

Management Committee Meeting – Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30 pm

Minutes.

In attendance: Richard Jones (RJ), Elissa Seddon (ES), Stan Ball (SBa), John Phillips (JP), Peter Buckland (PB), John Shepherd (JS), Steve Bridgeman (SBr)

PART 1

1. Apologies for absence	RJ
Kerry Ringer has asked to stand down from the Management	
Committee.	
2. Matters arising from previous MC meetings, 8 th November 2023 and 20 th December 2023.	SBr/All
ACTION: ES to circulate previous minutes	ES
ACTION: RJ to organize contract for Phil Atherton	
John Haggis not interested in regular paid maintenance work	
RJ purchased new intercom from Amazon	
RJ purchased new thermostat, just under £100	
British Heart Foundation – run an extra quiz night in February, donate entry fee	
and any raffle income to BHF. LBSC keeps bar takings.	
New energy contract organized and set in place	
Meter price increase agreed at December meeting, now need to discuss	
amount. Agreed at this meeting to increase to £5 an hour from 4 th March.	
ACTION: RJ to implement change to meters	
ACTION: ES to announce on Noticeboard and put up a poster	
Xmas bonuses were agreed and have been given.	
3. Update on Phil Atherton	RJ
Phil has produced reports and notes on accounts. RJ circulated these to	
Committee members	
ES has spent time working with Phil and in the process taken some time away	
from day to day activities	
ACTION: Read the papers circulated and come to next MC meeting with	ALL
questions	
ACTION: Invite Phil to next MC meeting	RJ
4. Treasurer's report	JP

JP has spent far more time than he had anticipated on the role of Treasurer. He is happy to continue with basic book-keeping tasks, but not as Treasurer. He is happy to remain on the Committee. The book-keeping system 'Money Manager' is hampering our operations and it is proposed by JP that we use Xero. It costs about £30 a month. The club has been paying too much VAT on our energy and we may be due a refund. £713.30 was paid by RJ to GoFundMe for 'Knock around the clock' charity fundraiser. LBSC paid the money back to RJ in the next financial year. There is a paper trail. The office space in which JP has been working is in need of updating and more	
space being made.	
Overall, we are on budget. ACTION: RJ to look into Xero and bring a formal proposal to the next MC meeting.	RJ
ACTION: advertise to the membership the need for a Treasurer. ACTION: cancel the club credit card in the name of the previous administrator and provide a new one for the office to use in ES's name. James needs to do this.	ES ES
5. Opening and closing at weekends rota RJ suggested that we keep an emergency set of opening keys in a keysafe by the rear fire exit.	ES/SBr
ACTION: ES to contact people and put together a rota.	ES
6. Update on focus group ACTION: RJ to discuss with John Chard and report to MC next meeting or earlier by email.	RJ
7. Strengthening the Management Committee ACTION: Send out an appeal to the membership for more Committee members.	SBr
8. Club update 317 members. Everyone paying monthly is now being put into eBooking every month, so it is possible to check on this. Guest fees have increased now that ES is on site more often. Looking to advertise the venue on places like Facebook marketplace for £200. Lots more functions and events are being explored. All agreed to support Es in pushing this forward.	ES

PART 2

Confidential Business

Date for next meeting Wednesday 21st February 2024, 7.30 pm