

Blandy - Jenkins Archers



Committee Meeting (no. 86)

Monday 2nd June 2014 at 7:00pm
The Mountain Hare Inn, Brynna Road

Present : Phil Buckley (Chair)
Adrian Boudier (Vice Chair)
Norman Willcox (Secretary)
Andrew Gash (Treasurer)
Stuart Barrett-Rees
Peter Haines
Karen Roberts (minutes)

Apologies : Emma Fetherston

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1. Welcome/Apologise for absence. Minutes of previous meeting; matters arising not on Agenda or in actions	<p>PB gave an amendment to the agenda, in that as some thought meeting was to discuss single matter (hire fees), he proposed that with the exception of an update as to the tournament, they would forgo the remainder of section 2. This was accepted.</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on 08.05.2014 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <p>9. Selling off old bosses – AB raised that some of the straw ones needed replacing. PB proposed that this be discussed as part of the update on the tournament.</p>	
2. Update on Tournament	<p>PB stated that the judges had commented on the way the tournament had been managed on the day. Only two minor issues were raised, one being the feint x ring on the targets and the other being dog mess on the field.</p>	
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	<p>AB commented that the working party on the day was too small, suggesting that the number shooting from the club could be limited to provide availability for the working party. PB replied that it would not be fair to do this, but that anyone from the Club shooting should assist with set up, moving targets and taking down.</p> <p>AB informed those present that nothing was made on the catering, but the raffle was successful.</p> <p>AG stated that the hall and field charges were expensive for the day but felt that they were necessary on this occasion.</p>	
3. Proposition of new fee structure	<p>NW explained that he and AG had met with the Chairman and Deputy of Llanharan Recreation Trust, who had explained that they had financial difficulties as they used to get a grant of £20k per year but this has been reduced to £5k. They have stated that they need the Club to help out as if they do not get an increase in fees coming into the Trust, they will have to close the hall.</p> <p>AG explained that last year, the Club paid £3,600 to the Trust (£300 per month). The Trust are proposing that use of the field is paid for (£8/two hours) and that if the hall is opened, the Club will be charged.</p> <p>He has calculated that 11 hours of shooting per week will cost the club £585 per month. AG/NW offered the Trust a fixed fee of £400 per month, which they proposed putting to the membership. This fee would enable the Club to get access to the hall all year round and to the field too. The Trust has also stated that they are looking to refurbish the hall in the near future and they have already raised £60k of the £80k they need. They are also considering the option of hiring the hall out to different users once the refurbishment was completed.</p> <p>AG put forward the following options for consideration :</p>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase in shooting fees to £4 per adult and £2 per junior. This could result in less people shooting and could be self-defeating. 2. Fixed monthly sum. AG has spoken with a number of members, who appeared to be in favour of this option. There are 75 paying members of the Club and he stated that they would need to concentrate on the shooting members. <p>NW commented that people would be more likely to shoot if they are paying a monthly fee. SBR stated that the first year will be hardest. AG said that no other local clubs shoot as often and that if the Club was to drop a shooting day and pay less to the Trust, it was likely to result in the hall being shut. He felt that the costs being shared across the membership would be fairest way.</p> <p>AG shared a document (Projected Income and Expenditure) which he had made an assumption that visitors, have a goes, target fees and raffles remain unchanged. He has calculated that there is a need to get 42 agreements at £12.50 per month, 35 at £15.00 per month and 26 at £20 per month (junior agreements are 50% of an adult one).</p> <p>SBR commented that he felt that those who would disagree were the ones who pay reduced rate membership and do not shoot regularly. AG replied that £12.50 per month was very reasonable to enable an adult to shoot 3 times a week and a junior 4 times. SBR stated that some juniors only shoot on a Tuesday and AG replied that it was for the Committee and membership to encourage them to attend on a general shooting night also.</p> <p>PB suggested that the junior club could be run as a separate entity as out of the 29 juniors only 9 also shoot on a Club night. AG asked if it was possible to run the junior nights all year round, rather than only during term time. AB replied that it would depend upon the availability of coaches.</p>	

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	<p>PB stated that the Club has one of the best junior sections and would not like to lose anyone. AG stated that the alternative would be to increase fees to £4 and £2. SBR stated that he would speak to parents on Tuesday and seek out their views.</p> <p>AB suggested that the whole membership is emailed in the first instance, prior to holding an EGM. PB commented that this move could mean that Associate Members choose to leave the Club.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the membership list and the question was asked as to whether a non-shooting membership could be created. PB suggested that they could then pay as a Visitor to shoot. AG replied that a two tier system could be difficult to manage. NW commented that it may be necessary for the Club to subsidise the costs for the first 12 months.</p> <p>PB stated that there was a need to increase the membership over the next 12 months. SBR replied that the Club was being advertised at all events and that the website was also being accessed. NW proposed that the membership was provided with the ranges of costs versus the numbers required to ensure that they had the full information.</p> <p>AG stated that any new joiners to the Club would need to go onto the new payment structure (if it is accepted), which may reduce the amount of subsidisation that the Club needs to make in the first year. PB proposed that the monthly fee would need to be reviewed after 12 months. NW informed the Committee that they had agreed with the Trust that they would renegotiate the rates after the refurbishment.</p> <p>AG shared the management accounts for April and May 2014, which included a percentage against last year's figures. He commented that hiring out bosses to other users would bring in additional monies to the club.</p>	<p>SBR to speak with parents 03.06.2014</p>

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	<p>AG proposed that non-shooting membership should not be offered at present, that the list of these members should be reviewed afterwards.</p> <p>AG commented that he had not yet received the invoice from the Trust for April and May usage and that if we are unable to agree, the Trust will charge the Club more. They have suggested that the proposal be put to the membership.</p> <p>SBR asked how the outdoor charges had been met previously, PB replied that there had been no cost until this year. AG proposed contacting the Chairman of the Trust and offer to pay provisional sum of £400/month for April and May, with the full usage amount being paid for the Fita. PB agreed with this suggestion.</p> <p>The proposal was reviewed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• £12.50 - £15.00 per month (dependent upon numbers.• Club will make up any shortfall for the first year. <p>It was agreed that the Trust should be informed that by paying this amount, the Club will expect the hall to be warm on a shooting night.</p> <p>AG referred to the Management Accounts that showed that the shooting fees in April (£508) were much higher than in May (£258), NW stated that there will be less shooting in Club during the summer months due to the amount of competitions.</p> <p>Proposal for an EGM on Friday 20th June 2014.</p> <p>AG stated that he would need to monitor that payments are being made to the Club on a monthly basis. He proposed that one date is chosen for this (1st of the month) rather than payments coming in across the month, for ease of management. SBR asked what will happen if someone chooses not to pay during the summer season, but wants to do so for the winter season only. AG proposed that they would need to pay the arrears or discontinue shooting.</p>	<p>AG to contact Trust</p>
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