

Major points from the Committee Meeting 18th January 2020

Grants: Still being investigated and the Council can help on this. We need to agree specific projects for which we can apply for a grant. Increasing membership is one and provision of an outside toilet may be another. John and Mark are going to look into this last one.

We have invited Council personnel to have a social game on Friday afternoon in March to help keep our relationship strong.

Lighting: The Council have confirmed we do not need a planning permit which is good news and removes a potential delay. Our Sports Grant contact has indicated we might expect to hear something by March. Apparently we have been fast tracked to complete the installation by end June 2020.

Parking. This has taken up a lot of peoples' time. CPC has sent a letter explaining all the reasons why we should not be fined and how an absence of sensible parking will threaten membership and limit the use of the facility

Piste Drainage: It was agreed we need to do something; the problem is not due to an above trend few wet days. Two options will be trialled at the same time as the lighting is to be installed so piste rectification can be done only once. An agi pipe will be laid down the middle of one piste and a tubular sink hole dug in the centre of another. Both ideas should provide an easier passage for water to escape. The crusty nature of the piste surface and underlying bitumen layer are likely to be part of the problem so the latter needs to be broken through. Mick has arranged for an MCG drainage expert to come and see our pistes and lend some advice.

Weed Control: Spraying was carried out just before Xmas and seems to have been particularly effective, time will tell. A working bee is needed to clean off the dead weeds.

Training Sessions: This is viewed as constructive in attracting new members and holding the interest of existing members. The next session will be held by J-F at 10.00 on the 22nd February.

Increasing membership: A written Strategy will be developed for the next meeting.

Socialisation: One of the Club's objectives is to provide more social activity beyond just playing Petanque. Card games have become one example of this and a food and wine night was discussed. A Strategy will be developed for discussion at the next meeting.

Succession Planning: Organisations like Rotary, Lions and Probus, have a good succession planning policy which we believe our club would benefit from and should adopt. The President and Vice President are elected for a one-year term, the VP always succeeds the President, this does not stop either of them from holding any positions at a later date. There is an urgent need to strengthen the Committee with new members. Individuals will be sought.

OHS: No one should be left locking up on their own, two people should do it together.