

KINETON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on December 2nd 2015

Present: Alan Hill (Chairman) Roy Harris (Chair), Mel Codd (Secretary, Clive Rickman (Vice Chairman), Brian Lloyd (Social), Huw Rees, Dave Skelding,

Apologies, James Townsend (Communications), there were no other apologies.

Minutes of Previous Minutes: Accepted as a true record, Proposed Clive, Seconded Mel

Treasurers Report: As expected November was a quieter Month, Bar sales back to an average of £2200 per week (£2500 average per is the target), income from Fruit Machine is good. Key expenditure items were £625 (Sealed Knot), £6700 (£5500 VAT removed) Training and Car Park lights, £683 Licences (PVSL and Fruit Machine), £317 **Snooker** Table lights and £956 Water rates. We have renegotiated our contracts with our electricity suppliers but **prices** will increase, these increases are offset by the savings and input generated by all our ECO related activities over recent years. Current Account £2200, Savings £16000, FIT £8500.

Bar takings for the Sealed Knot Event were £500 higher than 2014, Expenditure was £400 lower, taking into account profit from sale of food the overall profit was nearly £5000.

Acceptance of Treasurers report was approved by Roy, Seconded by Huw.

Review of Previous Minutes:

TV Reception: Huw to see if we can improve the quality of TV reception by switching from aerial to Freesat. **Action Huw**

Snooker : New Snooker lights installed, Bill Stiles asked for quote to install a light for the Skittle Alley and to fix the emergency exit light at rear right of hall, Roy told to buy ropes/poles to control access to Snooker room. **Action Roy**

Visitors : No enforceable policy for managing access for large numbers of visitors who access the Club for particular events (C&M Rallies, Sealed Knot, KMF). Huw has reviewed and made recommendations but aspects such as the rules governing a Clubs Premises Licence and CASC need to be considered, **Action: C/F to next meeting.**

KSSC Football Membership: Veterans have implemented new agreement, £180 collected. Positive responses from Seniors and Juniors, minor problems identified and being sorted. Drop item.

Upgrading Bowls Green: Chris Bassett has proposed a solution that was cost effective. Mel to write to Bowls Sections saying we will authorise Chris to proceed with the repairs. **Action Mel**

Toilets: Good progress with getting ideas and quotes to upgrade the Toilets and he will feed back when he has proposals to make. **Action Alan**

Focus Item - Membership Survey: 49 Respondents, Members who responded gave priority to two key areas:

Top Bar: The focus to be on a more modern bar layout, better décor and lighting, a more balanced approach to pricing, more consistency about the range of beers and wines (less options, consistent quality), quality hot drinks always on available on demand, more promotions targeted at regulars rather than as a way to get non regulars to socialise at the Club, a more varied range of entertainment.

Kitchen and Food; A fully equipped Kitchen to meet needs of Sections and to add to the potential of the Hall as a place to hire out for events, availability of light snacks and ability to provide food (cooked meals?).

Third priority area was:

Patio and Families: An activity area (swings, climbing frames), food at weekends, outside seating area, make the Club more Family Friendly.

Other priorities:

Toilets and Sports: Comments from Membership were Men's Toilets smell awful, Ladies toilets outdated and disgusting. On Sports the only request was for Tennis..

There were a number of other comments made but these tended to be individual observations:

Too much negativity from members and animosity between sections, Social is subsidising Sports members who do not use the Club, Allow Dogs in the Bar, Children unsupervised in the snooker room, poor lighting on road between Kineton and Little Kineton.

The following initial actions were agreed :

We would not relax the existing rules about allowing **dogs** into the Club (guide dogs and special cases excepted).

Tennis is an option at the Club but sufficient members would have to get together, develop a business case that included financing and put this forwards to the Committee for discussion.

Roy to coordinate development of a plan that would prioritise and progress the items raised by the membership. **Action Roy**

Roy and Huw to start looking for Grants. **Action Roy and Huw**

Toilet improvements already in progress, for Health and Safety reasons this would be our 1st priority. **Action Alan**

Dave to contact neighbour who specialises in Bar design to see if he would be willing to give advice **Action Dave**

It was generally accepted that for as long as we continue to grow our Savings account by running events such as KMF, Caravan Clubs, Car **and Motorbike** Rallies, Sealed Knot etc. then we could address all the requirements aid on us by our Membership. With more involvement and support we could achieve our aims much quicker

Memberships – New membership applications received: Proposed by Mel, Seconded by Dave, Brian and Roy to discuss option of Brian taking on Membership Secretary role **Action Roy and Brian**.

Bookings: No bookings information available. Alan to discuss with Amanda **Action Alan**

Stewards Items: Discussion on whether we are meeting the needs of our membership via our current approach to drinks management and what we would need to do to address the issues reported via the Membership Survey, also, what benefits are we getting from having closer links with Marstons?. **Action Alan.** Need to agree Christmas and New Year opening times and publish them. **Action Mel.** Members of staff to get a £10 Christmas bonus **Action Dave** Members to get their first drink free on Christmas morning **Action Kevin.** Some concerns raised about staff using Laptops and Mobile phones while working behind the bar **Action Mel** Discussion about whether now that Amanda has finished we need to look for additional staff to work behind the Bar **Action Mel**

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Promoting KSSC Events: Discussion about how to develop the way we advertise events at the Club and the way the Website is constructed. Point made that with over 600 members we should be asking why we are failing to attract a larger number of them to socialise, organise and support various entertainments. Huw will look to change the Website to make information clearer and more readily accessible, we will also raise the subject with James and get his ideas on how we can take this forwards. **Action Huw and James**

Kington United Football Club: Roy and Sue Skelding (mostly Sue) have arranged for A3 copies to be produced of the three cartoons of Kington United Football Club 1961/62 side that had hung in the bar for nearly 50 years (the originals need a lot of renovation work), they have also identified a fourth Cartoon and are getting this copied.

Further investigation has shown that the cartoons represent a pivotal time at the Club. The formation of KUFC in 1960 and the series of actions that they initiated were instrumental in the Football and Cricket Teams agreeing on a complete Amalgamation in 1966. 2016 will therefore be the 50th anniversary of the start of KSSC and 2015 is the 55th anniversary of the formation of the current Football side. Roy will contact the management teams of both the Football and Cricket sections to see if they wish to work together to hold an event to celebrate these anniversaries. Action Roy

KMF2016: Fund raising very successful, £1500 from KMF2015 still in KSSC account, meeting agreed that KMF could have access to this if required.

Committee Meeting 2 Hour Rule : Overran by 10 minutes, marginally better.

Meeting closed at 21:40.

Next meeting 19:30 MONDAY January 4th.