**Present:** Tim Johns Yvonne Budd Debra Long

Richard Franks Marie Evans Jess Hurrell

Michelle Hamilton-Kendall

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**1. Apologies:** Alan Cleave, Vikki Jehu, Mike Euridge, Celia Vitale

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

These were agreed. Michelle will email to Tim to be added to Dropbox.

**3. Treasurer’s Report**

Yvonne had circulated accounts to Trustees. Yvonne said that Mike would like to purchase a new vault at a cost of approximately £3,500. We do have this amount available and we have not purchased a piece of equipment for a while. The committee agreed to this, but we would use our next fundraising event to help towards the cost.

**4. Summer Ball**

There had been a few issues with cost of this event and whether it was aimed at adults only or children as well. The cost of £20 a ticket was thought to be a bit expensive by some parents. Although we could look to have a finger buffet instead of the higher priced fork buffet, it was felt it was too short notice now to start selling ticket for this event. If we didn’t sell enough the charity could make a loss. This event had not been advertised and no costs incurred. Therefore, the committee agreed to cancel this event. Michelle would contact the venue and cancel booking.

**5. Gala**

This is not taking place until 16th December, but it was discussed at a previous meeting that local councillors and the Mayor of Exeter should be invited, as well as past members. Vikki was going to be sending these invites, but it was agreed priority would be given to Councillors. Tim said he would follow this up with Vikki and Mike. In terms of how the event will be run, advertising, tickets sales, refreshments etc, we could discuss this at a future meeting nearer the time, but liaise with Mike in the meantime.

**6. BBQ**

It was agreed that a BBQ would be a more suitable event to hold on 1st July in place of the Summer Ball. Marie and Debra offered to organise this. Marie said her husband Alan would be happy to do the BBQ and had produced a poster and tickets for event. They had spoken to Mike about using the Airtrack and charging £2-a-go, which he agreed to. It was suggested getting a bouncy castle as well, but the committee thought this would not be necessary, a we are using the Airtrack. Following a discussion about cost of ticket, it was agreed this would be set at £5, which includes a sausage/burger with salad and a soft drink for children. Adults can bring their own alcohol if they want. The event would start at 4pm and, weather permitting, would be outside in the bike shed area of the gym club.

All agreed this was a great idea and a we are using the gym club as a venue, will not incur other costs. Marie said some parents would be asked to provide salads, coleslaw, potato salad. Sweet bags would be made up to sell. A gas BBQ would be needed and Marie said Alan Cleave had one we could use, if someone can arrange to collect and bring to gym club.

One Marie has produced poster, these can be put up around the gym club and tickets can be sold in the coffee shop when open and from the office at other times, to allow parents to purchase them throughout the day. Taylor and others taking recreational classes would be asked to mention it during classes. Alan would be asked to email members about event and it would be put on the Facebook page.

**7. Friends of EGC**

It was agreed this group needs to be formally set up again to help support fundraising events, be an opportunity to come up with ideas, help with getting any draw prizes, as well help support the coffee shop and any future competitions held at the gym club. Michelle said it is difficult to arrange a meeting with parents, but suggested setting up a WhatsApp group. We could see how this works and, if necessary, formal face to face meetings can be arranged.

**8. Fundraising Ideas**

Debra said she would like to sell draw tickets to win a leotard again, as this was a good fundraiser last time. She would start selling tickets at the BBQ.

Another idea was to sell T-shirts to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. Marie and Debra had spoken to Kate from A-Star about a design and showed the committee a couple of options. It was agreed these would be sold at £10 each. Michelle, Debra, Marie and Jess would buy one for their girls to wear around the gym club. One would be made to be put up at the gym cub for members to see. Jess said she had a mannequin at home which could be used. Tim would arrange for an order form to be produced, so members can purchase these. A-Star would invoice the Trustees every two weeks for payment.

Once the T-shirts were on sale, we could look at mugs, pens and other goods.

**9. AOB**

Tim asked about contact details of Celia and was she aware of our meetings. Yvonne suggested that as Celia was not voted onto committee at AGM, but co-opted on after, and because she is not able to attend meetings, it may be better if she would be taken off the committee but help support Trustees via the Friends group. If Celia feels should would like to be part of Trustees, she could be nominated and voted on at AGM in November. Marie said her daughter was still not be well and so not spending so much time at the gym club. Marie would let Celia know this and find out if she would like to be part of the Friends WhatsApp group.

**6. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 4th July at 6:30pm