

Capel Cricket Club

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 18th June 2024

Pavilion 7.30pm

Attendees: Chris Parker, Nicole Ruegsegger, Will Wright, Julie Sanders, Norman Walke, Ewan Mackenzie, Matt Barwick, Grant Cooper, Hugh Patterson, Alex Stevenson

Apologies: Carole Stevenson, Ryan Walmsley, Tom Stronell, Jon Stronell

Actions from the last meeting

Job Descriptions – Jon to provide the descriptions offered last year, all others to develop these descriptions, as they understand their roles

Fixture lists to be updated – Nicole to contact Martin Storey

Chairmans Report

Chris thanked the committee members for attending the meeting

A discussion was held regarding the Presidents/Sponsors day on 30th June. It was agreed that the clubs marquee would be erected to the front of the club house for the day and left up for the following weekend, being the fete

It was agreed that catering for the day would be a ploughman like affair, rather than a sit down meal and the aim would be to have a fairly informal gathering

Chris advised that, as well as the presidents, he had invited Nick Cheeseman, Martin Pooley and Jim Young to recognise their works on the pavilion

Will advised that the invite to the sponsors had been put out by email

Chris to ask Jon whether he has managed to arrange a juniors game for the day, Alex and Matt advised that the hardball section are willing to have a friendly interclub game as well, Julie however advised that the softball team would be playing away on that day

Chris asked that the boundary be shortened, because of the marquee and the artificial wicket be used

Regarding the Fete Chris suggested that this would be a good day to promote the club and try to gain some more members, He proposed to print off the QR Code, sent to the committee by email recently and put laminated copies on the bar, tables and fencing during the fete

He also asked Nicole if she could get Martin to print approx. 200 fixture lists, with the correction mentioned previously and add the QR code, so we could hand some out over the fete weekend

Chris to ask Jon if the junior would be included in the fete procession

Chris confirmed that the bar pieces would be increased to £3.50 for the fete and then suggested that, as no increases had been in place for at least 5 years, the club hold these prices going forward

This was put to the vote and was agreed upon in the majority

Signs will be placed after the fete advising club members

Chris advised that during a recent game an opposition member had been struck with a ball to the head, it bounced off the pavilion and hit him, when he was scoring. An accident book report was made but evidently we used to have some Head injury sheets specifically to cover this, Alex to ask Carole to locate these and make sure we have some in the first aid box

Finally Chris offered his thanks to Alex and Tom for taking the opportunity to commence some batting practice for the development team and wished them the best of luck with it

Secretary Report

Carole was not present at the meeting

Treasurers Report

Grant advised that currently we have approx. £10,600 in the bank

£2,800 of this was from Webcollect to membership fees, with the following splits:

£576 Juniors

£576 Ladies/softball

£972 Senior hardball

£705 Social members

This indicted we are quite reliant on the social side of the club

Grant asked for Invoices/receipts for the following from Norman/Alex:

£505 Tonbridge Brewery

£565 Cape Groundcare

Alex advised he will send them to Grant

A discussion was held regarding adding Grant to the bank account again, Evidently Barclays still need more information, even though Grant has been into a branch with ID as well as sending it digitally to Alex and Pauline to upload

It was suggested that we cut our losses with Barclays and look for an alternative bank, as we cant go through this every time a committee member changes

Alex suggested Metro Bank and Hugh suggested Unity Trust. Grant to do some research and get back to the committee

Grant handed some physical files that may need to be kept to Norman for filing

Chris Suggested that the constitution be amended at some point to reflect the fact that Pauline is still assisting Alex with making payments through the bank, non committee members can be recruited to assist with banking, ie our bookkeeper etc

Safeguarding Officer Report

Ewan advised that he received one response to the correspondence sent out to the people who attended the training and potentially witnessed the situation

He advised that no new complaints were made and as far as he was concerned the matter was now closed

Chris asked if the person who made the response had asked for his comments to remain anonymous, Ewan advised that this was not relevant

Chris asked if the committee could see the response, to enable the coaches as well as the safeguarding officer, to work on any suggested improvement for coaching

Again this was declined by Ewan

Post meeting note: How are we going to advise the people contacted of the outcome of the investigation? Ewan to advise

Ewan reiterated that, although tempers may get raised during coaching sessions and games shouting at juniors is not acceptable

Alex wished to clarify that shouting to get somebody's attention for doing something unsafe would always be necessary, to which Ewan agreed

Ewan went on to advise that he had sent 2 links to the committee members regarding safeguarding training

One of these is for the ECB and does not issue certificate, so Ewan asked the members to screenshot the completion and send it to his personal email

Chris queried why were we not using the club Gmail system and Ewan advised that this was his preference. Chris asked that the documents be shred so they can be uploaded to the clubs server

The 2nd link is to the KCC Safeguard training and certificates are issued and Ewan can access these

Alex advised that he has already completed this course as part of the coaching training and asked if the club held his certificate

Ewan advised that certain roles within the club required DBS checks and asked for the email addresses for Ryan and Norman as he could not locate their current DS checks

Captains Report

Julie told the committee that the ladies had played in their second tournament over the weekend and had won one game and last two

Saying that the team were not disheartened and had an enjoyable day and welcomed the comments from the other teams as to how friendly our team was and what great facilities we had

Matt advised that, when he was unable to play he had asked one of the more senior players to take over as captain. This choice had been queried by the team. Alex suggested that Matt look at developing one of the better players to step up to a vice caption role as well as looking at the more experienced players

Alex advised that Tom had sent him a message stating that the two new members for the 1st team had settled in well and were a good addition to the team

A discussion was held regarding the need for coaches and Chris will chase Jon as to dates and costs

Regarding the lack of umpires Alex suggested that we started to school some of the players regarding umpiring, and suggested that we have someone acting as an umpire when we hold net practice, he also suggested that YouTube had some great videos that could be shared

Fixtures Secretary

Hugh advised that the 1st team had an away fixture this Sunday but no game for the development team

AOB

Will advised that Kent cricket direct had been in touch with him regarding our order, advising that although we had not met the criteria for savings on the order they had supplied the kit we ordered at the cheaper price anyway

Chris asked him to message on behalf of the club with our thanks for this kind gesture

Will then advised that plans were underway for the bank holiday weekend at the end of August

These are to include a Pirate themed BBQ to be held on Friday 23rd August

Another BBQ on Sunday 25th when we play TJRFC, who always support the team well and we would like to keep them in the bar a little longer, this is in place of a tea

And then on the memorial day on Monday 26th August Bacon rolls will be available in the morning and with another BBQ in the afternoon

Norman advised that he had ordered the beer from Tonbridge brewery for the fete weekend and was arranging cash and carry for the lagers, ciders and wines etc. He confirmed that we were not doing soft drinks again this year

Norman asked if we could get the fete crew who are putting up the marquee on the Thursday evening to assist with getting the fold away chairs down from the loft

Grant noticed that the cub boards are out of date, we need to get details from last years captains regarding plyers and scores etc so we can get these update

Chris advised that a £200 donation from the quiz had been handed to Grant, Jon had sent a message earlier suggesting we put this towards a TV for the clubhouse for televising sports

Generally this was not in favour with those present and the feeling was that the money could be better spent on other items, especially as we have a TV donated by one of our presidents that works for terrestrial TV with a portable arial

Chris asked the members to offer suggestions such as iPads for the scorers etc before the next meet so we could vote n this

Date of next meetings

Wednesday 10th July

Tuesday 13th August