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BATH STREET MARINE TABLE TENNIS CLUB
General Management Committee Meeting - Held 05 June 2019

Present: Bernard Cooney (Chairman), Graham Turner (Secretary), Ian Brownrigg (Treasurer); Lesley Blanchard, Mary Delamere, Des Logan, Sue O'Connor, Doreen Smith and Jennifer Givens.

1. Introduction

The meeting commenced at 8:10pm. Chairman welcomed all to the first meeting of the new Committee, in particular Sue, joining the committee for the first time. Jenny had also again been co-opted to act as the Club's Fixture Secretary for the Liverpool League season.

2. Apologies for Absence

Received from Keith Hardman.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

None

4. Roles

It was agreed that the General Committee members should be allocated the following roles:

Welfare Officer – Mary Delamere

Health & Safety & Social Secretary – Keith Hardman

Junior Liaison – Des Logan & Sue O'Connor

Property Manager – Keith Hardman & Des Logan

Housekeeping Services (new build) – Lesley Blanchard & Doreen Smith

Marine in the Community Liaison – Sue O'Connor

Assistant league Fixture Secretary – Jenny Givens

5. Property Project Update

- a. Secretary reported that the key issues continued to be, finalisation of the formal lease for the site for the proposed new building; and bringing in the finance that would pay for the new building.
- b. Work is ongoing with the club's solicitors in relation to the lease and Ian and Graham met with the solicitor recently. In addition to the lease the solicitor has also been asked to advise the club on structure to ensure that any liabilities of the club are limited. GRT explained that as a private member club all members are held jointly and severally liable for any debts of the club. It is considered essential that members are protected from potential liabilities.
- c. On finance. The grant of £10,000 has been received from SBC. The club is continuing to work with David Bell on the intimated private sponsorship. This latter element is essential to success of the project. It was reported that DB had today intimated that a first tranche of these funds should be with the club in the next few days.
- d. It was agreed that the club should seek out its own identity and address. Doreen has been tasked with establishing how an address can be obtained for the new building.
- e. It was confirmed that the Club will need to obtain its own insurance for the property and its contents. PLI insurance is already held under the TTE membership arrangements as a TTE Premierclub.
- f. It was confirmed that the Club will have its own name sign on the exterior and will also display the Marine advertising sign. Two firms are being considered for the name sign, Graffiti Signs and
- g. The building will also be alarmed (Crosby Intruder Alarms & Artisan Alarms being considered, if not installed by builder).

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- h. It was suggested that it may be useful for the club to display a 'disclaimer' notice inside the new building to remind individuals to exercise due care when using the building.
- i. The new building will only become usable once the legal formalities are complete, and mains services (water & electricity) are connected. There will be an 'informal' opening before the doors are opened for the first time; and this will be followed by a formal opening as soon as it can be arranged.

6. Finance

Ian reported that there had been a good take up on the new arrangements for paying fees by direct SO to the club. However, at present he has around 21 names where the current position is uncertain. The importance of establishing whether individuals wish to be ongoing members and if so on what basis was emphasised. It was agreed that Ian & Graham would go through the names and then approach the individuals about their intentions.

7. Team Captains Meeting

It was reported that the Team Captains Group had met earlier that evening, and recommended that the Club should enter 8 teams into the Liverpool League for the 2019/20 season. This decision was endorsed by the Committee.

8. Social

It was reported that there were 2 events being undertaken on 6 June in conjunction with Marine In The Community. These are a walk, followed by an afternoon tea with entertainment, celebrating the 75th anniversary of D-Day. It was suggested that the informal Friday evening social events at Marine may also continue following the success of the first event. The next will be on Friday 26 July. The end of season dinner and dance is on Friday 28 June. It was reported that there are issues over the catering for this event, and the organisers are working to resolve these.

9. Any Other Business

- a. Sue asked for the views of the Man Com members about the involvement with MITC. It seemed that members of the table tennis club were forming a large part of that group and might be in danger of becoming over involved without benefits flowing to the table tennis club. The general feeling was that, if the individuals were involved on a personal basis then the choice was entirely theirs about how much involvement to give. However, if the involvement is intended to represent the table tennis club, whilst agreeing it was a good thing to support, one of the objects should be to promote what the table tennis club has to offer to the local community, especially in terms of healthy lifestyle. In representing the club, it may be appropriate for just 1 or 2 members to attend and participate, feeding back to the Club Man Com. It was stressed that it is important to the table tennis club to continue to present itself as providing social and recreational sporting activity for the local community as well as its competitive table tennis face.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 9:08pm.

Graham Turner (Secretary)

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