6.8.25 Committee meeting.

Present: Jim Shearer(JS) (Safeguarding), Trevor Laws (TL) (Trustee), Vilma Allman (VA), Phil Allman (PA) (Club Captain), John Cussons (JC), Nigel Ireland (NI), Raj Bandha (RB) (Treasurer), Nigel Fox (NF) (Chair), Elly Wain (EW), Nigel Ireland (NI), Nick Bickley (NB) (Sec and Trustee)

1. Apologies: Ken Sproston (KS) (Trustee), Dave Barrett (DB), Frank James (FJ) (President)
2. Approval of Minutes of 4.6.2025

Proposed: JS

Seconded: NI

3. Matters Arising

 6.vii New trophy has been purchased and is on place

 NB spoke to Keith Richard,

 12.i Electronic vote been done.

4. Secs Report

1. Kept members informed and updated Facebook and calendar
2. Liaised with treasurer re spending
3. Purchased and distributed new club shirts
4. Worked with previous club secretary to update the Life Members board

**Action -**NB to resend link out for shirts

5.Treasurer's report

 £7000 surplus.

 Stock check will take place at year end.

 EW do take account of cash in figures?

 RB explained that due to banking cash figures vary in accounts.

 NB to do cash banking which will help with accounting. JC recommends once a month.

 RB Need to ensure year end cash is banked in time to appear in data.

 Banking to be done 3rd week of month or when needed

 RB has list of captains to check for league fees

1. Membership
2. 18 terminations 112 full, 11 social, 11 life, 1 Associate. 135 in total

 3 members filled in applications

 1 junior member wishes to join

1. Need start and cut off date for membership,

 NI season ends end of Sept should membership payments be opened in Jan?

 EW explained that it is done after that as there are events during winter

1. RB next year send email out reminding that fees are coming up

 Need to have close off date which will be 1st March

1. EW in contact with Diane Williams (coach) regarding new members attending coaching
2. Should we end associate membership? There is only one member

 TL thinks it should still be in place

 It was agreed for this category to continue

1. 49 club full and has a waiting list
2. EW has analysed the membership and noted what teams they play for
3. Competitions Bob Wain holds money and receipts will send surplus to RB
4. New measures purchased
5. Social committee
6. Successful bingo night £100 available
7. 17/8 open day 1.30 - 4.30 children's activities, bowl for whiskey, PA will run event, need volunteers to help . 5 onwards Kenyan. 10 to 12 people now not attending music night.

**Action:** NB to remind members

 Bring own picnics

 NI need notice to attract public.

**Action:** NB to put on Facebook

1. Monday /Tuesday 18/19th August 55 League single merit. Volunteers needed to help;

Measurers and marking cards

**Action:** NB to ask members

1. Bar report

 Prices have been rounded up to help with cash payments

 Have prices for away teams

1. Captains report

 No report

1. Greens and grounds
2. DB wrote a report outlining the problems we have had with the watering system and the actions taken to try and remedy them.

NF suggests that we get any person with necessary skills together to deal with pump. We need to

support DB with the work he is doing.

 VA people have offered to help, need electrician to trace back fault

 Bob Wain has done schematic drawing but need electrician who can trace fault

 NF need to suggest to DB need to use other experts

 Suggestion that Chris Robinson leads group or Bob Wain

 Group from club need to work to identify those needed to sort problem

**Action:** NF to call meeting with people to consider way forwards

 RB do we need to take out contract?

 PA would mean company take full responsibility

 This to be considered in future

 VA Ground team watering, at present, rather than cutting

1. JC/EW Member fell over boarding an edge of green

 Number of boards need replacing

 NB we need more volunteers to help.

 PA these jobs used to be done over winter

 Builder has offered to with jobs

 RB we may have to buy help in

1. Safeguarding

 No report

1. Fieldhouse
2. Following vote need to be consistent with response. Vote was taken after green used. Ä team chosen to go to Riverway which is their choice. It may be that other teams may wish to change minds in future Fieldhouse happy to keep green open until decision made.
3. VA next team at field house is C team if wish to go they should pay retainer.
4. Decision take democratically to stay at fieldhouse.

 NI if vote was to stay why did all teams not have to stay?

 NF vote taken to get views but it is up to individual teams to decide where play

 JS it is up to each team to decide

1. There is no written contract with field house
2. Loan of equipment members of greens team borrow equipment as part of helping on our green

 JC what happens if something breaks who pays?

 VA referred to agreement to hire equipment not insured if get damaged. Feels some people are

 taking advantage.

 PA decision needs to be made at committee

 NF if need to discuss the situation, with DB present, can call ad hoc committee and not wait for full

 meeting.

 VA felt that the club is not always aware of equipment that is being borrowed.

 JC concerned about cost to club if things go wrong, are Fieldhouse insured?

 PA a vote needs to be taken as to whether equipment on be loaned.

 EW Db needs support of committee

 PA concerned that an equipment is not covered by insurance if borrowed

This to be discussed at further meeting.

**Action:** NF will contact DB about equipment and watering system

1. Post office fees

DB submitted a written report that explained that around £215 was collected in January, however, after that no money was collected as our contact at the Post Office chose not to carry out this task anymore

 NI explained that his son-in-law works for Royal Mail and stated that it is down to individuals to

 arrange parking

 It was agreed that if we were approached again we would will have to agree a fee up front and this

 would have to be paid.

1. No smoking avoid club

 JS informed the meeting that people have asked for smoking to be banned around green. This is in

 place at a number of clubs

 JC said he is not bothered by the smoking

 EW has carried out some research and stated that the buildings at end of the footpath are not suitable.

 It is within the law to ban smoking but the shed cannot be used. At most clubs smokers are in the

 minority, where people smoke they need to ensure they do not affect others.

 JS felt that the buildings were adequate.

 NF it is not a big problem at club

 It was felt that this is a club decision

 VA rules say it is club committee decision

 VA who would enforce the rule?

 RB need to avoid making the rule personal

 EW need to make a suggestion as to where smoking cannot take place eg under shelters

 NF suggested no smoking signs under shelters

 The decision was taken that smokers are not to use shelter but can use other areas.

1. Access door

JS Access up to the door not adequate and the door needs widening

 Situation being looked at.

 RB grants are available

AOB

 JC television during ladies’ Euros members left as wanted to see game we would only have terrestrial

 stations.

 This would improve revenue.

 Proposal is to install TV

 Prop: JC

 Seconded: RB

A vote was taken for: 8, against: 1

Agreed for TV to be installed

Closed 21.00

8/10 6.30