



Minutes of the Rabbits Committee Meeting held at SKGC on 28th May 2016

Members Present

Andy Murton - (Captain/Chairperson)
Ian Scholefield - (Vice Captain/Vice Chairperson)
Andy Davis - (Secretary)
Gary Noble - (Treasurer)
Carole Fewings - (Committee Member)
Helen Kirschner - (Committee Member)
Colin Bee - (Committee Member)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Andy Murton opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. Minutes of Last Committee Meetings

The minutes of the committee meeting held on the 9th January 2016 and the special meeting held on the 13th February 2016 were agreed as a true record to be distributed to the Rabbits Members as agreed at the 2016 AGM.

3. Roles and Responsibilities - 3 Members

A discussion took place on the outstanding work of the Rabbits Committee and it was decided that a broad informal remit be decided upon for the 3 Members based on the outstanding work. In the interim Helen would concentrate on organising the Halfway House and Colin would organise a Rabbits Yearbook for 2017/18.

4. Finance Update and Spending Options

Gary gave the following update for the Rabbits Account:-

General

- The current balance in the bank at the last statement was £2,523.87, the actual balance is now £3,017.07 of which £840.00 is Rabbits AM/AM money leaving a true amount of £2,177.07.
- There is also an additional £205.00 in the bank from the last financial year from Steve Smeeth's Captaincy and a £253.20 from the Halfway House at the Small Beers Event which is included in the balance.
- £60.00 has to be returned to one team who now cannot play on the day, but I aim to do this with money that comes in.
- So far, we haven't paid anything out this financial year so the debit columns remain empty.

Away Day

We currently have 22 people going on the Away Day although I have had an e-mail from one person who said they may now be working.

Summer Tour

We currently have 20 people going on the Summer Tour, although some others have expressed an interest but until they confirm and pay (plus if there is room available in the hotel) this number will remain. The balance for this trip is due today (28th May).

Trips in 2017

Our annual spring tour to Ullesthorpe is booked for the 25th-26th March 2017 and deposits for that will be required at the September Bash. I am also making enquiries about the Summer Tour with a few possibilities in the offering, more details on these will follow during the year.

5. Club Updates (Management & Other Meetings)

There had been one recent Management Meeting and the only items to report on were:-

- At the present time the club has more equipment than available staff to carry out groundworks.
- There is a planned sound system being installed in the club house that is being developed as part of the Club Captain's project.

6. Captains Update

Andy Murton thanked everyone for their support and understanding in the opening period of his captaincy year to date and gave the following points:-

- It was hoped that an additional fixture will take place with Laceby Manor later in the year and will then become an annual alternating fixture as with Blankney.
- Endeavoring to give regular weekly updates to the Rabbits on events and other matters affecting the section.
- Some lessons learnt from this year's AM/AM and the outcome of the event to be discussed at a future Rabbits Committee meeting.

7. Vice Captains Update/ Rabbits AM/AM

Ian gave an update as follows: -

- Blankney Golf Club are looking for 6 pairs of players and are trying to field a full team for the event on 18th June 2016. There will be a brunch at 11am and first tee off at 12 noon.
- Gedney will be organising their team of 12 players for June 25th, sandwiches and chips are expected to be organised for after the match, cost of £5 plus £1 subscription. We are expected to meet there at 10am with first tee off at 11am.

8. Process of Selecting Future Rabbits Captains

A discussion took place on the different approaches to selecting future Rabbits Captains and following the debate it was agreed that:-

- The selection process would remain the same in that the Vice-Captain will be responsible for selecting their Vice-Captain during their term as Captain.
- The Vice-captain to bring to the committee possible candidate names to ensure suitability to cover themselves in the selection process.

9. Functions / Social Events

As agreed from a previous Rabbits Committee Meeting the committee will not be organising the Christmas Party this year which was being left to the Club's Social Committee to organise.

It was agreed however that the Christmas Lash would take place this year in Sleaford, venue and date to be agreed nearer the time.

10. Any Other Business

I. Match Day Breakfast

Following a request from a Rabbits Member on the need to sit down and eat a breakfast as a pre-requisite for selection of playing in matches, the committee discussed to what extent this was appropriate and after a debate agreed:-

- That it was not necessary for members being selected on the basis of having to eat a meal (however they would be required to sit down at the table with their playing partner and opponents to exchange pleasantries etc.) and;
- That members selected would still have to pay the appropriate Match Play Fees (see para II. below) at home or away fixtures as this involved subsidising visiting members. In the event of a player who does not wish to have a breakfast prior to a home match then a partial credit of up to £7 will be given for them to have a snack in the bar after the match (credit valid for the day of the match only). This credit only applies to breakfasts prior to the match.

II. Match Play Fees

Following a discussion on the past and present pricing practices for setting Home Match Play Fees it was agreed that a free breakfast would be included as part of a Match Play Fee of £10.00 or up to £15.00 Match Play Fee where a free meal is provided after the competition (dependent on cost of meal), both match fees includes a £1.50 contribution to the Rabbits Fund. It was also decided that the tradition of having a separate collection for the staff would continue. These fees apply to home matches only, away Match Play Fees will be subject to the host clubs policy.

III. Publishing Rabbits Committee Minutes

As per the request from this year's AGM it was agreed that the minutes of all Rabbits Committee meetings (subject to the minutes being initially ratified by the Rabbits Committee) to be distributed to Rabbits Members and published on the Rabbits Group Page on Facebook.

IV. Other Items

- Photos have been updated of Andy Murton and Ian Scholefield.
- There is a need to update the Rabbits Folder and this will be undertaken by one of the committee members in due course, to be organised.
- The Club Captain and Club Vice-Captain's wives Cheryl Mawson and Catrina Harvey will be running the Halfway House at the Rabbits AM/AM.

11. Date of Next Meeting

16th July 2016 at 8am.