

GREAT CHART CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at the Swaffer Pavilion on 12/08/2019 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chris Taylor (In the Chair), Paul Arnup, Geoff Davis, James Ainsley, Graham Brown, Jack Oldrey (JkO), Neil Picton, Hannah Arnup, Lesley Davis

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Darren McGoldrick, Nigel Champion, Jason Oldrey (JnO)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS on 22/07/2019

Approved

MATTERS ARISING NOT ALREADY COVERED IN THE AGENDA

None

Disciplinary Issue

An incident occurred during Cricket Week, specifically in the match held on Wednesday 31st July 2019 vs 'Picco's XI'. The incident involved Graham Brown (Life Member & Honorary Treasurer). A formal complaint regarding this incident was made by Paul Ticehurst (Life Member) under rule 5(i) – Conduct of Members and was received by the Honorary Secretary on 2nd August 2019.

(i) Members are expected, at all times, to uphold the dignity and good name of the Club. Dissent and bad language will not be tolerated on or off the pitch. The Captain of the day has the power to act as he sees fit in the circumstances.

The circumstances of the incident and subsequent complaint were circulated to the committee in advance of the meeting and (in accordance with the Grievance and Disciplinary Procedure – Adults) the committee discussed the incident at length. During this time, Graham was asked to leave the room. Following these discussions, GB presented his own version of events wherein he indicated that he disputed many of the allegations that had been made in the formal complaint.

The Committee, after due deliberation (again in the absence of Graham) subsequently found the complaint to be wholly substantiated. The decision of the committee was that Graham should serve a 'playing only' suspension up to and including Monday 4th May 2020. Graham was also formally warned with regards to his future conduct. During this suspension, all other aspects of Graham's membership / access to the club etc. will remain unchanged.

Graham was reminded that there is a right of appeal against this decision under rule 5(iii):

(iii) Any member suspended or expelled shall have the right of appeal to a special meeting of the Management Committee. Notice of such an appeal must be lodged with the Hon. Secretary within seven days from notification of the decision.

UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

All outstanding actions are now recorded on the separate schedule attached. Any general comments are mentioned below.

DBS (formerly CRB) All checks are complete except for Peter and Dickie due to apparent errors in the registration process. HA has still been unable to get these through although the applications themselves appear to be valid in all respects. JA and HA continue to work on this [Action JA/HA]

Railing painting – Completed but JO will apply an extra coat of paint. [Action JO]

The appreciation event was attended by around 25 people which was disappointing. NC will try to obtain feedback from members to decide if we do this again. [Action NC]

Squirrels in Loft. Bounty Pest Control attended on Tuesday 30th July and advised that the rodents are more likely to be rats than squirrels. There is a small gap in the tiles above the back door which may be where they are gaining access. Bounty's advice was to block this and then turn the alarms back on in the roof space to see what happens. [Action PA/All]

Photo board – LD has a replacement board, and this will be installed as soon as possible. [Action LD]

Hayter – we have now taken delivery of the new Hayter and Strimmer

TeamO has now been completed - NP is investigating the possibility of putting a 'cap' on availability to stop people making themselves available after selection has started. [Action NP]

PA has written to Benchmarx as suggested by Dan Rolfe there has been no feedback so far but it was agreed that we would leave this for another month and then speak to Dan (how may have other contacts). [Action PA]

Colts Day – JkO advised that we are still waiting on Tony for this. [Action JkO]

BeSure: GB advised that TMS Protection) now have a set of keys and have been shown round the premises and have done risk assessment. GB will arrange for Ben, CT and PA to be removed from the callout list. [Action GB]

Bins for changing rooms – to be purchased [Action LD]

GB has purchased 24 balls for the bowling machine plus 2 boxes of new match balls.

JnO has spoken to the Colt's parents and several (5?) have said they will help

NC will speak to Dave Daniels to see he would be willing to take on a co-ordinator role for groundwork. [Action NC]

A donation on behalf of the club was made at Joyce's funeral.

We need to think about allocating specific tasks to members going forward. [Action All]

We need to rearrange the Garage sooner rather than later! [Action TBA]

PA will arrange repairs for the other shutter (for next year). [Action PA]

CT advised that Dan Rolfe has returned the repaired Hayter and Strimmer.

Update from the Playing Sub-committee

NP held a meeting 3 weeks ago.

The fact the members are not putting themselves forward for Cricket Week was discussed and it is accepted that members do find it difficult to take the week off work. It was suggested that we move Cricket Week to run from Thursday to Monday thereby only requiring 3 working days instead of 5. To be discussed. [Action All]

NP advised that 1.30 starts are working well and we should encourage 1.00pm starts if possible.

Mersham's suggestion of 20/20 league was discussed. GB advised that this will be discussed at the next League Committee Meeting and it was agreed we will defer until then. [Action NP/GB]

A proposal was also made to increase membership to £80 and introduce a new category of membership at, say £20 where members can play up to 6 games at a match fee of £15 (vs£10). This would encourage membership from players who cannot commit to the whole season. To be discussed. [Action All]

Update from Social Sub Committee

Boot Fair – PA/CT will put notes out for members via WhatsApp / TeamO / Email etc.

GD will put signs out

GD advised that he will be standing down as Social Secretary next season.

GD/LD will obtain a form from bookers to open an account and GB will process. [Action GD/LD/GB]

Update from Bar Sub Committee

No updates

Update from the Grounds Sub-committee

No updates

Update from the Colts

No updates

Update from the Welfare Committee

No updates

Account Balances

General - £890 Bar - £3,523 Project - £2,071 Colts - £2,118

A.O. B.

Chris Eccles has requested use of the barbecue and a fridge for an event at Little Chart on 7th Sept.
Approved

New Members:

Charlie Chatfield and Richard Doyle - Approved. PA to add to WhatsApp

PA advised that he has obtained a new chain for the gate and reported the incident where it was cut to the police. It was agreed that we need to review the situation with the 2 padlocks before using this. [Action PA/CT]

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBA @ 7.30 pm