

Egerton Playing Fields Committee

Minutes of an Annual General Meeting held in the Pavilion on 21st October 2015

Present: J Elworthy (Chairman), Geoff Wickens, Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver, John Harrison, Rob Parnham

Apologies: Phil Missing, Malcolm Iles

All know why Alison isn't here and wish her every success in her treatment

The Minutes of the AGM held on 15/10/2014 were read, confirmed and signed as a correct record. (Proposer: , Seconder:). There were no matters arising other than those listed elsewhere on the Agenda.

Chairman's Report

Football Club

The main event has been the demise of the senior football club which withdrew from the Ashford Sunday League last winter due to lack of players. This left a big hole in the rents being received and, if it wasn't for the reduced cleaning costs, would have had a big impact on the accounts. On the plus side we have the U13 Juniors now playing their football at Egerton and they are paying a rent to EPFC albeit much reduced from the seniors

Pavilion

Repairs and maintenance:

Half the interior was redecorated last winter and it's the intention to get the other half done this winter. There have been a few other minor repairs and replacements required – in particular the light switch timers we put seem to keep breaking. The Pavilion is now almost 4 years old and repair will be a recurring theme – particularly as, due to monetary restraints at the time of building, a lot of the fittings used were not the best quality. All the repairs and maintenance have been funded by the 100 Club.

Insulation project:

We did get a further grant from Ashford BC through Geraldine Dyer and we now just need to get on with the installation. Bill and I are going to have a crack at that and have been liaising to try and put some time aside to get this done. The aim is to get this done before it gets really cold. We will most likely need to buy further insulation panels

Electricity:

Electricity consumption is up a little. It should really be down but the lights are regularly being left on and also the water urn being left on in the Pavilion after cricket matches

Cleaning:

Thanks to Bill Smyth who has been doing most of the cleaning this year and I'd like to record a vote of thanks for this as, if wasn't for this, the accounts wouldn't be looking nearly so healthy.

Accounts

The end of year accounts were audited by Mr Collins of Grafty Green and a vote of thanks goes to him for this.

The Accounts show a small loss for the year - £46 . But the reason this is so small is largely down to £300 donations from both EPC & Hawks Nest Charity, obviously not something we completely rely on.

Casual Hiring contributed nearly £1500 (which is much the same as the previous year) and thanks to Bill & Joan Smyth for running this. However, a very high % of this does come from bookings of one club – Art Group – and if they disbanded or moved elsewhere then it would be a major blow to our finances.

The buildings & contents insurance is now in the last year of a 3 year deal and the premium only increased in line with the RPI index. The cricket clubs mowers etc. are now included on the Policy with the cricket club re-imbursing the extra premium. However, we are hopeful - if the EPC new premium is anything to go by - of making some savings on this when it comes up for renewal next year

Cleaning is down by £300 this year but this is all down to Bills efforts.

100 Club – clearly making a vital contribution to the Accounts. Without it I cannot see, without large increases, to the Sports Clubs, how we would be maintaining the Pavilion as we are.

Adoption of accounts

Proposed: Seconded:

Nominations and Resignations for Committee for 2014/15:

Election of Trustee's

John Harper, Phil Missing and Geoff Wickens elected on block as Trustees unanimously

AOB

None

As there was no other business appropriate to a public AGM, the meeting was then declared closed at 7.30pm