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BATH STREET MARINE TABLE TENNIS CLUB General Management Committee Meeting - Held 13 March 2019

Present: Ian McElwee (Chairman), Graham Turner (Secretary), Lesley Blanchard, Bernard Cooney, Mary Delamere, and Doreen Smith.

1. Introduction

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm. Chairman explained that he had asked for a further meeting due to the fast-moving property project, to ensure that everyone is up to date, and all are working in the same direction.

2. Apologies for Absence

Received from Ian Brownrigg and Keith Hardman. No word from Des Logan.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

Item 3 – It was reported that Herve Gillet is continuing to make excellent recovery progress in his health and had recently been able to visit the club briefly. Get well wishes had been sent.

Item 3 – GDPR – the position is unchanged. GRT top progress.

Item 5f. – Property Project Group – has now met twice. GRT will circulate to all for info and up to date copy of the Action Plan.

Item 7b – Local Community Activity – MD reported that a meeting had now been held with Helen Birrell of SBC, and a conversation had also taken place with Sandra the bar manager at Marine. This initiative has been welcomed, and SBC are keen to support it, and also suggest that an introduction to ‘social table tennis’ might be a suitable activity for any attending – if they wished. SBC may be able to provide some funding. It had been proposed that the 2 sports clubs, the football club and the table tennis club, could work together to set up this initiative. The suggestion is that it is staged on a Wednesday afternoon, that a small fee be charged and tea/coffee provided (at a charge) by the Marine bar. The Committee endorsed the idea and it was agreed that the group should aim for a launch as soon after the both sets of property works completed. A copy of a report prepared for the discussions with SBC was provided to the meeting.

4. Property Project Update

- a. Chairman asked for an update on the Club finances. Taken together, including outstanding fees estimated at £250, and hoped for profit from next social event of £300, the clubs balance appears to be around £9,200.
- b. GRT reported that the expected cost of the property project still sat at around £80k of which £72k was pledged.
- c. BC has been in touch with DB and is hopeful that the additional funding promised will materialise. Request has been made for it to be in place by end of April 2019.
- d. GRT reported that the order had now been placed for the new building and limited groundworks associated with it had been commissioned from Ken Ward contractor, who is working with the building suppliers Eagle Containers.
- e. GRT reported that the problem areas were connection to the mains electrical supply – working with Marine AFC and only likely to be complete when Marine’s own building installed. And the issue of connection to mains water and drainage. Because of similarities of the 2 projects it may be possible to engage same contractor for both sets of works with economies achieved as a result. We are awaiting advice from Marine AFC on this. In the meantime, we have estimates for this work from 3 contractors and could proceed independently. But that might result in work having to be done twice. So, for the time being we are in the hands of Marine AFC. This means we cannot finalise the

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estimated costs at present for electricity and water.

- f. GRT reported that there was an option available if we cannot secure electrical and water etc connections from the start. That is to hire temporary facilities including a power generator. This would cost around £100 per week and can be provided through Eagle.
- g. DS and others have been investigating possible crowd funding as an option to cover any additional funding need. Details of a SBC contact have been provided to IB & GRT and DS and others are attending a SBC workshop on funding on Weds 27 March.
- h. GRT reported that as a last resort there were also 2 other funding options; to approach LDTTL for a loan; and to ask Eagle for HP terms on an element of unit cost. Both are considered as 'backstop' arrangements.
- i. DS & BC along with KH are taking on the task of clearing our existing room by 29 April; sorting what needs to be kept and arranging temporary storage as necessary. We remain hopeful that the new unit can be delivered on or by 1 May and should be complete and operational within a short time of that. It remains the aim that any break in service will be kept to an absolute minimum.
- j. It is not possible yet to fix a date for the grand opening. This will be done in conjunction with Sport England. It was suggested however that we should try and invite a local celebrity; Jamie Carragher was suggested as a first choice if available.

5. Any Other Business

- a. MD raised the issue of the need for a new membership application form. GRT said this had already been produced and agree to send MD further copy.
- b. The issue of fees for couples and 'guests' was raised and clarified. The position on both remains unchanged and is set out in last year's AGM resolution.
- c. The issue of keys for the new building was again raised and it was agreed this should be added to the property Action Plan.
- d. GRT reminded members of the TTE National Conference on 30/31 March. Anyone wishing to attend should advise GRT as soon as possible.
- e. The issue of new tables for the new building was raised. Two suggestions were put forward; ask LDTTL if they still hold a stock of tables formerly used for LDTTL competitions. Use a contact suggested by Keith Williams. Both will be kept open. The aim will be to have 2 new flat pack good quality tables.
- f. GRT asked if a date and venue could be agreed for the Club tournament. Anfield is available for Saturday 7 Sept (10 – 4pm) at a cost of £200. This would be a good choice albeit that it is a little distant from Crosby. This was agreed.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 9:03pm.

Graham Turner (Secretary)
13 March 2019