

AGM : Monday 20th May 2019, 7:30pm.

attendees: D Harris, J Cole, G Green, J Stevens, J Miller, T Lane, K Lane, A Furlong, H Norman, D Smith

apologies: C Bass, G Sharples, G Cooper

Minutes

Chair's report:

Reflection of progress made - a few years ago - tennis was struggling, decrepit courts (due to age and weather impacts), cricket was trundling along. Now the investments in to the sports are bearing fruit - increased participation

Club development plan in place - following on from the work done at the time of the loan / tennis court / cricket nets

Very small profit made - but large 'extra' expense of £4K to paint the tennis courts included in this year - so good satisfactory - considering that bank loan is also being serviced at £4.2k pa
Still have 19K in the bank - after new roller, mower for cricket

Few numbers still remain for 59 club - but this is providing £3k pa - could increase this if all numbers were taken and at £10 per month.

Finances well managed.

Club:

Pleasing year/ increased number of activities- again due to continued commitment from our volunteers-

Bar ran well all year. - new lines introduced - 2018 Poretti lager - successful - May 2019 looking at Craft beers - to improve the provision for members.

Card payment system introduced - moving into the 21st C

Quizzes held monthly - pleasing attendance - good social occasion for members esp locals

Pilates - well attended throughout the year

Yoga added on Sat mornings - small attendance as yet...

Successful publicity / membership drive March / April 2019 - leafleting villages, posters, C Guardian / Lancs Eve Post article. Thanks to all involved

Small increases in 2019 prices - no negative feedback - several players commented appreciatively about monthly payment facility

Membership now over 150 - up from about 100 last year - partly due to above efforts and the ease of payment via website (thanks to CB here)

U3A group to be established - based at the club - should be a good addition to our provision.

Tennis:

Welcome return to home matches held at WFSSC - once the court painting was completed.

Two teams playing

Coaching a success - juniors- around 10 per week - followed by adults - continued in to Sept
Social tennis developing - Thursday mornings and Sunday mornings - still small numbers but a positive addition to our provision

Some disappointment that grant route for floodlights appears to be blocked - other sources of funding being investigated.

Safeguarding officer now in place

Cricket

Solid season overall. Numbers of players remains positive - not had any struggles to fill 22 places at weekend - in fact have increased games by entering 20:20 competition - successful venture - esp giving younger players experience

Both teams remained in same division - 1's finishing 9th - 2nds 4th - good to see dev of younger players

20:20 Invitation match held - v successful - good support from all club top provide for spectators - good attendance

Junior coaching - reintroduced - successful - 8 to 10 per week - all in 5-8yr age range = AllStars for 2019 - this is now running

Pleasing to have £650 from ground hires - many positive comments from Leyland & Darwen AGM - well attended = encouraging

Ground scored well on Umpires reports sent to League - due to hard work of volunteers - for which all should be most appreciative

Replacement roller purchased in May 2018 / new outfield mower April 2019 - more reliable machinery - so should make tasks easier. Thanks to support provided to keep equipment functional

2019 season has begun well - good collective approach to ground preparation.

Great job being done by all. Sustainable model of development - steady investment to ensure the future at WFSSC.

Treasurer's report

Accounts have been audited and agreed. The auditor was impressed that we had paid for the painting of the courts, bought new equipment alongside paying the loan repayments and other ongoing costs. We did make a small surplus this year which is very encouraging for the future and the building of reserves to ensure the maintenance and upgrading of facilities. If we remove the £4000 for the courts and the equipment costs of £2000 = £6000 surplus. If next year goes as well we will be able to further consider upgrading machinery and facilities.

The 59 club, whilst not full, goes a long way to covering the loan repayments. If more people could be persuaded to take a number this will help greatly; thank you to all who contribute in this manner.

Most of the income and expenses are self explanatory, those needing further explanation are listed.

Bar profit is down this year due in part to some losses over the summer when the gas was leaking and more so as the year before we had been donated some stock free of charge after the 118 Cruise event. This year we have slightly increased prices and are considering a new pump system which should reduce wastage and so lower costs. The clubhouse and ground had been hired out numerous times - contributing to the running costs.

Tennis and cricket players charge match money and table tennis contributed a sum of money which ultimately went towards a new table tennis table.

Pilates is going strong with good attendance - Yoga is small but growing.

Two amounts of sponsorship and grants this year. Grants will continue to be sought - cricket have secured two already for this forthcoming financial year.

Balance sheet shows assets and liabilities with a final balance sheet of £88,462.

Proposals

from J Cole - to incorporate Vice Chair as part of constitution. G Sharples seconded.

Election of officers:

J Cole as Chair. GG proposed. GSharples seconded.

Secretary - GGreen - Proposed by J Cole seconded by GSharples

Treasurer - J Stevens - proposed by T Lane, GG seconded

Subscriptions secretary - K Lane proposed by GG, seconded by J Stevens

Vice Chair - JC proposed GGreen, G Sharples seconded

CWO officers - A Furlong & D Duke

All above proposals were carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8pm.