



Minutes of meeting held at Hythe Cricket Club
on
18th October 2016

Present: Liz Davis, Juliette Warren, Mark Parnel, Steve Thompson, John Godden, Jazz Thind, Martin Cobb, Philip Payne .

1.0 Apologies Action

- 1.1. Apologies were received from Alwyn Fernades & Nobby Clark

2.0 Previous Minutes

- 2.1. The previous minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting

3.0 Matters Arising

- 3.1. PP said he hadn't received a full contact list so hasn't chased clubs regarding league entries. PP added that Alwyn has been doing a sterling job of trying to get teams to enter.
- 3.2. PP stated that Nobby had ordered the medals and trophies which were duly presented on Presentation Night
- 3.3. PP undertook to ask Nooby for the cost information for using pink balls in all age groups so that this is available before a decision is made at the AGM

4.1 Chairman's Report

- 4.1. PP reported that the Presentation evening was a great success. PP wished to thank Deal Victoria and Barns Close CC for being excellent hosts and Wilbert Greaves for doing a great job as Guest of Honour.
- 4.2. MC added that Snowy was very pleased and proud to have been presented with the Wallace Laker Award
- 4.3. PP stated that the SL are struggling again to get enough teams to play in the Indoor League and asked all clubs to make a final push to persuade players to come forward and volunteers to get involved in helping run a side.

5.0 Treasurer's Report

- 5.1. PP explained that Nobby was not available to present his report but had sent the information through ahead of the meeting.
- 5.2. PP reported that the SSL account currently stood at £1117.24.
- 5.3. PP stated that there was still one outstanding invoice to be paid into the SSL account. This is from Ashford CC Fin the sum of £60 for last year's subs.
- 5.4. PP pointed out that, although the SSL was in a reasonable financial position, the costs of hiring the Hall will be £1440 and it is essential that clubs pay the invoices promptly to cover this expense.
- 5.5. PP stated that the medals and trophies cost £411.24 this year

6.0 Indoor League 2017

- 6.1. PP reported that Alwyn has issued the schedule for the indoor league games. These are to commence on 14 Jan 2017 and run until 8th April. Games are to be played from 9.00-10.30am and 10.30-12 noon.
- 6.2. PP reminded clubs that invoices for the indoor league need to be paid promptly.
- 6.3. LD raised the question of how strong are the U11 teams going to be and would it be hard-ball cricket since Elham have several younger cricketers who might find themselves out of their comfort zone if other teams are particularly strong and they might get discouraged.
- 6.4. PP confirmed that it will be hard-ball cricket and hoped clubs will be sensitive to age and abilities of opposition. PP added that it is 6-a-side at U11 and 8-a-side at U15.
- 6.5. PP pointed out that 2 more teams would be needed ideally to make the league work, one in each age group. PP stated that an 'all-comers' side could be made up of a few players from several clubs who can't field a full side themselves.
- 6.6. It was confirmed that Walmer would be fielding an U11 team this year.
- 6.7. JT suggested every club needs to make every effort to encourage colts to play in the indoor league regardless of pressures from other sports.
- 6.8. PP said that he would be happy to act as the conduit for players who's clubs do not have a side but still would like to play in the 'all comers' team.

- 6.9. PP stated that the rule change for the outdoor league reducing the teams to 8-a-side seemed to work well.
- 6.10. PP suggested that an 'all-comers side' in each age group for the outdoor league should be encouraged so that more clubs get the opportunity to play. PP felt that it should be run by a small group of volunteers from different clubs with each taking responsibility for one or more matches. This would lighten the burden on the volunteers and ensure that the 'al star' sides are not misconstrued as being run by one individual club.
- 6.11. It was pointed out that Saltwood have a small colts section which is growing and that their colts might benefit from this initiative.

7.00 AOB

- 7.1 MC expressed concern that fixtures weren't played at times during the previous outdoor season and this has led to disappointment and perhaps disillusionment with the league on behalf of those running sides. PP suggested that the league could perhaps talk with Shepway Sports Trust regarding help with identifying volunteers to get involved in running colts teams as it was often the lack of coaches/managers that prevented clubs fielding a side.

8.0 Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th January 2017 @ 7.00 pm at The 3 Hills Sports Centre. This will be the AGM