



Minutes from Management Committee Meeting – Wednesday 14th August 2024

In attendance:

Richard Jones, chair (RJ)

Elissa Seddon (ES)

Peter Horne (PH)

Guy Mines (GM)

John Shepherd (JS)

Stan Ball (SBa)

1	Apologies for absence - Steve Bridgeman	RJ
2	Minutes of previous meeting, 10 th July 2024 - unanimously agreed	RJ
3	Matters arising	
3a	ES to confirm that she is now primary user on the bank account - not yet been determined - ES to phone the bank	ES
3b	GM to be given access to the bank account as Treasurer - to be carried forward as not yet actioned	ES
3c	RJ to install a retrofit LED fluorescent tube which we have in stores - to be carried forward as not yet actioned	RJ
3d	RJ to organise purchase of the HOST fridge (£888 inc VAT) - completed and fridge has now been installed	Completed
3e	ES to organize clearing out superfluous items to make space - this is a fairly major task and may require a skip. Task to be carried forward as not yet actioned. In the meantime, RJ suggests that we acquire some asset stickers to be used in the process. RJ to acquire these	ES RJ
3f	RJ to source 2 quotes for work to the roof, including from Matthew Giles. See item 4 below.	See item 4 below
3g	ES to organize pickleball open day and report - ES still looking for a suitable date after Littlehampton Town Show on 14th September.	ES
3h	ES to organise meeting to look at grants we can apply for - still to be actioned.	ES

	3i	RJ to pull together a working party to litter-pick the grounds and do some gardening. GM offered to contact Ford Prison to see if one of their groups may be able to assist.	RJ GM
	3j	GM to provide next year's budget once he has the August financials.	GM
	3k	SBa to give date for French evening - this has been put on the back burner for now.	No further action at present
	3l	ES to put together a proposal for Associate Membership and circulate - see item 5 (below).	See item 5 below
	3m	ES to circulate figures on revenue and cost for squash and badminton matches - see item 6 (below).	See item 6 below
4		<p>New Roof</p> <p>RJ arranged for Matthew Giles to visit our premises but he didn't turn up PH to chase him up as he has already provided a useful video of the roof problems.</p> <p>PH to also contact Vince Lampitt who is known personally by Phil Atherton.</p> <p>GM to contact Kingsley Roofing Limited.</p>	PH GM
5		<p>Associate membership</p> <p>ES put forward the suggestion for this new membership category, which would allow people who live outside of our area to still play at and represent the club on occasions. This can be particularly useful for league matches when we are short of local people. The committee agreed (unanimously) that we should trial this idea on the basis that these associate members must live more than 15 miles away. The suggested membership fee will be £87.50 for the coming year (2024-25).</p>	ES
6		<p>Match Fees</p> <p>The committee discussed the question of whether team members who represent the club at away matches should pay match fees. At present the club is subsidising badminton away games because of the cost of providing shuttlecocks.</p> <p>We discussed this question for quite a while and it clearly elicits some passionate feelings! PH suggested that we need to ask more questions about this, not least for us to agree on a set of underlying principles (e.g. fairness; all club activities to be profitable and not loss-making) on which we should base our decisions in a bid to make this a less emotive subject.</p> <p>Further discussion needs to include the fact that we can easily establish the cost of (say) a new set of shuttlecocks but how do we put a value on something intangible like the potential PR benefit from team members representing the club at away matches?</p> <p>We also want to be mindful of the "big picture" i.e. sustainability of the club and the need to keep attracting younger members for the future.</p>	To be discussed at next meeting

7	<p>Squash Club Night squash balls Proposed by SBr that, as new shuttlecocks are given out on badminton club nights, new squash balls (one for each court) be given out on squash club nights.</p> <p>We ran out of time to discuss this, and thought that SBr also needs to be present when we do so. There is a link between this item and the previous one, as we will need to establish the underlying principles we want to adopt when considering this type of proposal.</p>	To be discussed at next meeting
8	<p>Littlehampton Town Show on Saturday 14th September We will have a stall at this event. ES asked if any other committee members could spare some time to relieve ES/RJ who will be there for most of the day. PH & GM both offered to help for some of this time.</p>	ES / RJ GM / PH
9	<p>Club Update ES had a visit from Badminton England on 12th August as the start of a process to explore the further use of LBSC club facilities for their sponsored events (we have already secured County Masters matches for next season). This meeting seemed to go well and there is huge potential benefit for the club if their use of our facilities can be extended.</p> <p>ES to continue working on her connection with Badminton England.</p>	ES

Date for next meeting Wednesday 11th September 2024, 7.30 pm – 9 pm