

## **RICHINGS PARK SPORTS CLUB**

### **MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING 17 November, 2009**

**Attendees: Tony Brown, Susanne Burke, Paul Dunham, Georgiou Nicola, John Spittle, Peter Tanner, Robert Webster, Graham Young**

**Chairman and Note Taker: Graham Young**

**Apologies: Julie Spittle, Roger Sprules**

- 1. Minutes of Previous Meetings**
  - 1.1. The minutes of the meetings of September 29 and October 28 were approved.
  - 1.2. The minutes of the July meeting were still outstanding.
- 2. Matters Arising**
  - 2.1. Bar Swipe Cards :These had still not been disabled and problems in this area were reported by Tony. The matter was deferred to the Bar Operations Sub-Committee to resolve.
- 3. Financial Report**
  - 3.1. Missing £522 cash deposit: Input from George was received as to how cash deposits were processed by the Post Office. Graham would now try to obtain documentary evidence of an associated deposit which could be used to help track down the missing one.
  - 3.2. 2008-2009 Statutory Accounts: these were approved for recommendation to the AGM for acceptance.
- 4. Membership Report**
  - 4.1. The question was posed and discussed that the option of Social Membership be discontinued. The conclusion reached was, that in its current form whereby it led to a discount card, it had proved to be impractical to implement. There was also anecdotal evidence that it reduced use of the bar by non-members and was thus detrimental to our profitability. However, it was felt that some form of non-playing membership should be offered as there was a constituency that wanted to be part of a club and have a sense of ownership and belonging. A number of ideas were discussed along these lines. Everyone was requested to share their ideas with others and be prepared to discuss this again at our January meeting in order to reach a final decision then for the 2010-2011 membership year. It was decided not to proceed with a proposal to discontinue the discount cards in this membership year as there was definitely a feeling that current paid-up members would feel short-changed on their membership fee.
- 5. Section Reports**
  - 5.1. Bowls: It was agreed that to encourage use of the club house bar it should be the case that bowls teas be provided within the main clubhouse as opposed to the bowls hut. This would harmonise with a similar catering provision that is offered to darts teams and football sections. Cost, pricing, quality and quantity need to be determined through the bowls section management committee and the Bar Operations sub-committee. A final proposal would be submitted back to the Management Committee for their approval in February or March in time for the 2010-2011 bowls season.
  - 5.2. Tennis: It was suggested that a similar provision could be made available to Tennis players on a Friday. It was left for the Tennis section to consider and come back with a response.
- 6. Diary Booking System**
  - 6.1. It was noted that this was now up and running. Everyone was requested to stress-test it and feedback with any problems or suggestions.
- 7. Any Other Business**
  - 7.1. Robert proposed that a marketing ploy involving widely advertised discounted drink prices on specific nights be looked at as a way of driving additional footfall to the club. A number of ideas were discussed and how they could be publicised. It was agreed to refer action on this to the Bar Operations sub-committee to implement.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00pm**