

Capel CC Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on 15th July 2025

Attending : Chris Parker, Mark Banfield, Norman Walke, Tom Stronell, Jon Stronell, Pieter Booyse, Julie Sanders, Martin Storey, Grant Cooper

Apologies – Hugh Patterson, Richard Morgan, Alex Stevenson (who arrived late)

1. Last meeting minutes agree and sign off.

2. Chairman's Welcome & Update

The club has enjoyed a good month on the field despite a cancelled home game ; and also an excellent month socially, Country & Western evening was well attended and a repeat is requested.

Chris Parker to write to thank prize donors for raffle, they were :

The Gym, Anita Peach, the Dovecote, and Paul at Tonbridge Brewery

Friday Fete-ival event saw excellent business at the bar ; Saturday was quieter but still OK despite weather.

Credit requested from Tonbridge Brewery for one returned barrel.

Thanks to Ryan, Jade, Aaron etc. for clearing container.

Congratulations to Julie for recruiting more new members.

The bar needs new plastic glasses, there could be some brought back from the club's Canterbury outing ; or we can also get some Capel CC branded Chris Parker sent enquiry for 200, awaiting price.

Re communications all whatsapp groups etc. have to be available for SARS requests. Following the parents and children game, Pieter's dev team group no longer in use. An accusation of an 'accosted' member or bullying agreed to be miscommunication. Committee agreed more face to face communication is required ; better procedures for team captains required, in writing. Alex & Tom & Pieter to do this. Chris Parker to assist with this.

3. Treasurer's Update

Payment already made for the new Ladies' kit c. £900

Paid off loan on roller repairs (£5750 over 2 years)

Chris Parker advised and committee agreed 15% of profit to be donated to the fete committee.

c. £1800 from Country & Western evening. Another social to be

arranged.

4. Secretary's Update

£540 paid to Skinner's for hardball and softball winter nets, this to be repaid to Mark by the club.

5. Safeguarding Update

No news.

7. Men's Captain's Update

The new selection committee is working well, teams getting picked, shame about cancelled home game – could have offered them players to make up the numbers, to advise Hugh on this in future.

8. Ladies' Captain's Update

Lot of games recently, including 3 festivals ; in our home festival we lost 2 but one by 1 run ; another last week but only 1 game before rain, and we won that ; and this weekend, won 2 of 3. Very competitive against Linton Park who are a strong team, with league and bash matches here is good improvement by all players.

Penshurst bash on coming Saturday, one more bash and leagues festival at castle hill on 17th rescheduled after previous (postponement)

Wanting a couple of home friendly matches for newer players ; 2 new club members and Meghana has returned.

Possible hardball friendly festival at Linton august bank holiday Sunday.

I intend to play winter league again.

Hoping for extra home fixtures next season.

8. Development Team Update

Pieter wants to look at league team (has spoken to 4 other clubs about their situations), and this believes would attract more players and that our juniors want competitive cricket. Aimed at increasing revenue also, since Saturday matches are likely to see good bar revenue.

Query from Chris Parker about boundary size requirements for league matches, Pieter Booyse confirmed that he has played these at smaller grounds.

Jon Stronell provided additional background information : as a public park, with football overlapping the ends of our season, and the

impression created by using park both days of the weekend, and finally square size – although could use one pitch both days, the club has doubts that this would be practical. The League calendar would be 1st of May to September.

Southborough match rained off after strong bowling performance

Bells Yew Green wondered why our team was so strong ; marked improvement across the squad, but Pieter is concerned about players drifting away but has a strong plan for the winter training already. Possible arrangement with Bells Yew reenG for a joint team, Pieter to discuss with BYG.

Alex Stevenson, Tom Stronell, and Pieter Booyse to discuss possibilities with parish council for league matches ; might need showers in football changing rooms. To confirm league club requirements. But dependent upon Five Oak Green Saturday football folding, or coordinating fixtures. Mark to contact parish council for update on football club bookings.

9. Junior club update

Good turnouts for softball, aiming for softball tournaments end of season or next season.

Hardball U13s doing well, 1 win in last 3, and passing players up to development team.

Next week, matches on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Email to committee on 29th of June, Chris Parker responded but Jon Stronell to follow up again.

Junior awards to happen on last Sunday of training.

10. Bar update

Congratulations for fete weekend etc. Alex Stevenson explained about about next year's gin bar, the '3 gineteers' ? To be hosted in the club marquee ?

11. Social Secretary update & Upcoming Events

Apologies from Richard ; but Alex spoke about late August social ; but with October awards evening, would this be too many ? Committee agreed to social event on Friday 22nd August. It was decided this should have a nautical theme. Jon Stronell and Martin Storey were requested to provide publicity for the event.

Mark to book Dovecote for awards evening on Friday 26th of September, have raffle and heads/tails at this event for some club

revenue.

12. AOB

No additional items raised.

Next 2 meeting dates

Monday 11th of August already agreed.

16th September agreed.