

**The Gransdens Sportsfield and Recreational Association
Minutes of the AGM meeting
Held at the Reading Rooms on Monday 22 March 2010**

Present

Charlie Whinney, Claire Walton, Tina Elkington, Ian Darroch, Brian Fox, Stuart Titmus, Andy Paul, Barry Girling

Apologies

Celia Chignell, Paul Thomas

Minutes

The minutes of the 2009 AGM were approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Report of the Executive Committee Chairman

Charlie Whinney reported on the use of the field and the progress made by the committee over the past year. A copy of the report is attached.

Treasurer's report and adoption of the income statement for the year ended 31 Dec 2009

Copies of the Income and Expenditure Account and Treasurer's report are attached.

The possibility of increasing the nursery's rent was discussed. The nursery had a large increase last year due to the increase in electricity prices. It was agreed not to make an increase this year.

Barry Girling proposed, seconded by Brian Fox, to accept the accounts subject to approval by the auditor.

Nominations of representatives to the Executive Committee

On proposal from Claire Walton, seconded by Ian Darroch, Charlie Whinney was nominated as Chairman.

On proposal from Brian Fox, seconded by Claire Walton, Andy Paul was nominated as Treasurer.

On proposal from Tina Elkington, seconded by Andy Paul, Claire Walton was nominated as Secretary.

On proposal from Barry Girling, seconded by Brian Fox, Celia Chignell was nominated as a representative of the Parish Council.

On proposal from Claire Walton, seconded by Ian Darroch, Paul Thomas was nominated as a representative of the Gransden Youth Football Club.

On proposal from Charlie Whinney, seconded by Tina Elkington, Ian Darroch was nominated as a representative of the Gransden Tennis Club.

On proposal from Barry Girling, seconded by Claire Walton, Tina Elkington was nominated as a representative of the PTA.

On proposal from Brian Fox, seconded by Ian Darroch, Stuart Titmus was nominated as a representative of the Chequers Football Club.

All nominations were elected.

Appointment of Auditor

Charlie Whinney will contact Tim Mason or Peter Stockbridge.

Charlie Whinney brought the meeting to a close.

GRANSDEN SPORTSFIELD AND RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT TO MARCH 2010

Welcome to everyone to the AGM of the GSRA. This is the end of the second year of the current committee. The Committee has overcome its growing pains and is now performing effectively. Unfortunately two of the existing members have resigned; Chris Turner as Treasurer, who has moved out of the village, and Nik Johnson on behalf of the Gransden Youth, but remains a co-opted member. I would like to welcome Paul Thomas, who represents the Gransden Youth club.

So, what has your Committee been up to? In terms of recreational activity on the field we held

- A hugely successful Family Fun Day on 10 May 2009. Over 400 people took part in sporting activity, which is more people than have ever been on the field at any point in its history. Many small victories were achieved, notably the Chequers winning the 5-a-side competition. We raised £1,000 from the day.
- A similar number of people attended the impressive Bonfire night display on 7 November. The Committee doubled the investment in fireworks and was wonderfully supported by Louisa Smith's father with a great display. Approximately £1,000 was raised.

The sporting activity on the field is formed by three core groups

- The Gransden Chequers have fielded two teams this season, with the Saturday team reaching the semi-final of the Hunts FA Lower Junior Cup.
- The Gransden Youth Club continues to flourish, with an under 9s and an under 8s side. The future is bright, with the introduction of an under 7s side. Arguably the most notable achievement is the attainment of the Chartered Status, which is impressive for a club in its second full year – I would like to acknowledge Martin Bennett for his hard work.
- The Tennis Club thrives as ever under Trevor Peer's leadership. Jan Foster having stepped down after many years.

The major action by the Committee in the last year

- Achieved the agreement of Hunts DC to replace the Cesspit with a Biosphere. This will be installed in the Spring at a cost of £10,128. The GSRA committee has obtained funding of £6,800 from the Poor's Land Charity to contribute towards this cost, raised £3,328 balance from increased charges and recreational activity.
- Achieved Hunts DC agreement to extend the pavilion, with the help of Jason Dixon.

