

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Medbourne Sports Club  
held on Thursday 19 May 2016 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Declan Woods (Chair) Chris White, Debbie Burrows, Ian Stevens, David Nance, Colin Lawson, Tom Price, Dave Speller, Dave Tyler, Mick Cooper, Emma Jefferson, Roger Rose, Richard Smith, Martyn Jones, Gail Jones, Helen Roberts, Ann Coon, Mike Rickman, Peter Hales

- 1 Apologies:** Patrick Christiansen, John Burrows, Chris Stanton, Adam Stanton,
- 2 The minutes of AGM dated 4 June 2015** were approved after it was noted that the Sports Club had submitted a bid to the Rural Community Council but were unsuccessful.  
Proposed David Nance, Seconded Ian Stevens
- 3 Matters arising**
  - **MEFT Lease:** Tom Price was invited to speak as he had been asked to act as a mediator. He updated the meeting on the discussions he had held with the MEFT and the Sports Club. He stated that significant progress had been made on what had appeared to be irreconcilable differences. When any agreement is reached in principle the Chairman has confirmed that it will be put before the members for ratification.
  - **Broadband/WIFI:** Declan Woods and Chris White informed the meeting of the costs for both BT and Gigaclear and they believed that the cost was not a priority for expenditure. The committee were therefore not willing to proceed at this time.
  - **Mower Fund:** The Parish Council have agreed to amend the wording to extend the scope of what can be purchased and the aim was to purchase a quadraplay for ground maintenance.
  - **Running Costs of New Building:** Chris White confirmed that it now costs £1,300 per month to run the building to cover utilities, cleaning, maintenance, Council Tax, Waste removal etc. The cost for cleaning was raised but the feeling of the meeting was that it was important that it should remain as it is currently. The cost is currently £3000 per annum.

**TP**

- **Social Membership:** The Chairman outlined the reason that this was raised which was to ensure that everyone who used the facilities were paid up members. It was agreed that it was important that this was addressed as our licence states that it is a members club in accordance with our constitution. It was agreed that the committee would investigate how best this could be achieved.

DN/DW

- **BT TV subscription:** The current arrangement is not viable as a club and this will have to be withdrawn. The member who originally sponsored this will be informed.

CW

**4 Chairman's report:** The Chairman reported that it has been a year of consolidation as it was the first full year of assessing running costs of the new building. He then spoke of the tragic death in a road traffic accident of an ex Medbourne football player and the recent illness of one of our members, Tom Philbin. He then thanked a number of members for their support and contribution to the running of the club.

**5 Treasurer's report:** Chris White tabled the finance report which showed the first full year expenses on the new building. It was noted that overall bar income was down by approximately £2500 and profit was marginally less although this was impacted on by the break in where both cash and stock was stolen. There were some significant increases in certain areas (electricity & building management accounting for nearly £3000 extra expenditure). It was however noted that there was a small net profit (£475). It is the intention of the committee to consider grants for solar panels.

The need to hold more functions was seen as the most productive way to increase bar takings which were the major source of income.

It had previously agreed that one priority was to repay the outstanding debt and he was pleased to report that a very small payment will be made in the next few weeks to reduce the outstanding debt.

At the end of March 2016 the general account stood at just over £11,000, and the Extension Fund at a little over £6100.

The Treasurer was asked whether it would be easier to have one single account, incorporating the Extension Fund monies as well as the existing Sports Club money. There followed a long discussion with arguments as to why it should remain separate with others questioning why this was necessary.

After some debate David Nance proposed a motion that there should be a single account with the Extension fund-raising income ring-fenced to complete the current agreed project. The motion was seconded by Ian Stevens and put to the meeting. It was carried by 9 votes to 4 in favour of the motion.

