

GREAT CHART CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at the Swaffer Pavilion on 15/01/2018 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT

Nigel Champion (In the Chair), Paul Arnup, Hannah Arnup, Geoff Davis, Graham Brown, Paul Ticehurst

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Chris Taylor,

Absent

James Burgess, Ben Moyle

MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS on 20/11/2017

Agreed

MATTERS ARISING NOT ALREADY COVERED IN THE AGENDA

None

UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

CRB Checks – Carried forward to coming season as previously discussed [Action PA/HA]

Immersion Heater – NC has now been able to obtain the necessary part (and someone to fit it!) and expects this to be completed by the end of the week. [Action NC]

Nets – Given the current financial position and projected expenditure of the club, it was agreed to remove this item.

Security Cameras. No update as yet. PA will put a note out to members to see if anyone knows somebody with CCTV experience. [Action PA]

Clubmark – PA advised that this is still an ongoing project. However, suitable Level 2 coaching courses are available through Kent Recreational Cricket at a cost of £315. The courses do require some considerable commitment and PA will send a note to members to gauge interest. It was agreed that if members agree to do a course, we should consider inserting a clause to reclaim costs if they leave the club before a specified date. [Action PA]

Welfare Policies –PA/HA hope to have the revised documents available by the end of the week and these will be included in the AGM Pack for discussion/approval. [Action PA/HA]

Veranda –PA will resubmit the grant request to the Parish Council now that the estimate is available.
[Action PA]

PAT Testing – No update as yet. GD to follow up. [Action GD]

Bar cooler –GD is still trying to find a cage to protect the outlet. [Action GD/LD]

Safe – The safe has been purchased and needs to be installed in the bar area [Action GD]

Post outside garage – To be advised [Action NC]

CT advised prior to the meeting that the servicing of the mowers has now been arranged. CT to update at next meeting. [Action CT]

A Recruitment sub-committee has now been formed, chaired by CT and a number of suggestions have been made already (see later note)

Fencing of bonfire area – this has now been purchased and installed. It was agreed that we should still look at the possibility of clearing the bonfire area and GD will look at the possibility of hiring a digger for this purpose. [Action GD]

Nets – Use of Ashford Prep school (formerly Friar's) for Colts and the Ashford School Sports Pavilion for adult nets has now been formally agreed.

Update from the Playing Sub-committee

GB advised that all fixtures have now been agreed.

Update from Social Sub Committee

GD mentioned a possible theme night (Mexican/Italian?) around AGM time.

Attendance for the Christmas/New Year events was low.

PT updated the committee on the club dinner. There were relatively few responses to the request for feedback but from those who did respond, there was a mixed view on the venue. The vast majority were satisfied with the food and structure of the evening. NC will investigate the possibility of returning to the golf club as an alternative venue for next year although we will need to decide very soon. [Action NC]

Update from Bar Sub Committee

No updates

Update from the Grounds Sub-committee

NC advised that the square is looking good and noted that Howard Baker's advice to trim in the autumn had clearly paid dividends.

Howard also hopes to pick up another mower in the next few weeks.

Update from the Colts

No updates

Update from the Welfare Committee

No updates

Updates from Recruitment Sub-Committee

The relationship with Ashford School is very good. Unfortunately, there is nothing they can give us in terms of help with the grounds (groundman etc.)

Club 20/20's (midweek) – It was agreed that this would be a good idea if we can get the players to take part!

Proposed merger with another club – for awareness only. No action to be taken and it was agreed that this would be a 'last resort'.

Targeting other clubs/players – The committee is against this idea.

Contacting local sports teachers etc. – It was agreed that this is a very good idea - again, assuming we can get the resources to implement.

PT proposed that NC (as Chairman) should attend future meetings of this sub-committee in order to advise on general club policy where required. NC will speak to CT. [Action NC]

There was some discussion again on the structure/content of the club website. PA will review again in case there are any new features of the Hitsport hosting platform that we could use to improve the format. However, PA again emphasised that the use of Hitsport as host is the most cost-effective way for us to provide a website and an independently designed/hosted website would likely be considerably more expensive. [Action PA]

The possibility of appointing a 'Communications Officer' was discussed – with a brief to handle all social media updates etc. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and PA will include this in the general note to members mentioned above. [Action PA]

GB suggested that we should approach old players to see if they would be interested in rejoining. It was agreed that this is a good idea. One for CT's committee? [Action CT]

THANKS TO CHRIS AND HIS COMMITTEE FOR KICKING THIS OFF!

Account Balances

General - £245 Bar - £3,598 Project - £3,121 Colts - £2,737

A.O. B.

The date of the AGM was agreed as Friday 9th March 2018

Annual Subs/Match Levies - It was agreed to propose the following to the AGM

Subs to remain at £60 p.a.

Match levies amended from £9 adults/£6 juniors/colts to £10 and £5 respectively. The reasoning behind this was to make collection easier given that most people gave £10 last season anyway.

It has been proposed to move the AGM to the end of the season (October/November) from next year and PA will look at the wording of the rule to see what needs to be done. [Action PA]

It was agreed that we will formally suspend the 2nd team at the AGM.

Pool table – The pool table only took £28 last season and it was agreed that we will discuss at the AGM if we want to keep this.

GB advised on the latest insurance claim which has resulted in a 20% increase in premium. GB has managed to reduce the proposed excess from £2,000 to £750 and this will be reverted back to the previous level if we have no claims this year. THANKS TO GB FOR THE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT HERE.

We still have a claim outstanding for repainting etc. following the last break in. PA will add a request for a painter/decorator to the general note to members. [Action PA]

PA will perform the usual review of members who contributed to club events last season. [Action PA]

GD Advised that the alarm needs servicing and BeSure have proposed a date of 21st February. This was agreed on the basis that we should be able to get someone to open up. [Action GD]

PT advised that he will not be standing again as Vice-Chairman at the next AGM. Nigel thanked PT for his outstanding help in a number of positions over the course of many years.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 19th February 2018 @ 8.00 pm