keith reported that fire safety was up to date, devices had been tested and records updated.
- b. Keith reported on a major incident that had occurred at a recent match when a member of the visiting team had collapsed. Fortunately, a trained first aider was on hand and by timely use of the Marine defibrillator, the individual's life had been saved. Keith drew attention to the fact that a new defibrillator had also now been installed in the Marine car park, so the Club now had access to 3 pieces of such equipment. He also reminded members of the awareness session taking place later this evening on recognising and responding to a medical emergency, and safe handling of

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defibrillator equipment.

- c. There had also been a minor incident of fly infestation, and that too had been dealt with.
- d. Concern was expressed that the floor in the kitchen area had been very wet. It was suggested that Marine should be asked to check that there is no water leak.

6. Finance Update & Fundraising

Ian reported that the current bank balance is £3,350, there is also around £500 of cash on hand awaiting banking, plus a further £130 from a recent fundraising event. There was a little delay in getting funds into the bank as a result of the process of changing the bank account. We still need to obtain a bank card so that funds can be paid in at any bank or post office. Ian is also looking into online banking facilities for the club.

With regard to fund raising, a recent coffee morning had raised £130, and a murder mystery evening is being planned for February. A Christmas social is being planned for the 15 December and this will also be a fund raiser.

Ian reported that he is also looking into the idea of 'crowd funding' and proposed taking this further. It was suggested that a small sub-group be formed to work with the Treasurer on fundraising issues. Mary Sefton was proposed as one candidate and it was agreed Ian should take the lead on this matter.

7. JDD & Juniors

Secretary reported that the L&DTTL Junior Development Division had started yesterday, 13 November. 3 of the Club's juniors were involved in that. The Club was again working with Crosby High in relation to JDD, and jointly were responsible for 15 out of the 20 teams in JDD this season. Des is supporting Graham in the management of our juniors in this tournament.

8. New Property Update

Secretary reported that matters were moving fast at the moment in this respect. The Club had been offered a portable building, dimensions 48ft x 20ft, and Marine had agreed this could be placed on the car park at a rent, initially of £4,000 pa. The overall cost is around £35,000 which would bring in the new building, fully fitted and installed. The Club is now working with SBC to prepare two funding bids. One to SBC and the other to Sport England. Providing a minimum of £24000 can be raised the project can be delivered. Fund raising is therefore crucial at this time, and the window is fairly short as the existing room is expected to be demolished in May 2018.

It was suggested that a SGM should perhaps be held to advise all members of the project and its cost to obtain their buy in. The SGM could also consider the new constitution and the possibility of a one-off levy on all members as a special contribution to the new building. The Secretary was asked to look for a date for a SGM.

9. Any Other Business

Due to the training session that was being held immediately after the Committee meeting it was agreed that there was no time on this occasion for any other business. The Chairman therefore closed the meeting at 7:45pm.

Graham Turner (Secretary)
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