

Manor Fields Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2015

Present

Angela Fookes, Adam Barnes, Peter Passmore, Liz Foster, Beverley Riley, Karen Czernik, Huw Griffith, Chris Hill, Brendon Weager, Roger Wilson, Dennis Hooper, and Lee Shaw.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Finance

The current bank balance is £4084.83, but over £1000 is due to be paid for mowing and insurances. £1300 has been received in the present appeal from 37 donors. Gift Aid will be claimed in due course. There was a discussion as to how the donor base could be increased. A dog walker had approached Adam to see if they could pay a small amount monthly by direct debit. Chris will make enquiries with our bank.

Flailing and grass-cutting

The new lock on the gate has apparently again had the number changed by person unknown thus neither we nor the cutter operator are able to open it. The field has not been cut for some time. Chris will take the chain off and take it and the lock to Pollards for them to look at.

Field entrance

DCC have quoted £610 to resurface the area round the pedestrian gate. The quote will be circulated round the committee for any comments to be sent to Chris as soon as possible.

Inkerman Buzz

This will be held on 12th July. It was agreed that we would not have a stall there this year.

Dog agility event

This will be held on Saturday 3rd October. Angela and Brendon have discussed and decided on flyball and dog agility events. Oscar's dog food will not have a stall this year. Brendon is looking for a mobile dog groomer to do on-the-spot grooming. Koo and Brampton Manor have offered to sponsor prizes. Angela suggested that we run a raffle on the day.

Football

Jonathon Pepper has given a generous donation for a small group of children to train on the field.

Risk assessment

Angela has spoken to Andy Heath who works for DCC setting up new parks. His opinion was that we were carrying a large amount of responsibility regarding the trees on the fields. We need to maintain paperwork to show

that we have carried out regular checks on the trees and, now that Jon is no longer a tree surgeon, we should consider using a currently registered tree surgeon to carry out the work. As Jon is no longer on the committee we need to obtain all past documentation that he holds. We should ask Ruth Baker (DCC tree preservation officer) for one of her staff to carry out the annual survey. Lee agreed to head up tree matters in the future.

Management Plan

The management plan agreed at the last meeting had been accepted by the AGM.

Charitable Status

Angela understands that any member of the committee would be liable for any claim made against Manor Fields Association which was not covered by insurance. A new status has been introduced called a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation). Trustees (and committee members) of a CIO are limited as to how much their liability can be. Sandra Pink from Links (CVS) is willing to meet with us and assist in a changover. Angela will organise a meeting and all committee members will be invited to attend. (Subsequently a meeting was organised with Sandra Pinks for 6th July at 6.30 pm at Angela's house. All committee members were invited to attend).

Any other business

Brendon suggested putting a click-counter on the pedestrian gate to record the number of people using the field.

Next Meeting

27 August 2015.