The challenges for the forthcoming year are

- To agree the long term priorities. These include drainage for the pitches, lighting for the Tennis courts, creating an artificial training pitch and upgrading the pavilion and repairing the car parks. These are all major capital investment programmes. If we were to action all five, it would require £400k. The Football Foundation appears to be the only charitable institution set up to fund a programme of this scale. The Committee has engaged with them.

I would like to thank the Committee and the wider network of support. Many thanks.

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report should be read in conjunction with the one page income and expenditure report for the year ended 31 December 2009.

The income for the year was £15,677. This income in 2008 was inflated by £3,500 due to one off donations and the bonfire revenue. So in real terms income the recurring income is up 19%. This recurring income falls into four broad categories

- 69% income is rent from the Greenfields Nursery, which is up 11% on 2008
- Bonfire and the Sportsday together represent 14% of income
- 10% revenue is from Gransden Tennis Club, which is up 11% on 2008
- The balance is hire of field by the Chequers, Gransden Youth and Andy Passman Friday football

The costs are £14,597 up £3k or 25% on 2008. The increase in costs is led by

- 21% or £3,083 for Electricity. The 2008 charge was for 3 quarters only. The 2007 charge was £2,998, puts the 2009 charge in context. The committee has installed additional meters to better understand the split of this charge by CCTV, floodlights and the pavilion.
- 19% or £2,737 for Cesspit emptying. The monthly charge is approximately £230. This cost will be removed from May 2010, with the installation of the sewage treatment plant, with a saving of £1,800.
- 17% or £2,428 for Insurance of the facility. The 10% increase is inline with the industry charges.
- The CCTV costs for both 2008 and 2009 were paid in the year.

Bank

- As at 31 December the GSRA held £7,267 in the bank. The £5,632 in the COIF account is held on behalf of the Tennis Club.
- Of the £7,267, £3.3k is committed to the biosphere. This leaves £4k which will be used to apply for planning permission once the Committee has agreed the priorities for 2010.

THE GRANDSENS SPORTSFIELD & RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No. 120045

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT									
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009									
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					<u>INCOME</u>				
	<u>2008</u>		<u>2009</u>			<u>2008</u>		<u>2009</u>	
	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£
Electricity		2,029		3,083	Greenfields Day Nursery rent		9,750		
Cesspit emptying		3,009		2,737	Gransdens Tennis Club payment to COIF Deposit Fund				
Insurance		2,209		2,428	Gransdens Tennis Club subscription	<u>1,350</u>		<u>1,500</u>	
Rates		443		815			1,350		
Water		225		451	Bonfire Night - Net income		2,023		
CCTV - Annual fees					Pavillion & field hire		805		
1. Maintenance contract	(189)		925		Interest earned on COIF deposit a/c		289		
2. Repair costs, outside contract			368		Sports Day		0		
3. Excess on insurance claim					Donation - Gransden Blues & Soul		750		
4. Registration with Information Commissioner	35		35		Donation - PWC		250		
		(154)		1,328	Donation - Ball Committee		1,500		
Pavillion maintenance		721		1,464					
Field maintenance		1,891		1,034					
Miscellaneous		160		1,258					
Distribution of Bonfire Night proceeds									
First Gamlingay Scout Troop	517								
First Gransden Guides	34								
Barnabus Oley PTA	195								
Roundabout Revellers	403								
		1,149		0					
		<u>11,682</u>		<u>14,597</u>			<u>16,717</u>		
Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>5,035</u>		<u>1,080</u>	Excess of Expenditure over Income		-		
		<u>16,717</u>		<u>15,677</u>			<u>16,717</u>		

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

2008

£

Surplus from prior years

6,785

Surplus / (shortfall) in current year

5,035

11,820

Represented by:

Bank account

6,248

C.O.I.F. deposit account

5,572

11,820