

Capel CC Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 15th April 2025

Attending :

Apologies : RM, PB

1. Last meeting minutes agree and sign off

One small correction, the message from Ewan Mackenzie to confirm that he would continue as safeguarding officer was sent on whatsapp not email.

2. Chairman's Welcome & Update

Chris Parker welcomed Alex Stevenson and Martin Storey as official committee members.

Chris Parker queried re the recent very high electricity bill, was it meter reading or an estimate ? There is a separate meter inside the pavilion which we do not believe was checked. Grant Cooper to confirm this point. We believe that the fridges should cost c. £20 per week each.

Congratulations to all volunteers re open day efforts.

3 Constitution and AGM

AGM and presentations to be in October, Chris Parker hopes for more of a party atmosphere at this event, committee members to consider suggestions for this.

4. Treasurer's Update

Currently have balance of £7400 with Barclays, and £900 with Paypal.

Webcollect think we have 363 members ; we need to reduce to active members to reduce annual charge. Mark Banfield to action.

Paid TV licence fee.

Invoiced £1500 sponsorship so far, compared to £3700 this time last year

5. Secretary's Update

To message coaches etc. with offered dates for first aid training.

Memberships coming in, will send reminder at start of May.

Another reminder ? Captains to confirm signed up players are

members.

New webcollect lists to be started over eEster, whatsapp group to come later

6. Safeguarding Update

Chris Parker wanted to check re DBS renewals, Ewan Mackenzie to confirm all up to date .

7. Men's Captain's Update

First match on Sunday, currently short of players – 6 signed up, so might need to cancel, but will try for more volunteers on Thursday training, tea will be £55, tTom Stronell hastaken cash to return on Friday if matchcancelled

Net sessions have been a little quiet, typically 7-8 first team regulars attending.

8. Ladies' Captain's Update

winter training finished, some help from Bim, good numbers. 4 league festivals, 1 home friendly festival, 12-team softball bash, start 4th May in bash, have a full team (9).

Need to start Friday evening coaching sessions by 2nd May – senior indoor finish on 1st May – maybe try casual session this Friday ? Ground is OK for softball, bar will be open Friday as well,

Friendly festival on 25th May Bank Holiday, piped music and bbq requested, also more soft drinks ? Bar has 8 but all child targeted, maybe get more adult ? Will try some san pellegrino for instance?

Jon Stronell suggested maybe also cocktail cans – gin & tonic, rum & coke etc.to help raise more money, confirmed that licence does cover spirits – Bookers only sell in packs of 24, Norman Walke will try supermarket packs of 6 to test at open day.

9. Development Team Update

No update, other than batting masterclass at Capel CC on 15th May 18:10 to 20:00.

10. Junior Club Update

U13 league fixtures confirmed, first home game 18th of May so need flicx mat underlay sorted by then – day's work for 4 or 5, Jon Stronell to coordinate

Sunday training to start on 27th april, away match starts on 4th of Msay to be confirmed with parents and coaches ; Friday night

hardball nets also need coaches, 9th of may ?

11. Bar Update

Wine prices will need to go up 50p per bracket, bottle now £12, Grant Cooper to sort pricing on sumup ; order of prosecco , pnot, rioja ; sauvignon blanc to be same as last year, mini bottles to be purchased.

Norman Walke has list for teas and bar rotas, we will put teas up to £55.

First home game 27th, arranged, 10 slots to be filled

4th of May volunteer needed, also for bar rota

Renovation efforts ran out of time, but some painting to be done, ideally before open day (wash, dry, degrease, dry, paint) Chris Parker has paint, Norman Walke and Chris Parker to do if possible.

Decking to be patched up by Norman Walke

Chris Parker has given the mower to Pete Bamford, should be ready for first match

12. Social Secretary update & Upcoming Events

Preparations for Open Day, bar requirements, -

Chris Parker early shift on bbq for free bacon rolls etc.

afternoon bbq not advertised but should do something, waiting on numbers for details but afternoon food will not be free

Jon Stronell and Julie Sanders to facebook Paddock Wood groups.

Need coaches, and some of our players to attend to ensure sessions will be worthwhile.

Afternoon VE day toast agreed. Chris Parker to source some bunting from British Legion.

Still need to leaflet bomb Paddock Wood, Martin Storey to print off (several hundred) A5 leaflets

Date for summer bbq - 27th of June ? Cowboy themed, live music can be arranged by Mark Banfield.

Awards & AGM, junior event to be separate to allow more of a party later.

Late summer party ? 'Applefest', community orchard already do

something, Jon Stronell will approach James Simpson ; daytime event ; possibly annual event.

13. AOB

Regarding use of all officers' @capelcricket.co.uk email addresses, Chris Parker has decided he would rather find commercial option for better shared mailbox.

Jon Stronell discussion of sponsorship possibilities. Jon Stronell / Richard Morgan to discuss with snap web site which matches small sports clubs with companies offering sponsorship, meeting to be arranged ?

Need to go back to Scripps for long-term sponsorship ? Swapping kit after short-term sponsorships costs quite a lot of the sponsorship money.

Cullips probably willing to do more.

Pete Bamford to still be junior club sponsorship

Maybe more input from Gordon Gunning.

Email shot to local companies for match sponsorship or casual match evenings – maybe 6-aside tournament.

Next 2 meeting dates

13th may

10th june