



Friends of Cannock Stadium Park

Financial Policy

Last updated: 14th September 2018
As adopted by the Management Committee.

- The Board of Trustees is responsible for:
 - Safeguarding the assets of the charity.
 - Preventing fraud.
 - Avoiding mistakes.
 - Keeping financial records in accordance with the governing document and relevant legislation (e.g. Charities Acts, Companies Acts etc).
 - Preparing Annual Accounts in accordance with the governing document and relevant legislation.
- To enable the Board of Trustees to carry out these responsibilities, the Financial Procedures detailed below must be followed at all times by all Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers.
- A copy of this policy and procedures will be given to all Board of Trustee members on their election/appointment to the Board, and to are available to relevant staff, volunteers and public via our website.
- The policy and procedures will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees and revised as necessary.

Financial Procedures

1. Organisational Information.

- 1.1 Our Financial Year runs from 1st April to 31st March.
 - 1.2 Name of Bankers are Joe Taylor (Chairperson) & Ant Nevett (Treasurer).
 - 1.3 Name of Auditor/Independent Examiner: To be selected.
2. Bank Accounts.
- 2.01 All bank accounts must be in the name of the organisation.
 - 2.02 No account may ever be opened in the name of an individual or individuals.
 - 2.03 New accounts may only be opened by a decision of the Board of Trustees, which must be minuted.
 - 2.04 Changes to the bank mandate may only be made by a decision of the Board of Trustees, which must be minuted.
 - 2.05 Two people should be involved in counting cash receipts.
 - 2.06 All cheques must be signed by least two signatories.
 - 2.07 The signatories are responsible for examining the cheque for accuracy and completeness.
 - 2.08 All Internet Bank Transfers must be authorised by two signatories.
 - 2.09 The Treasurer is responsible for ensuring accuracy and completeness prior to transmission.
 - 2.10 The signatories are responsible for examining the payment documentation (purchase invoice etc) prior to signing the cheque or authorising an Internet Transfer.
 - 2.11 Blank cheques must never be signed.
3. Signatories to the accounts:
- 3.1 Chairperson as being acted upon by Joe Taylor.
 - 3.2 Treasurer as being acted upon by Ant Nevett.
4. Annual Budget
- 4.1 An annual budget, setting out the organisation's financial plan for the year, will be prepared so that the Board of Trustees can approve it before the start of each financial year.

4.2 The draft budget will be prepared by the following three personnel:

- Chairman.
- Secretary.
- Treasurer.

5. Financial Reports.

5.1 A financial report will be prepared for every Board of Trustees meeting.

5.2 The financial report will consist of:

- Profit & Loss.
- Balance Sheet.

5.3 Each Financial Report will be circulated to all Board of Trustees members and discussed at the following committee meeting.

5.4 The reports will be prepared by the treasurer.

6. Accounting and other financial records.

6.1 The organisation maintains a computerised accounting system which records:

- Cheques and cash received and banked.
- Cheque payments, Internet Banking Transfers and other amounts paid from the bank accounts.

6.2 Every transaction will be entered into the appropriate book and will include:

- The date of the transaction.
- The name of the person money was received from or paid to and the full amount.
- A brief description of why the money was received or paid.
- An analysis of each amount under its relevant budget heading, where applicable.

6.3 All documents relating to receipts and payments will be filed in the month they are input into the system.

6.4 A regular backup copy will be taken, saved to CDRom or suitable alternative

agreed by the board of trustees and a copy transferred electronically to the Secretary.

7. Authorisation and Payment

- 7.01 All purchase orders must be recorded in the Purchase Order Book and allocated the next sequential Purchase Order Number.
- 7.02 The Purchase Order Number must be given to the Supplier and quoted on their invoice.
- 7.03 The Chairperson must approve the purchase of any item over £200.
- 7.04 No Board of Trustees or staff member may authorise payment to themselves, their partner or relatives with the consent of the board and adequate reason must be minuted.
- 7.05 Invoices (or other receipts) should be matched and checked against the Purchase Order book before payment is authorised. All goods received must be signed for, if unchecked they must be checked for completeness before payment.
- 7.06 Before cheque or Internet payment is made, it must be authorised in writing.
- 7.07 When the cheque is signed, the two signatories should also sign the Cheque Requisition Form.
- 7.08 For Internet Bank Transfer the two signatories must sign the Authorisation form.
- 7.09 Once payment has been made the invoice (or other receipt) should be marked "Paid", together with the cheque number and date.
- 7.10 All payments must be entered in the computerised accounting system only after being authorised.

8. Payroll

- 8.1 All employees (including seasonal, bank and part time employees) must be asked to complete the relevant PAYE form/s before they receive any payment.
- 8.2 All staff changes and changes to terms and conditions of employment must be authorised and minuted by the Board of Trustees.
- 8.3 Payroll and all calculations will be made by 15th day of the month

9. Insurance

- 9.1 Appropriate Insurance policies will be maintained to cover:
- Employer’s Liability
 - Public Liability
 - Contents (if required)
- 9.2 An inventory of all physical assets of the organisation will be kept and regularly updated.
- 9.3 A copy will be kept off the premises at the address of the Treasurer.

This Financial Policy, and the Financial Procedures detailed above were agreed and minuted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on:

Date: _____

Chairperson: _____
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Treasurer _____
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Secretary: _____
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