

BASLOW SPORTS FIELD CIO

Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, 29th September 2021

7.30pm

Cavendish Pavilion

Minutes

Present	Tony Buckham (Chair), Kate Rodgers(Treasurer), Chris Lyne (Secretary), Stuart Cunningham, Becky Lyne (via Zoom), Louis Gay, Helen Watts, John Watts, Tony Mottram, Cath Davey, Andy Knowles, Matt Franks, David Robins	
1. Welcome and Introductions	TB welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced MF, the new Football representative.	
2. Apologies	Jonathan Holsgrove, Neil Mantell, Alison Gaines, Rachel Luft.	
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.	
4. Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional car parking in the adjacent field was felt to be too expensive at £400 for the previous football season. It was suggested that a reduced sum of £10 per half day should be offered to the farmer.• Shelving in the new storeroom will be installed as a priority.• The request for a snooker table from a local teenager was investigated but was viewed to be impractical. The formation of some kind of regular 'youth gathering' at the Sports Field is still being considered by local parents. <p>All other matters were discussed in the meeting.</p>	<p>TB to contact the farmer.</p> <p>DR to action.</p> <p>TM & CD to action.</p>
5. Projects update	1. Improvements to the pitches and cricket outfield have been carried out	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A new dishwasher, fridge/freezer, tables and chairs have been purchased for the pavilion and a card payment system set up for the café. 3. The Bowls pavilion needs a new pump for the toilet drainage system. It was agreed that BSFCIO would cover the cost of £850. 4. Work on converting the former storeroom into a lounge has started. This will provide a space for club members to socialise and offer refreshments separate from the café. The original plans to extend the room have been put on hold due to the high costs involved. TB expressed thanks to DR and LG for the work done so far. DR reported that there would be additional costs on top of the grant of £2000 obtained from DDDC. Approximately £3000 was needed for external doors, plus the cost of re-siting radiators, creating a door linking the two downstairs rooms, furniture and fittings. TB asked DR to provide the cost of the whole project before proceeding further. TM emphasised the need to tighten procedures around spending approval in the future. 	<p>DR to provide full costings and TB to review expenditure.</p>
<p>6. Finance – 2021/22 income and cost forecast</p>	<p>TB presented the accounts prepared by NM for the year ended March 2021. Due to the COVID lockdown income from clubs had fallen considerably, but the CIO had maintained a relatively healthy financial position during the year mainly due to receipt of government grant funding.</p> <p>KR reported that in the previous month the CIO had made a loss and that this was not sustainable. The CIO was heavily dependent on income from Football and TryumphinLife, which left the CIO vulnerable to any downturn in their activities. TM highlighted the need to find other income streams, and in particular to increase membership in the other constituent clubs, in order to secure the future of the CIO.</p>	
<p>7. Financial support for clubs</p>	<p>TB presented the income and expenditure projections for 2021/22. If the football season goes ahead as planned, the financial situation is looking healthy, but there is a risk of over dependence on one sport. Club representatives reported that participation in all sports had increased since the end of the pandemic, with particular mention of junior cricket, and ways of encouraging more cross-over between sports were</p>	

	<p>discussed. However, clubs were still struggling financially and unable to increase contributions to the central funds.</p> <p>KR proposed a more cooperative approach to financing the CIO whereby the clubs with greater reserves would subsidize sports that were struggling financially. Clubs would be asked to share their accounts to ascertain where the pressure points were. A central group could then decide how to allocate funds. All representatives agreed this would be in the best interests of the CIO, but that transparency and fairness were key to the success of this approach.</p> <p>It was agreed that a working group, comprising TB, TM, LG, JW, MF, BL, AK, KR would be set up to discuss a way forward.</p>	TB to action.
8. Further Grant Opportunities	<p>SC and HW reported that some sport specific grants were available and would be pursued. Football grants may be available for grass roots football. CL proposed applying to the local councillor's fund for money to purchase a large marquee for use on children's holiday camps and social events. TB suggested researching grants for Health and Well-being projects.</p>	Grant opportunities and applications to be shared.
9. Future of the Café and Bar	<p>DR reported that there had been a very positive response to the new style café and that it had attracted customers who'd never visited the sports field before. They have plans to expand the menu for the winter season.</p> <p>KR congratulated DR on the success to date but felt it was important to iron out any potential conflict of use between the café, social events, e.g. birthday parties, and sporting events.</p> <p>TM emphasised the need to ensure that the café was compliant with all safety and hygiene regulations and that it was in line with the objectives of the CIO.</p> <p>All trustees present agreed that the café was a positive asset to the sports field but that, going forward, a more formal structure and agreement was necessary. TB suggested a meeting with DR and his team to discuss the issues raised and any changes needed. He also reported that AG was willing to help draw up a formal service contract.</p>	<p>TM and TB to meet with DR.</p> <p>TB to meet AG re contract.</p>
10. Pitch and Putt Development	<p>Preliminary work, i.e., drawing up a business plan, investigating the requirement for change of use and obtaining planning permission from Peak Park, was needed before the project could be undertaken. TM offered to write a business plan and JH has expressed a wish to participate in the project. TB suggested the project be postponed until 2022.</p>	TM to write a business plan.

<p>11. Club reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bowls - Cricket - Tennis - Football - TrYumph in Life 	<p>Bowls: The club has had a very successful season and attracted 12 new members. The financial position is satisfactory.</p> <p>Cricket: Junior cricket is thriving thanks to the efforts of the dedicated coaches. Attendance at Saturday morning coaching has grown considerably, and the club has fielded both hard ball and soft ball teams at junior level.</p> <p>Senior cricket has fielded a 1st and 2nd team this season, with the 1st XI winning their league. New players have come from neighbouring clubs who have folded and also from Sheffield. More local players are needed too. The club is aiming to become a Centre of Excellence for cricket and is actively seeking grant funding to improve facilities.</p> <p>Tennis: The online booking system has been a great success. There has been a 10-15% increase in membership. Inter-club competitions in the Chesterfield and District League will resume this winter.</p> <p>Football: Junior teams are thriving with increased numbers in the younger age groups. Saturday morning coaching has resumed with high numbers of participants.</p> <p>At senior level, Brunsmeor FC are no longer playing at Baslow, but it remains a very attractive venue for clubs. Porter FC, Hallam FC, Baslow FC and possibly Chesterfield Community FC will all be using the pitches this season.</p> <p>TryumphinLife: The Children's Holiday Camp was the most successful ever. Contributing factors were possibly the effects of Covid travel restrictions and a government grant for companies offering places to children on free school meals. Emails distributed by local schools and a Google ad also boosted attendance. Attendance at after-school clubs has fluctuated this autumn, but Birthday parties have increased in number. BL outlined her plans to concentrate more on corporate health and well-being events based both at the sports field and nationally.</p>	
<p>12. AOB</p>		
<p>Date of next Quarterly Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday 8th December, 2021 @ 7.30pm</p>	

