

SWF Committee Meeting 23.11.20
7.00pm Zoom
Minutes

Present

Brian Wilson, Peter Kirby, Paul Francis, Stephen Custance-Baker, Tony Mayer, Richard Jackson, Linda Shaw

Minutes of last meeting

Agreed as correct

Matters arising

None

1. Finance

- a. Bank authorisation for Brian - the bank says they haven't received anything
 - i. Peter finds them very difficult to work with and following discussion it was agreed that we would not try any further to give a second person access to the account
- b. Advertising charges for Cygnet - agreed that all advertising in Cygnet be charged at the same rate for all: commercial, full member, associate member and individual
 - i. Full Page: £12, Half Page: £6, Quarter Page: £3
 - ii. To be stated in Cygnet **Action: Linda**

2. Leagues

- a. Confirmed John will be arranging national SC playoff between last year's contenders - Bristol, Sidmouth, Kington Langley
 - i. Linda is in contact with him if necessary
- b. Personal contact details - with the demise of SWAN these will be circulated to League Secretaries for circulation to team captains
 - i. Agreed that permission will be needed to share both / either email and phone number
 - ii. This will be made clear on entry form **Action: Stephen**

3. Coaching

- a. It is anticipated we will be able to run CTC / Coaches Refresher courses in 2021
- b. Discussed in general terms the pros, cons and options for Zoom-based coaching but no firm decisions
- c. Noted the system of subsidies for qualification courses (from CA and SWF) is far from clear and would benefit from some sort of tabulation **Action: the new Coaching Officer?**
- d. The post AG discussion demonstrated a lot of ideas relating to coaching - agreed the next Zoom on 8th December focus on this **Action: Paul, new Coaching Officer**

4. Handicapping

- a. Richard summarised the stage his initiative to manage the handicaps of rapidly improving players had reached - essentially it is still with them
 - i. To be raised at the next CA handicapping committee meeting **Action: Richard**
- b. Club handicappers - most clubs now have their own and train up their successors so agreed not to hold another handicapping workshop until a demand for this is clear
 - i. To be kept under review **Action: new Handicapping Officer**

5. Development

- a. Schools' tournament - carried forward to next meeting
- b. CA Club Awards - Winterbourne Valley is preparing a bid for the Apps Heley
- c. CA Development Committee meets on Saturday
 - i. Moreton in Marsh is preparing their phase 2 bid to install infrastructure for the club house: £5k loan and £5k grant
 - 1. Their phase 3 application will be for the club house
 - ii. Committee likely to agree amendments to loan scheme - max £5k interest-free loan over 5 years with no repayments required til year 3
 - iii. Delays on grant applications from Plymouth and Camerton & Peasedown for reasons beyond their control
- d. Discussed My Clubhouse software package which has facilities for communication, events, lawns booking, website - used happily at Budleigh Salterton
 - i. However, the cost is likely to be in the region of £400 per club per year and it was agreed that the firm not be invited to present this at the next Zoom
 - ii. There may be potential for a Zoom with interested clubs **Action: Paul?**
- e. Monthly Zooms to continue
 - i. Could be used to discuss ideas on future development

6. AGM issues

- a. Evaluations received were really helpful and there will be an article in the next Cygnet summarising these and our comments **Action: Linda**
 - i. Comments from the committee to Linda by Friday please **Action: All**
- b. Agreed in principle that next year's meeting would be held by Zoom -
 - i. This would not be a hybrid meeting
 - ii. The preceding Zoom could be used to discuss any potentially contentious issues
 - iii. Noted that if we received more proposals from clubs, this would take more time
 - iv. The date will need to be changed to avoid Remembrance Sunday - it will be 21st November
 - v. Need to consider opportunities for face-to-face discussions when Covid-19 allows
- c. Relationship with Reps to CA Council
 - i. Noted that Reps may be invited to or could request to attend our meetings as stated in the agenda
 - ii. That they could stand for election in their own right
 - iii. That we have already tried to establish a system of communication which came to a halt
 - iv. **Action: Linda** to reply to Reps
- d. Catering - the Committee was asked to consider setting standards for catering at League matches
 - i. It was felt this was not appropriate or necessary but that clubs be asked to bear any Covid-19 restrictions in mind and advise self-catering while restrictions are in place **Action: Linda**

7. CA issues

- a. CA club membership - Affiliate - Full
 - i. Noted the two SWF clubs affected have not reached a decision - Ian Cobbold has been informed
- b. Feds review group developments - still meeting but possibly without a clear focus at the moment **Action: Brian**

8. Co-opting and recruiting support

- a. Roger Mills and Tony Mayer have expressed an interest in the roles of Coaching Officer and Handicapping Officer respectively
 - i. Discussed whether these should be accepted immediately or whether the vacancies should be promoted in Cygnet first
 - ii. Agreed to offer Roger the position immediately in view of his standing and experience **Action: Linda**
 - iii. With Tony's approval, it was agreed to promote the Handicapping Officer role along with other tasks in Cygnet **Action: Linda**
- b. Skills and range framework
 - i. Discussed pros and cons of creating a framework to create a representative committee including: geographical spread, gender, ethnicity, age, disability, AC/GC balance, skills set
 - ii. A suggested framework will be devised and this will be carried forward to next meeting **Action: Tony**

9. AOB

- a. Possibility of individual comps / awards carried forward to next meeting
- b. Stephen is on the GC selection committee and would like to be informed of any GC fast improvers asap

10. Meetings schedule

- a. Tue 16th Feb
- b. Tue 15th June - this may need changing as Stephen cannot be there
- c. Tue 5th October - this one has to be held after 3rd and before 15th to allow time for AGM papers to be prepared in time for sending them out 4 weeks before the meeting
- d. Sun 21st Nov AGM

These minutes were agreed as a correct record at the Zoom Committee meeting held on: