**Special Management Meeting 26/07/2022.**

Present: Peter Atkins (PA) (President), Ken Sproston (KS) (Treasurer), Nick Bickley (NB) (Secretary), Trevor Laws (TL), Wendy Boult (WB) (Safeguarding), Dave Barrett (DB), Frank James (FJ) (Chair), Chris Robinson (CR), Vilma Allman, Rosie Vance-Cotsford (RVC),

Apologies

Jim Stuart (JS), Stan Hugill (SH)

FJ opened the meeting and asked NB to outline the first item to be discussed.

NB explained that we have now received an offer from Roy Aspinall to stock the bar.

PA informed the meeting that Ernie Hultquist will liaise with Roy concerning what needs to be bought and that Rhys Powell had said he would cover Roy if he is away.

NB asked the Committee is they were happy for this arrangement to go ahead?

The Committee agreed that this would go ahead.

TL raised a concern that this does not cover the issue of who is going to staff the bar as the Committee could not cover this role.

CR and WB stated that on Fridays the home team covering the bar was not working as all players involved in matches.

FJ said Ernie Hultquist is still serving and is willing to carry on, RVC has also helped on Tuesdays and VA informed the meeting that Isobel Aspinall is willing to help during the winter.

TL proposed that:

‘The bar should be closed with immediate effect and only opened for particular occasions sanctioned by the Committee’

This was seconded by CR.

This was supported by KS who said that we would not get a bar manager as there was too much work involved and that this is one of the reasons SH had resigned.

A discussion followed this proposal during which the following concerns were raised:

* There would be an impact on the Club’s income (DB)
* Members pay their membership for use of the facilities which includes the bar (FJ) (RVC)
* Attendance on Tuedays does not justify someone being on the bar (CR)
* Would the closer include events run by the Social Committee? (VA)

Further discussions took place with suggestions from RVC and PA concerning volunteers being put on a rota and the bar being open if someone was willing to staff it.

TL wanted to know who the someone would be?

It was concluded that:

‘If there was someone in attendance on a Tuesday or Friday who was willing to work behind the bar then the bar would be opened’.

A notice would be put up in the Club and sent out to members asking for the names of people who are willing to work behind the bar if they were in attendance on club nights. Training would be provided on the use of the till for anyone interested.

For any social events the Social Committee will take responsibility for staffing the bar.

**Action: NB to produce notice and send out email.**

KS stated that in order for this to work we would have to recognise that the suggestions from JS’ last audit regarding till balancing and stock checks could not be fully implemented. He is willing to do monthly banking. The new credit card provides an extra level of control with regards to monitoring purchasing. A further card, in KS’ name, is coming.

FJ offered to buy crisps from Bookers for the club. He also said that the work of the Social Committee needs to be built on.

The Committee agreed that:

The bar will only be opened on Tuesday and Friday if there was a volunteer present who would staff it.

This was passed unanimously.

NB introduced the second item to be considered. Following a serious fall by a visiting bowler from Amasal (P) team we need to look at the main club entrance to consider if any changes could be made to make it safer?

Suggestions included:

* Level up the porch floor to remove trip hazards
* Vertical hand rails by the front door to provide support
* Repainting the edges of the steps in yellow
* Signage to promote the access door

VA questioned whether we needed to put a handrail up the slope leading to the access door?

FJ felt that, at this time, this was not needed.

A discussion about consulting agencies, including the Council and Mediquip, for advice was held and concern was raised, by TL and CR, that if we consulted the Council we may have to install a lot of expensive equipment around the club.

CR raised the issue of an individual with mobility issues arriving at the club on their own would have to have the door open for them.

RVC suggested that visiting Captains could be consulted if they had any members who would need the door opened for them.

CR felt that we still needed to consider putting a ramp into the clubhouse.

It was agreed that Mick Shenton would be asked to level the porch floor and paint the edges of all steps yellow.

TL then raised the issue of the club insurance as he felt that there should have been greater investigation into the brokers and insurers to ensure that there would be adequate cover for the club. He felt that the drop in price may mean that the company may not provide what was needed.

FJ explained that KS had looked into the matter and investigated who brokers were. He had consulted the Committee, gained their consent and taken out the new cover in light of this.

Meeting closed at 19:05