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Dartington Recreation Association
Tuesday 12th February 2019, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Meadowbrook
Minutes

1. Present

Trustees: Mandy Burton (Chair), Louise Morpeth (Secretary), Allan Tudor, Carole Tudor (Treasurer), Peggy Prout, Dave Prout, Jan Maddick

2. **Apologies:** Margaret Cushen, Alan Blake, Lynn Williams

3. Minutes

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

4. Matter arising

Robins and the Bridge Learning Centre to be approached to join the DRA – outstanding matter arising to be addressed.

Letter about crossing needs to be sent to the parish council – outstanding matter arising to be addressed.

5. Chair's update

MB proposed that three priorities for the year to: support the DRA clubs and help them grow; upgrade the play equipment; and maximising earning potential and increasing revenue.

These were accepted as a sensible focus for 2019.

6. Club updates

Totnes & Dartington Football Club (written report provided by Alan Blake)

JUNIORS

The Under8/9/11/12/18/Disability teams go from strength to strength. They all train every week and involve all abilities and genders. Everyone gets the chance to play in league and friendly matches on Sundays. Participation is more important than results. We hope that these juniors will continue to play as seniors for any local clubs not just ours. We like to think we feed the game not just one club. This expansion is putting pressure on pitches that we are working hard to resolve with various parties.

SENIORS

Our first XI were promoted to the Premier League last season and sit 3rd in the very top division. We hope next season to go up a league again and restart our second XI giving more opportunities to all ages. We will be applying for Charter Standard Status soon as all our coaches have DBS and Safeguarding qualifications and are all 1st Aid trained. We are now embarking on them all having FA Coaching qualifications which many do already. We actively encourage our U18 and any adult to help with coaching and we will finance any awards they may wish to take so as to grow opportunities for Juniors as we want to develop still further particularly with girls Soccer. I hope we can meet soon to discuss future links between our organisation as Charter Standard status will allow us to along with partners access FA Grants

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Meadowbrook Athletic

The club is doing very well and has reached the quarter finals. The number of games played has been hit and miss due to poor weather. The club is looking for a new linesman.

Meadowbrook Social Club

January and February is a quiet time of year for the club. A recent review of finances led to the decision to increase bar prices to meet rising costs. There is a psychic night coming soon. Three country and western events are planned for March. There are a lot of bookings for Saturday nights through to May.

The club are keen to refresh the sign on the side of the building but the cost of hiring scaffolding to do this is prohibitive. It was agreed that it would be good to have a sign erected to advertise the club. This could either be a banner hanging on the tennis court or a free-standing sign near the car park.

It was agreed that DRA would not expect to be remunerated if the club wished to put up signage.

Parish Council

The council is short of councillors and looking to attract more councillors. Elections are coming up soon.

7. Update on income and expenditure

Thanks were extended to the parish council for making a grant of £3000 towards the fence separating the play park from the brook. The additional expenditure of £1600 was approved.

Online banking is now established with CT, MB and LM as signatories.

Any items of over £1000 need to be approved by a committee meeting. Items that are in the budget and under £1000 can be made without a need for approval.

The forecast income and expenditure for 2018/19 is in line with the budget.

For 2019/20 there will be to be a provision made for Colin's Bridge to be replaced/repaired.

Action: CT to find out about options for making the bridge safe. MB to approach Stuart Oxtan to see if there is a licence indicating DCC's responsibility for the bridge.

8. DHT Lease

The DRA solicitor has been unwell but it is hoped that the final lease will be signed by 19th February. This will then allow the new user agreements to be set up with clubs.

9. Update on user agreements

User agreements are in place with Meadowbrook Athletic FC, Totnes & Dartington FC, Totnes Sub Aqua and Meadowbrook Social Club to the end of March 2019. User agreements are ready to be signed for April on once rents, contributions to insurance and sink fund have been agreed.

Action: Committee to set rent, insurance payments and sink fund contributions for 2019
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10. Dartington Swimming Club

Elaine Hopkins has resigned as a trustee from the DRA.

It was agreed that the swimming club would be notified of the signing of the new lease and the requirement for a user agreement as soon as the lease is signed.

11. Update on the play park and bike track plans

An application for £25,000 has been made to the PocketParks fund. If successful it would allow the charity to draw down £25,000 of match funding from the S106 funds. A big thank you was extended to Bex House for doing a huge amount of work in pulling the application together.

It was agreed that two more funding application would be submitted. If they were unsuccessful, the DRA will approach the SHDC to request that S106 money be released without match funding.

SHDC has responded to the planning application with requests for a more detailed design and more recently requested a tree survey of the mature trees.

It was agreed that an aborocultural survey should be commissioned so that the planning application can be submitted.

A letter had been received from Jacqui Hodgson expressing concerns about the proposed bike track.

It was agreed that a meeting with Jacqui and a planning officer should be arranged. The ecologist who prepared the preliminary ecological assessment will also be invited.

12. Extravaganza

The DRA Extravaganza will be held on Saturday 14th September.

It was agreed that the format of 2018 would be replicated but with a wider range of activities and stalls, as well as more opportunities to raise money.

Action: LM to approach Alan Blake to see if the football club will organise a traditional sport day at the extravaganza. LM to investigate other main event type activities such as ferret racing. All clubs to be approached to assist and promote their activities.

13. Date of future meetings

26th March 2019, 6th June 2019 , 12th September 2019, 21st November 2019 (AGM)

14. AOB

Two Birds Kitchen (a mobile catering van) had made a request to sell pizzas from the car park once a week. The trustees welcomed the approach. **It was agreed that they would be offered a free trial period and then a weekly rent of £10 plus a donation linked to takings. It was agreed to take out a reference from the current lessor.**

Action: LM to set up licence with Two Birds Kitchen

Sincere thanks were extended to CT for arranging a digger to clear a water channel on the outskirts of the football pitch. It has led to a noticeable improvement in the drainage of the pitch.

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