

MODBURY ASSOCIATION OF RECREATION & SPORT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 30th JUNE 2015

1. Present: Colin Low, Nicola Mitchell, Peter Watts, Roy Sims, Rodney Bomford, David Rickman, Gill Jolly, Robin Berry, George Rosevear, Andy Craig

Apologies: Steve Saunders, Paul Romney, Paul Eden, John Joseph

2. Minutes of the last Meeting: The minutes of the 2014 AGM held on 15th May 2014 were accepted as a reflection of the meeting although the following amendments need to be made:

- i. No record of who was present at the last AGM as not stated on minutes. NJM advised she was not Secretary at the time but would refer to PR for details if available.
- ii. Copy of report from cricket club should be attached to the minutes

On matters arising, the Secretary reported:

- i. Modbury Parish Council has now transferred funds from the build project to a specially designated MARS bank account.
- ii. Steps were taken to address all issues raised in the Health & Safety Review
- iii. Pitch maintenance was minimal during the course of the last year as funds have been tight but this is now being addressed as a matter of priority
- iv. Plan to acquire adjoining land and develop the facilities further is still part of the longer term vision but securing funding for a feasibility study have been challenging.
- v. Garden of Remembrance is still being pursued but again securing funding has been difficult.
- vi. The Picnic area has started but it really needs some dedicated volunteer sessions to get it moving. Until we do get it pushed on, we will be left with stacks of old tyres on site. Once they are built into the structure and the structure planted, the tyres will all but disappear.

PR also advised:

- The school has continued to use the Rec Field this summer.
- Fees structure was subject to a major review at the end of 2014.
- MARS needs to raise £5K to fund the scoping work for a submission to SHDC re provisional planning support for extending into the alongside field. At present, we continue to look for these funds, SHDC a verbally supportive but cannot commit without these initial plans. So far, a number of funding applications have been unsuccessful. The field owner remains willing to discuss the sale of the field as and when MARS has managed to ascertain that the project would be viable.
- The £7K referred to in the Treasurer's report has come back into the MARS accounts (actually £6389.55)
- Cycling - The Rec/Pavilion hosted two big bike races again this year. These are both really well supported events with riders coming from all over the South and West of England and indeed Wales to take part. Feedback is overwhelmingly positive and these can only be the sort of events we should be endeavouring to support each year. It does present a conflict with the football match schedule and we can only take these bookings if sufficient notice is provided to allow the respective football league fixture secretaries' sufficient time to plan around them.

3. Chairman's Report: See attached report from Colin Low prepared for meeting originally scheduled for 3rd June 2015 but deferred until 30th June due to unforeseen circumstances.

4. Treasurer's Report: See attached report and financial statement from Paul Romney. Peter Watts queried the amount returned to MARS from the Parish Council as he believed there to be a

separate account held by Modbury Parish Council holding funds granted under the precept for the field maintenance in previous years. GR agreed to investigate the matter further.

5. Membership Secretary: Continue to run successful 50:50 Lottery which brings in a good and important level of income for the Rec Field (around £930p.a.). Results are published every month in the Messenger and 1st prize has increased to £34.50. Odds of winning a prize significantly better than many other draws e.g. National Lottery and Premium Bonds.

Renewal efforts in Feb/ Mar resulted in an increase in 50:50 membership from 121 players to 143 players which was an 18% uplift. Unfortunately the number of collectors reduced which meant the bulk of the workload was spread amongst 4 people. This will need to be reviewed before January 2016 to decide whether MARS continue with the draw for 2016/17.

6. Election of Officers: The following officers were also elected:

Chairman	Mr Colin Low
Vice Chairman	Mr Peter Watts
Secretary	Mrs Nikki Mitchell
Treasurer	Mr Paul Romney
Membership Secretary	Mrs Nikki Mitchell
Sports Field Manager	Mr Colin Low
Pavilion & Site Manager	Mr Peter Watts

The committee once again extended their thanks to Peter Watts for continuing to look after the regular users of the Pavilion particularly following the sad loss of Jim Petford earlier in the year and to Colin Low for the ongoing maintenance of the pitches and surrounding site.

7. Reports from Affiliated Clubs:

Junior Football – Andy reported a successful season for the Junior Club with 60-70 children signed on for the club. All teams to continue next season although the U12s were struggling for numbers. Andy wished to pass on his thanks to MARS for the maintenance of the facilities and help with accommodating as many matches as possible given the limited resources available.

Senior Football – See report from Steve Saunders attached.

Community Football – Peter Watts confirmed that the Wednesday evening kick-about continued to be popular when the weather allowed.

Scouts – No longer an affiliated member of MARS or a regular user of the facilities so nothing to report although GR did advise there was continued interest in using the Rec Field and perhaps the Marley Building in the future. Scouts to approach MARS if they wish to explore options further.

Tennis – See report from Gill Jolly attached.

Cycling – Paul reported that the Rec Field site hosted two major bike races this year with riders from across the SW and even as far as Wales. Feedback overwhelmingly positive and Modbury now seen as an extremely popular and growing venue for road racing. Does conflict with football match schedule but with enough advance notice this can be overcome.

Cricket – Number of matches booked increased to 15 for the season but some were sadly lost to the weather. Have lost some players and at times struggle for numbers. Home matches are played at Kingston due to lack of space in Modbury at a cost of £100 per match as the ground is prepared for cricket specifically. Continue to use the nets at Modbury every Wednesday - 3rd net needs matting and levelling before being used.

8. Health & Safety review: General discussion highlighted the following issues for development:

- i) There remains concern over the pedestrian access to the Recreation Field especially given the increased usage and whilst it is better now the hedges have been trimmed further action needs to be taken to improve safety.

Other than minor abrasions and damage throughout the year there are no other Health and Safety issues that need to be addressed and no requirement to make any changes to our H&S policy.

9. Constitution Review

It was proposed that we move future AGM's to May in order to allow any changes to the Parish Council representation to take place in advance. Investigate whether a change to the Constitution is required to enable this to happen.

10. Any Other Business:

A full meeting of the committee followed the AGM to discuss day to day matters.

11. Date of the Next Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 24th May 2016 at 8pm in the Pavilion.

Attachments:

Chairman's report
Treasurer's Report
FC Bridge report
Modbury Tennis Club Report