Minutes of a Meeting of Egerton Playing Fields Committee held via 'Zoom' on 26th November 2020 following the Annual General Meeting

Present: J Elworthy (Chairman), Sarah Elworthy, Tim Oliver, Bill Smyth, Phil Missing, Jeff Hopkins John Harper, Steve Wellard

Apologies: John Harrison,

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 20/11/2019 were read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Tim Oliver Seconded: Bill Smyth

There were no matters arising other than those listed elsewhere on the Agenda.

Jonathan Elworthy vacated the Chair for the election of officers

Election of Officers: Jonathan Elworthy stated he was standing down as Chair and not putting himself up for re-election as Chair. Steve Wellard agreed to be acting Chair whilst Phil and Sarah looking into governance and structure. Jonathan was thanked profusely and warmly for his excellent impartial chairmanship and also, with Bill, for leaving the Playing Fields Association in such a good position going forward.

Secretary (Sarah Elworthy) and Treasurer (Janet Mackay)

Bill agreed to continue with lettings for the short term

Proposed: John Harper Seconded: Tim Oliver

In the circumstances Jonathan Elworthy then took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Matters arising: it was agreed to cover these items on last year's minutes as 'AOB'

Correspondence: none

Budget:

No income from lettings. Minimal usage from Cricket and Football the rents from these Clubs likely to be reduced.

Jeff indicated that Hawks Nest would be contributing £300 and it was thought the Parish Council would contribute £400

Jeff mentioned he was aware of new funding available from Sport England

Income	£	£
Lettings	0	
Cricket Club	125	
ECC Water Contribution	396	
Football Club	125	
Running Club	0	

Parish Council/Wickens Trust donation	400	
Hawkes Nest donation	300	
TOTAL INCOME	1346	
Running Costs		
Insurance		860
Electricity		350
Water		350
Waste water		75
Cleaning & Disposables		160
Fire protection		150
Advertising/misc		330
Pavilion maintenance		
Misc repairs		200
Contingency		150
TOTAL COSTS		2565
DEFICIT		-1219
TRANSFER FROM		1219
RESERVES		

AOB

Lettings: It is hoped that lettings will return to their former levels once restrictions are lifted.

Running Costs: There will be some reduction in running cost due to light usage of the Pavilion

Pavilion Maintenance: External wood treatment will need doing in the next year or 2 as the Pavilion will be 10 years old next year and important to keep the external fabric envelope in good condition. The Away Changing room flooring needs some repair. Showers have been check and refurbished. An emergency light needs to be repaired and batteries replacing shortly for burglar alarm. Machine shed doors are likely to need to be replaced in the next five years. Agreed to treat the smaller doors wood repairs with Sadolin or similar.

Sports Club Rents: It was agreed to reduce the rents for Cricket to £125 and Football to £125 and no charge to the Running Club for this year.

Wifi: Now Complete. Vote of thanks to Craig Darnley for his assistance with this. It was necessary to employ an electrician to run the cabling through the attic space of the Millennium Hall

Future Projects

Extra storage for Machine shed: Lean to shed against the machine shed for boundary rope and cricket flat covers. Discussion on PFA paying for a concrete slab base and Cricket Club volunteers to provide the wooden structure

Drainage improvements: Browns and Judds quotes about £15000 for basic improvements. Additional to laser level the cricket outfield and reseed would be in region of another £15k. Major works on drainage to could allow junior cricket to be played on the football pitch in summer and junior football on the cricket outfield in winter. But with estimated costs to bring drainage up to such modern standards would be about £50k. Jonathan agreed he's clarify the quotes and pass over to Committee to review

Cricket Club: roll on covers storage: Progress has been made with arranging storage in Charlie Simpkins field.

Geoff Wicken's legacy update: Registered and now set up, drawing up legal documents and should be functioning in the New Year.

MUGA update: Martin Wilkinson no real change in the last year. Adverts have been placed looking for land suitable land.

Dog fouling: As no improvement in this problem with both Football and Cricket Clubs reporting they are regularly picking up poo in their inspections prior to use. With more Cricket Colts playing and the likelihood of Junior Football training on the pitches there will be increasing numbers of junior training sessions and matches, this is of particular concern for risks of toxocariasis. Jonathan proposed that we should introduce a "dogs on leads" rule whilst on the Playing Fields. As the land is leased from the Parish Council it was agreed unanimously to introduce this rule but, as they are the freehold owners of the land, to put this to the Parish Council for ratification/confirmation. Sarah to liaise with the Clerk to ensure this goes on the Agenda for the next Parish Council meeting due in January.

Constitution: As the current Constitution is over 50 years old (written as part of the original lease of the land in 1970) it was agreed last year to look at introducing a Constitution in a more modern form. Sarah has been working on this and now has it in an almost finalized form. However with the decision to look at a new structure for the PFA it was decided to put this to one side whilst a decision is made on the form of the organisation entity.

Next meeting

It was agreed that the AGM should take in consideration the various club seasons and be held annually as close as possible to the third Wednesday in October. The next AGM and Committee Meeting will be on 20th October 2021 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20:50