

Egerton Playing Fields Committee

Minutes of an Annual General Meeting held via 'Zoom' on 26th November 2020

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

Apologies: John Harrison,

Previous minutes: The Minutes of the AGM held on 20/11/2019 were read, confirmed and signed as a correct record. Proposer: Tim Oliver Seconder: John Harper

Matters arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising other than those listed elsewhere on the Agenda.

Chairman's Report

Little to report due to Covid restrictions, but obviously with implications for lettings income.

Football Club: Great to see Senior Football back at the ground. Geoff Wickens would have been very happy . The team has been doing well in the Ashford Sunday League Division 2.

Cricket Club: Lovely to see so much cricket played when allowed with as many as 5 matches played over a weekend. Also mid-week matches Senior & Colts.

Running Club: Running Club going strong through Covid but not using pavilion.

Casual Lettings: Buoyant in the last financial year but obviously nothing since the initial lockdown. Possible to have lettings with sufficient cleaning but the cost of cleaning would cancel out the income received.

Cleaning: A vote of thanks to the Cricket Club in their co-operation in keeping the Pavilion presentable.

Accounts & Financial report

Preparation of the Accounts: Bill has again prepared the Accounts in the same format and has reviewed and confirmed everything balances against bank statements. The Treasurer reported on the Accounts and current finances. See attached accounts. Bank balances standing in excess of £14k, after incorporating the Pavilion 100 Club profits after it was wound down. Credits for water and electricity bills due to errors in charging will be rolled into next year accounts. Jeff advises Hawks Nest will contribute this year and Tim also advises he feels the Parish Council will also be contributing. Janet Mackay has volunteered to take over as treasurer from Bill Smythe

Adoption of accounts

Proposed: Jeff Hopkins

Seconded: Phil Missing

Nominations and Resignations for Committee for 2020/21:

To receive nominations from Member Organisations:

Football Club: vacant

Cricket Club: Steve Wellard, John Harrison

Running Club: Sarah Elworthy

EPC: Tim Oliver Jeff Hopkins

Treasurer: Janet Mackay

The Chair thanked Bill for the extraordinary amount of work and commitment he has put into the running of the Pavilion from its completion in early 2011. Not only has he generously given his time to fulfil the Treasurers role, lettings, and the day to day management. He also was the weekly cleaner when we were short of funds in the early years. He leaves the committee as Treasurer with the Pavilion and its finances in a robust state.

Elected on bloc. Proposed: John Harper Seconded: Phil Missing

Election of Trustee's

John Harper, Phil Missing current Trustees

Steve Wellard agreed to consider being a Trustee once he understands the role and risks involved.

General discussion on the need to modernise the Playing Fields Association structure as a Trust. The current trust structure is 50 years old. Sarah agreed to investigate the current options available and liaise with Phil. Concerns were raised on the cost of legal advice. Free advice may be available from the National or Kent Playing Fields Association and it was agreed reasonable legal costs could be justified to bring the Playing Fields Association up to a modern standard.

AOB: none

Meeting Closed: As there was no other business appropriate to a public AGM, the meeting was then declared closed at 8.00pm