The annual fees payable by the associate clubs, bowls and skittles was discussed. The bowls club have accepted a payment is appropriate but the skittles club have refused and decided to play elsewhere. The Chairman expressed his disappointment that there had been little attempt to negotiate but said that the door would remain open. It was explained that there was a need for this membership to comply with our insurance and licensing. It was put to the meeting that the fee for the bowls club remains at the current figure of £125 per annum. This was passed unanimously.

The cost of hire was discussed and it was agreed that where possible the charges would be simplified. There would be a separate review of this area.

**GJ/DB**

- 6 **Bar report:** There was little to add to the report from finance. The Bar manager reported that he was pleased that the profit remained near the figure that was planned and he had agreed with the treasurer some changes to the purchase of beer during the winter months and other measures were necessary to reduce waste. In answer to a question from the floor the Treasurer explained that we were somewhat limited with suppliers as we required delivery but currently use Bookers and Baby Bottles which offer competitive pricing. More recently we have installed Real Ale from the Langton's Brewery which is proving popular during the busy summer period.
- 7 **Extension Report:** Mike Rickman reported on what had taken place, including the recent very successful Curry night and plans for the ball in November. He hoped that each section would sell tickets for 5 tables this would help significantly to achieving the aim of raising at least £5,000 to contribute to the extension fund. Significant concern was raised at the lack of support from some sections to the ball. The Chairman pointed out that because of the date there appeared to be a lot of support from local businesses who were using it as their Christmas function. Concern was raised that the Cricket Club had stated that they were not supportive of the size of the current extension even though a member of the cricket club was on the original committee. It had

however been put in writing that although supportive of the intention there was concern at the size and cost. The important thing now was to aim for final completion and paying off the outstanding debt. Mike reported that the Car Park was due for resurfacing and marking in the very near future and it was hoped that work would start on building a new brick garage later this year.

- 8 Cleaning, Maintenance and security:** Gail Jones reported that there were often bins that were not emptied and each section was asked to assist with this. There was also some concern about the new water boiler being left with water in it which made it difficult to move. Gail was thanked for her continued work on keeping the club clean and tidy.
- 9 Election of Officers:** The Chairman reported that all officers had indicated that they would stand for re-election other than Debbie Burrows who had asked to stand down. The Chairman thanked her for her considerable contribution and this was unanimously supported by the whole meeting.

David Nance had agreed to stand as Secretary proposed by Anne Coon and seconded by Richard Smith. This was carried.

The Chair also raised the matter that we had vacancies for 2 Trustees. There is a possibility that one person has been identified but members would be notified in due course as to progress in appointments. Following a question from the floor he confirmed that the current 2 Trustees were John Burrows and Ian Stevens and the Constitution called for a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 and therefore we were meeting the Constitutional requirements.

**DW**

- 10 Defibrillator – running costs:** The Defibrillator has been delivered and will be made available to the Sports Club as soon as it is covered by the Sports Club insurance. There will be no running costs for 7 years. David Tyler was thanked for his work on this initiative and the anonymous donor who has funded the Sports Club unit. Insurance Broker to be contacted.

**CW**

- 11 Dog Fouling and control** (The hollow and playing areas): This had been an issue and the Parish Council have agreed to replace the signs which were present before they deteriorated and were taken away. Tom Price is discussing this with the Clerk of the Parish Council.

**12 Date of next AGM:** Proposed that it moves to a Monday to avoid a clash with sports events. The provisional proposed date is 15 May 2017.

**13 Any other business**

- It was confirmed that the advertising boards would be removed from the car park as part of the resurfacing.
- The electricity is scheduled to be cut off for 2 hours during the period 09.00 to 14.00 on 26 May but this is the date of the lunch for older people. The Chair will contact Western Power.
- Chris White raised a proposal to have a club "fun day" on August Bank Holiday. Sports sections were encouraged to get involved. It would need organising with sections organising activity and the club would organise the bar and a barbecue. The secretary to notify each section of the date to encourage participation.
- Concern was raised that young people were going behind the bar. A sign was needed

**DW**

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**The meeting closed at 10.05pm**