**CLUB SECRETARY**

**REPORT FOR AGM**

**FEBRUARY 28TH 2024**

**Basingstoke and District Borough Council (BDBC)**

We have negotiated a new exclusive user agreement with the Council. This now includes coaching sessions:

* Tuesday and Thursday 18.00-20.00pm (main sessions)
* Wednesday 18.00-19.00pm
* Sunday 10.00-12.00pm.

The contract also includes 6 full day competition events, which incur no additional cost.

All these sessions will be kept under review

There is some good news in that the council’s taxation and systems accountant has confirmed that HMRC has further revised the VAT treatment of sports services provided by local authorities. This means that BMHAC will now be VAT exempt on all bookings and the cancellation clause is no longer required by HMRC. Our exclusive user agreement will be VAT exempt and took immediate effect.

**Cabin Lease**

We are in discussions with the Council regarding the alignment of the (new) Clubhouse lease and the Club Cabin long standing lease.

**Basingstoke Voluntary Action (BVA)**

BVA has conducted a survey, which we contributed to. The study examines their own role and how we, as an organisation, work with them. Their purpose is to ‘make voluntary and community groups stronger in the borough of Basingstoke and Deane’. It does this by providing advice, training, information, services and a voice for the voluntary and community sector. The findings will be published in due course.

**Basingstoke Voluntary Action Lottery**

The Club has received £667.50 over the past 12 months from the purchase of BVA lottery tickets.

Sadly, the number of people buying lottery tickets is reducing.

**Bids and Grants**

Led by Felicity Edwards, the Club has been successful in applications to the following organisations:

* Peter Baker/Greenham Trust grant - £5000
* BDBC community councillor grant £1000, with staunch support from Cllr Hayley Euchas.
* Four Lanes Trust - £1000

Rocon Contractors Ltd - constructed the path around the Clubhouse and installed ducting for services into the building. They were very generous giving the Club special rates.

**Club Kit**

Anniversary t-shirts were produced by Masuri, to celebrate the Club’s 75th anniversary. A small amount of money was added to the price of them to raise money for the Clubhouse - £319 was raised.

There have been some additions to the Club Shop, including a women’s longer crop top.

**Role Guides**

All Officers, Committee members and Post Holders have been asked to update their role guides. These will be finalised over the next couple of months.

**Lead Welfare Officer**

The Club was advised by EA that it had to have a ‘lead’ welfare officer. Michael Hickey has offered to fill this role.

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**Basingstoke Voluntary Sports Council Update**

* BVSC financial reserves should support the organisation into 2025, paying for core administration, travel and expenses
* Local awards have not taken place since early 2020 (Covid). Since then, support of the Apollo Hotel has also been lost
* Sports Scholarships can no longer be issued
* Kevin has met with Destination Basingstoke personnel regarding the Place To Be Proud Of Awards and BVSC is now an official partner for this event.

Ann Henderson

February 2024