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Dartington Recreation Association
Tuesday 26th March 2019, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Meadowbrook
Minutes

1. Present

Trustees: Mandy Burton (Chair), Louise Morpeth (Secretary), Allan Tudor, Carole Tudor (Treasurer), Dave Prout, Jan Maddick, Margaret Cushen, Alan Blake

2. Apologies: Peggy Prout, Lynn Williams

No representation from Dartington swimming club.

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 – still outstanding matter arising.

Letter about crossing needs to be sent to the parish council LM contacted PP. The parish council are trying to apply pressure to the county council. LM suggested a petition and said that DRA would be very supportive of gathering signature.

Colin's Bridge – initial enquiries had been made about getting the path through Dorothy Elmhirst Field to car park recognised as a public right of way.

Action: LM to make an enquiry of what it would take to apply to DCC to get the path designated.

Pizza van – there had been no more correspondence from Two Birds Kitchen.

Action: LM to follow up.

5. Chair's update

MB congratulated the committee on its work to secure £50,000 towards the play park.

MB reported that DHT had agreed to undertake the fire risk assessment works for Meadowbrook.

6. Club updates

Totnes & Dartington Football Club

All going well. Junior age groups almost too much to cope with. New volunteers have come forward. Seniors are in the premier division. Currently in 3rd position. Charity day 19th May – veteran's days to donate money to a chosen charity. Sunday 29th Sept – Plymouth Argyle coming to support a second charity day.

Club ready to enter into new user agreement for 2019/20 and book in dates for next season.

AB leading efforts to start a girls football team. Looking for women volunteers before things can be formalised.

Action: LM to get 3-way meeting sorted between T&DFC and Meadowbrook Athletic FC.

Meadowbrook Athletic

All going well. Pitch has held up well but the goal mouths get quite churned up when it is wet.

The club might have to put netting up to protect the goal space. Might need to consider putting up some other goal mouths for people who want to practice.

Meadowbrook Social Club

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Still quite quiet with the skittle season coming to an end. There have been three country and westerns this month. The Pig racing night organised with Sub aqua was a big success. The quiz night organised by the muscular dystrophy society was good for the bar and raised over £400 for the charity.

Parish Council

PP had sent her apologies.

Coppicing

Logs still for sale.

7. Budget 2019-2020

It was noted that the year-end actual income and expenditure needed some minor changes to show the difference between restricted and unrestricted income.

The amended budget was proposed and seconded.

8. User agreement

All clubs are entering into new user agreements as of 1.4.19. Specific agreements for each club are:
Meadowbrook – annual rent £355, contribution to insurance £925, contribution of £730 to sink fund.

Sub aqua – annual rent £342, contribution to £50 insurance , contribution of £50 for sink fund

Meadowbrook Athletic - £22 per game (no line marking) with use of pavilion.

T&D - £ 26 per game (no line marking) with use of pavilion.

Junior game – £20 per game (with the option to use the pavilion) (no line marking)

AB will notify the DRA of the dates for the next season in June.

Disability group - £10 per a game (with access to the pavilion) (no line marking).

It was agreed that clubs will need to be aware that charges will increase above average inflation rises so that facilities can be improved.

DRA insurance for all structures on the site takes effect from 1st April.

AB will advise on opportunities to access funds from Devon FA to access funds.

Action: LM to update user agreements and have clubs sign them for 2019/20.

9. DHT Lease

The lease has been finalised and signed. Our solicitor is completing the paperwork and will submit to the Land Registry.

10. Play Park update

Pocket parks has awarded the DRA £25k which will allow DRA to draw down an equal amount from S106 funds. The grants will pay for removal of Splash pool, creation of petanque court, new swings and slide, table tennis table installation and preparation of ground for sunken trampolines.

The work will start with a 5 week lead in time and 3 weeks of work. This can start as soon as the funds are received.

Action: LM to contact SHDC to see if they have received the funds.

Bex is working on an application for more equipment.

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Update on planning application

MB attended a meeting with JH, the planning officer and an advisor who was head of planning at SHDC.

A tree survey has been completed. This needs to be taken up with John Challoner.

Once the application is submitted we need to mobilise support.

Need to get all our information up on the website.

Action: MB to prepare a summary of risks and mitigations and then to submit full application.

11. Dartington Swimming Club

It was agreed that every effort should be made to enable the swimming club to enter into a user agreement to ensure the pool opens for this season. It was also agreed that without a user agreement, the club would not be permitted access to the compound. It was also agreed that the club would be expected to pay for outstanding costs for electricity and water rates for 2018.

Action: LM to send letter to known members of pool committee inviting them to enter into a user agreement. CT to purchase combination locks to secure gates into pool compound.

12. Extravaganza

Dog show is booked. Mobile pizza van is booked. Fun bass is booked. Totnes and Dartington Football Club have kindly agreed to run traditional sports day games for families.

13. Date of future meetings

4th June 2019, 12th September 2019, 21st November 2019 (AGM)

14. AOB

MB indicated that she intends to stand down from the position of Chair at AGM in November.

DP suggested DRA had play park inspection done by the same people who do inspection for SHT.