

Buxton Cricket, Tennis and Bowls Overall Main Club 2023 AGM

Friday January 20th 2023 @ 7pm

Present: Bob Marsden (BM), Allan Ramsay, Phil Slater (PS), Steve Thompson (ST), Anne Thompson (AT), Brenda Stones, Nina Thompson, Dee Ayers, Roberta Chadwick, Arthur Braybrooke, Tim Budd (TB), Peter Freeman (PF)

Apologies: Will Annison

1. Minutes

BM circulated the minutes of the previous meeting. These were accepted and there were no matters arising.

2. Section Reports

Bowls (PF): the bowls section had received a grant from Tarmac which had financed rebuilding the visitors' verandah, tarmac a section of the car park and purchase of a new electric mower. A section of the banking by the green which is occasionally used for seating needs to be secured. PF has attempted to get quotes but without success. PF felt that this might also benefit the cricket section. BM asked for a concrete proposal.

Tennis (ST): the club has 95 adult members, which is the most it has had for some time, though the junior section still needs to be increased, but the club has struggled to fulfil its league commitments. There has been some discussion with the council of the possibility of a small pavilion nearer the courts, and they have accepted that a wooden building would be acceptable, but this is still at a very preliminary stage.

Cricket (BM): BM reported that the first team had had a very successful season and the second's less so, but the most significant issue was the substantial expansion of women's (4 teams) and junior cricket. Expanding the range of participation is an extremely significant matter and the club is very pleased with this development.

3. Finance Presentation of Accounts (PS)

The overall situation is fairly healthy, though the costs of electricity remain a concern. BM inspects the pavilion every two or three days – there are occasions when the heating is left on, but the situation is nearly under control as is feasible. Most of the costs were largely similar to last year, though there is a very welcome decrease in the cost of the insurance policy. It was noted that the income from management fees was £2K rather than £3K, which turned out to be because the tennis section had not been given a formal invoice, which the treasurer needed in order for the accounts to be auditable. AR agreed to send the tennis club's treasurer's contact details to PS.

ST proposed that the accounts should be accepted, with TB seconding.

After some discussion BM proposed that the management fee should remain at £1K for each section for the current year, with an expectation that this is likely to have to increase in future years. This was accepted nem. con.

4. Chairman's Report (BM)

Lease: the new lease is very nearly finalised, with some technicalities outstanding. The terms of the new lease are very favourable, with the annual increase capped at 3% for the next 50 years. The committee were congratulated on achieving this, which puts the three clubs in a stable position for the foreseeable (and some of the unforeseeable) future. It was noted that Will Annison did a large amount of work on the initial negotiations on this very significant development.

Fireworks: the organisers of the fireworks display have contributed £1500 to the club, consisting of the agreed £1200 plus a £300 goodwill payment, and also made some useful improvements to the fabric (replacing the fence by the old turnstiles, making the main gate removable). The club also made £137 from non-alcoholic refreshments and around £900 from the bar. It was agreed that the organisers should be invited to continue next year.

The fireworks organisers had also enquired about the possibility of running car boot sales, but the cricket section were clear that this should not happen on the outfield and there was a general lack of enthusiasm for attempting to do so on the lower car park and drive.

5. Pavilion Extension

BM gave an account of the state of play of the pavilion extension. The cricket section has received preliminary plans from the architect, but these require revision before being presented to the main club. The basic plan is for a 130m² extension to the social area and two 56m² changing rooms. BM offered to show people the rough

location of these extensions. The cost is currently estimated at £350K for building work with a possible £150K on fitting it out. The cricket section hopes to obtain grants to cover this. The work of Glenda Hunter on obtaining funding for the previous redevelopment of the pavilion using Millenium Grant funds was noted.

BM also reported on the current redecoration of the social area and planned improvements to the ladies changing room. AT noted that the tennis section made very little use of this area, but it was agreed that improvements in this area would benefit use of the pavilion for general bookings and the fireworks.

6. Solar Panels (BM): BM circulated the meeting with details of the proposed solar panels. It was agreed that this was a worthwhile proposal and that it should proceed subject to the anticipated £10K grant, with the shortfall being made up from general club funds.
7. Estate (BM): BM had walked the grounds with the council's new tree officer. They had noted that there is a diseased lime tree up near the upper car park which needs to be removed, but there are no other immediate concerns.
8. Officers: the current officers were all prepared to continue, and were relected nem. con.

Chairman: Bob Marsden
Treasurer: Phil Slater
Secretary: Allan Ramsay
Tennis Rep: Steve Thompson
Bowls Rep: Peter Freeman
Cricket Rep: Will Annison

9. Next Committee Meeting: Monday April 3rd 7pm