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### **BATH STREET MARINE TABLE TENNIS CLUB General Management Committee Meeting - Held 16 June 2019**

Present: Bernard Cooney (Chairman), Graham Turner (Secretary), Ian Brownrigg (Treasurer); Lesley Blanchard, Keith Hardman, Des Logan, Doreen Smith and Jennifer Givens.

#### **1. Introduction**

The meeting commenced at 7pm with the Chairman explaining that he had asked for a further meeting to ensure that all were kept up to date with the fast-moving property project.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Received from Mary Delamere and Sue O'Connor.

#### **3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting**

None

#### **4. Property Project Update**

- a. The meeting approved the formation of a corporate structure for the club to act as a holding vehicle for the proposed lease of land for the site of the new club house.
- b. Consideration was given to whether the whole of the club's activities should be taken into the new structure, and whether the structure should be used as a vehicle and wholly 'owned' by the existing club structure. If the whole activities are transferred into the new structure it would need to be determined how members interests should be represented; possibly each member having a single share in the company. This would ultimately be decided by the members at AGM. For now it was agreed the corporate structure be formed. Secretary and Treasurer will take this forward with the solicitors.
- c. Secretary explained that they had now received the invoice for the cost of the new building, at £64,080. There is a further cost for additional specialist flooring of £1,680. These bills are now due for payment.
- d. Funds from Sport England should meet a substantial part of the cost, but after meeting the site and groundwork costs there is currently a potential funding deficit in the region of £14,000 as some expected money from a sponsor has not materialised. Efforts to secure this are however ongoing. It was agreed the club should urgently look at other funding sources. The Treasurer was authorised to speak with the club's bankers HSBC about either temporary overdraft or loan facilities. Also SBC are advertising access to social investment funding (these are essentially loans) and it was agreed the club should continue to explore these options too.
- e. It was agreed that the current key issues are completing the lease of the site, and exploring further how to fund any deficit on costs.
- f. A question was raised as to whether the club might at some stage explore the possibility of acquiring the freehold of the new site.

#### **5. Membership**

Ian reported that he was still following up on membership although a significant number had now adopted the new payment by monthly standing order to the club. Graham reported that he had been asked to investigate the position of 8 players. Of these 2, had now adopted new SO's in favour of the club. 4 had not yet responded at all, and 2 of these are from the same team. The team captain will be asked to assist. There are 3 other members of the previous year whose status is still undetermined. These are being followed up. There are also 5 individuals who play for the club on an 'occasional' basis

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only. These will continue to be charged a fee per match if they wish to continue on that occasional basis only, they will have no rights as members. It was reported that, so far, the club has lost just 1 member as a result of the change in fee payment arrangements. The question of whether the club President should pay a membership fee was raised. It was agreed that this should be a choice for the President who had been a staunch supporter of the club over many years, and who, despite waning physical powers, still had a passion for the future of the club. It was felt that he might consider it an honour to be allowed to continue to support the club financially.

The Treasurer and Secretary will continue to take membership issues forward.

### 6. League AGM

The Secretary gave a brief report back on the League AGM which he had attended earlier in the week. He confirmed that the Club had also submitted its entry to the L&DTTL for the forthcoming season of 8 Teams, and 6 Teams to the Vets Cup. One particular matter had arisen at the AGM which might be of interest and relevance for the club. This is a proposed special arrangement for a so-called 'Junior Team' in the League. A junior team will be allowed to play on 2 tables and hold all of its matches at its home venue. Graham will be contacting all parents of our junior members to see if there might be interest in this. Des was also asked to explore interest amongst the club's juniors.

### 7. Any Other Business

As the time available for the meeting was limited, due to other activities at Marine, there was no other business. The next Man Com meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup> July. The meeting was closed at 8pm.

Graham Turner (Secretary)  
16 June 2019