

Hythe & Dibden Cricket Club

Meeting Notes



Thursday 8th February 2024 7.30 p.m.

No.	Attendees: Mike & Dawn Bowman; James Page, Susan Froggett, Ian Prentice, Jonjo Stovell, Steve Taylor, Tom Jones, Jamie Fletcher, Matt Young	Actions
1	Apologies: Andy Grave	
2	Last Minutes & Action Points: Most action points from November meeting are on the agenda & will be covered later on. Scoreboard – waiting on Sean – IP to contact, would be good to have it working before end of season. Dryer has been purchased for umpire's room; parents have been contacted re. nets and told they must stay with any colts attending. Thanks to Ian for speaking on behalf of the club at Ann Howe's memorial service.	IP/ST
3	Finances: Rained off football not helping us maintain a healthy bank balance over the winter but Sky being on pause and new deal on energy has helped. Accounts hold around £11,300 with more in numbers club – really need to push this next year with players/parents/associate members – more in the pot means bigger prizes. Other social events coming up will help but we are still very dependent on the fete for our income.	
4	Updates from Secretary: NFCCA no changes to anything – they will run an Under 9's cup if HCB don't – we've expressed interest. Run Presidents and Stone cup but will also work to promote cricket in the New Forest – new web site coming. Solent Uni – at recent sports conference they presented a scheme whereby local sports clubs can work with a student on a specific project to help them e.g. social media – the student then uses the project as evidence for their degree. Initial Zoom meeting on 21 st Feb and face to face on 6 th March. HCB – expression of interest has gone in and been agreed, now need to submit the application. Registered for the AGM on 15 th Feb, only one person from each club has voting rights.	
5	AGM: Taking place on 1 st March 7.30 at the club. Everyone on the committee is willing to stay on – ask for volunteers in advance. 3 rd team captain is the only vacant spot. Agreed the reports would be printed off rather than just on website as very few people, if any, read them. SF to compile email to go to all members and advertise the evening.	SF
6	Ground works/Get Set Weekend: SC has cut the square and taken the leaves off, will need to start rolling in March. Have been advertising for groundsman and discussing with a few	MB

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	<p>people but no appointment as yet. Need a new mower and SC has managed to secure £1,200 in funding but trying to get more. Still trying to get the ruts in the outfield sorted after Halloween event. Get Set weekend dates are too early – will be when Broadsword are completing the work in the club – will set our own date for club works after they've finished.</p>	
7	<p>NFCCA: cup competitions – will enter Stone and Presidents</p>	SF
8	<p>Club works: Broadsword have confirmed they need a 3 week window to complete the work, Aztecs trying to get their home games finished as early as possible – should give us a window towards the end March/beginning of April.</p>	
9	<p>Sponsorship/Fundraising: MB still in contact with potential shirt sponsor, delay in getting details sorted – deal is still £10,000 over 3 years. JP following up leads for matchday/ball sponsorship (£50) or player (£100) – sent 103 letters, 83 not responded. Smarties tubs idea for colts (fill with £1 coins) would be easy to do – just need someone to run with it. Applied for £500 Exxon donation; if social media project works we can use this to explore more options for sponsorship and create online traffic – e.g. Linked In (club page now set up by JF) https://www.linkedin.com/company/hythe-and-dibden-cricket-club/about/ JS suggested sponsoring scorers hut shutters and bar as other opportunities. MB -in touch with Steve Clarke – meeting after April/May time SF – use aerial photo of ground and ask people to sponsor a bit of the turf – ask Parish Council permission.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>MB SF</p>
10	<p>Safeguarding/Clubmark: First Aid courses available if anyone wants to go – ask DB for dates. DBS checks need to be renewed – please complete asap & remember to tick the box for automatic reminder each time. Clubmark being revamped for next year so this year a holding year. Safeguarding policy agreed.</p>	Captains
11	<p>Colts, Allstars, Dynamos: Training going well approx. 20 kids for each session. Coloured shirts look good but need more. Still short of an Under 9's manager / coach if anyone is available. Colts Secretary (Lucy) appointed. Can always use additional coaches and thank you for the excellent effort for those that already volunteer. JP to do course. Registered for All Stars but starting later. Gareth Berg been approached to run training session.</p>	JP
12	<p>Social/Bar: AGM 1st March – SF to send invite.</p>	

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	<p>Race Night – still have all the stuff but will depend on dates of work being done</p> <p>Mike's 50th 27th April SF/RF to do bar</p> <p>Luca's Day 5th May</p> <p>Football Club Pres 11th May will stock up this time</p> <p>Woody's Day 26th May</p> <p>Hythe Fete 27th May</p> <p>Help required for these events – thanks to everyone who already comes down – but need more.</p> <p>JS to negotiate with Sky for a deal when pause is over.</p>	
13	<p>AOB:</p> <p>MY is it possible to have a grass wicket for training? To be discussed with Groundsman once appointed.</p> <p>SF need to submit order for league balls – how many have we got? (13 at club & SC has 5). Order to be submitted before 24th Feb & paid for by 28th).</p>	