

Minutes of the DLTC Committee Meeting

22nd April 2020 – 7.00 pm – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Present

Chair – Martin McCarthy (MM)

Vice Chair – Dave Cole (DC)

Helen Devy (HD), Sarah Maxfield (SM), Mike Robinson (MR), Gill Ross (GR), Ged Salisbury (GS), Julie Smith (JS), Kev Waller (KW) and Tracy Wyatt (TW).

Apologies

There were no apologies for absence

1) Update and Discussion following National Lockdown as a Result of COVID-19 Pandemic

MM welcomed Members of the Committee to their first Virtual meeting of the Committee following the National Lockdown as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic currently sweeping the World.

The restrictions placed upon all individuals, businesses and society as a whole were far reaching and the implications were immense. The impact on the Club needed addressing and there were a number of key points that needed discussing. Key points raised throughout the course of the meeting were as follows:-

- **Finance Update**

TW had circulated a financial overview that provided reassurance that currently the Club was in a safe position but this was not to say that this may not change and was time dependant and a number of factors needed looking into. It was noted that all staff had been furloughed with immediate effect, which would save on the staffing bills each week. Additionally the Club were able to claim for a grant for up to £10k from Doncaster Council which would assist with ongoing bills and payments. The Committee were reassured that there were currently no major concerns and the Club was in a favourable position. It was reported that a refund was being processed from the brewery in terms of unused beer / lager, and the payment on the sky subscription had been paused which was a good saving that would benefit the club currently.

- **Maintenance**

The Committee had a brief discussion regarding any maintenance issues and it was agreed that during this period of lockdown when the Club wasn't accessible by Members it would be a good time to undertake any outstanding jobs. DC would look to repair problems with toilet leaks and Carl Wyatt had indicated that he would ensure that any other jobs were kept on top of. If restrictions eased somewhat in the coming weeks, it could be an opportune time to undertake any other 'tidy up' jobs. DC reported that it

was hoped Builders Merchants would be open shortly, at which point he would build some additional seating for the patio which could prove useful if only outdoor socialising was permitted moving forward.

- **Memberships–**

A discussion was held regarding Memberships as this was an area of concern in that Members were continuing to pay their Direct Debits and unable to access the courts and facilities as well as those who had paid upfront in January were obviously at a loss. At the current time, without knowing how the lockdown would continue for, it was difficult to ascertain what would be the best course of action. Some Members had already cancelled their payments / Memberships and the Committee advised GR to check their clubhouse cards had been cancelled. As this was an ever-changing situation and very fluid, this would be something the Committee would look more closely at in the coming months.

- **Junior Squads and Coaching**

MR reported that he had spoken to Toby Mettam, and again, as with Membership this was currently a grey area. It was difficult to 'freeze' payments on the Floc System and it could be that they would recompense parents in a different manner, either by cash refund or by way of future coaching sessions. Again, as it was difficult to predict what was going to change in the next few weeks this would be looked at after the next update by the Government.

The Committee agreed to hold another virtual meeting following the next round of updates in May to discuss what impact this would have on the Club.