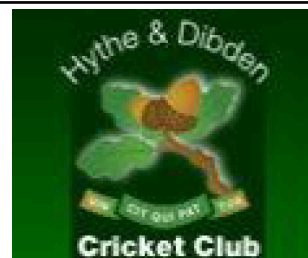


Hythe & Dibden Cricket Club Committee Meeting Notes



**Date : Wednesday 15th January 2025 -
7.00pm**

1.	Apologies/Attendees	
	Apologies: None	
	Attendees: M Bowman; D Bowman; R Froggett; S Froggett; J Stovell, I Prentice, J Page, T Jones, J Fletcher (via Zoom), A Grave, Steve Taylor	
2.	Last Minutes and review of actions	
	JP/TJ to review overseas – see point 7; Scoreboard – ready, couple of numbers need rewiring – IP to fix time with ST when he’s available; kitchen area almost complete, kit ordering area currently off website while we change provider, thanks to everyone who helped out at the fireworks – successful event, indoor nets booked – due to start 4 th Feb at Gang Warily.	IP
3.	Finances	
	JS – healthy balances currently in the main account & numbers club - numbers club has some months to draw. Reasonable position for this time of year but some bills to pay – insurance, balls, air con & flooring – grant covering some of this. Boiler needs to be looked at, currently not working – A Gray on the case.	JS
4.	Secretary’s Update	
	27 th Jan – NFCCA AGM; 20 th Feb – HCL AGM (Zoom); grant to be claimed by end Jan – need aircon invoice please.	MB
5.	Groundsman’s report	
	SC is recovering well, and committee sends best wishes; thanks to IP and family for the work done on clearing the leaves. Approx 3 football matches left for Aztecs. Feb/March will need to start work on preparation – assistance will be needed from all.	ALL
6.	Chairman’s Report	
	Indoor cricket going well, 1 st team should stay in top league, quarter finals played on Feb 2 nd ; hopefully both sides will be in the semifinal of the cup – finals played on same day 23 rd March. Thanks to Ian/Steve for getting materials for and installing the new kitchen area/hot water dispenser etc. Looks good and we are now ‘environmental health’ compliant.	
7.	2025 Season	

	<p>Overseas – JP and TJ have looked at likely candidates, had a couple of good applicants but looks like they've fallen through. Still a possibility that Luke Hodge could find somebody. Previous overseas may be keen to return – decision to be made asap dependant on conversations with LH.</p> <p>MB proposed that, due to issues with availability throughout the previous season, it may be more practical to run 3 teams – but need to discuss at AGM. Proposal is - TJ to step up to the 1st Team; JS to run 2's with JKO/A Wakely (tbc); JF to captain 3rd Team. This would also allow us to push the colts through to the higher teams rather than playing in the 4's every week. Committee voted 8 to 3 for – will put the motion forward at AGM. Need to find out about cancellation fees for Gang Warily. Might also help people prioritise playing cricket if they feel they are 'playing for their place'.</p> <p>Will register for the Slam competition again – DT as captain?</p> <p>Due to the way the league now works, our priority has got to be keeping the 1st team in County 2 (have to finish top 6). If anyone who has paid full membership feels as though they haven't got their money's worth – there will be the option to refund part of their fee.</p>	JP/TJ
8.	Clubhouse	
	<p>Broadsword have had problems getting an electrician to attend but this should happen next week, then the plumber can finish the toilets. Old urinals need to be unblocked if we want to put them back into use. Looking at purchasing some new furniture and replacing TV with screens & projector. Also looked at hiring a pool table for the new space. Once the work is done we can move stuff out of the umpire's room – maybe build some more storage benches to make better use of the space.</p>	
9.	New kit	
	<p>JP working with Masuri rep on our new kit, cheaper than Sturridge, quicker turnaround, we get discount for bulk stock orders and also make money from orders. Club site is all ready to go once approved (31st Jan). Agreed that we would continue to look for shirt sponsorship, leave the shirts blank for now and invest in iron on branding if we find someone. Broadsword will be offered alternative marketing opportunities.</p>	
10.	Sponsorship	
	<p>MB given his contact until end Jan to confirm sponsorship deal, no money available from him at the moment. Would look for £5K minimum for 3-year deal. Consider approaching the company building Home Farm development in Hythe. JP has done sterling work on sponsorship – smaller amounts but all goes in the pot. Don't forget match sponsor opportunities/ball sponsor.</p>	ALL
11.	Request for return	
	<p>Club have received an approach from a previous player who had disciplinary issues and left the club. The committee members view on this initially was to say no but TJ given the opportunity to persuade on what the merits were and how it would be handled with the other players. Committee voted no to the request based on discipline and the potential safeguarding issues.</p>	
12.	Safeguarding/Clubmark	

	<p>DB reported that the company undertaking DBS registrations for ECB have slightly changed their approach – people up for renewal will not only have to log in to renew, more in depth than that – if you receive an email, please don't ignore it – log on and have a look. New Clubmark still being talked about, but nothing confirmed as yet. DB needs to renew Safeguarding training. Some people may have to renew their first aid – will check the Safe Hands portal.</p>	DB
13.	Colts	
	<p>We have registered an under 17 team, with Dave Parry to run, maybe on a Friday evening to alternate with U9's, also with the proviso that if we don't have enough interest we may have to withdraw, or if there aren't enough teams for a meaningful league. There may be opportunities for some colts to access additional training paid for by parents, nominated by club. Winter training continued to attract good numbers. We have coaches and managers for all sides, Adam could do with a hand for Under 9's. JP has passed his level 2 core which gives us another qualified coach. Will register for All Stars (Sat a.m.) and Dynamos (Tues p.m.) but Dynamos will depend on numbers. AG commented on Dan and Lizzy helping out – very grateful for their help. JP raised that when colts play in the adult teams they need a role – e.g. shown how to set up the ground, how to score etc to get them into good habits. AG is also keen to set up an H & D CC Colts Instagram account.</p>	
14.	Social/Bar/Presentation Night/etc	
	<p>New price list to start from end Jan – this is the first rise in 2 years. 1st Feb 2025 Presentation night (Colts during afternoon but need to find out about Aztecs) <u>Please let DB/MB know your vote for clubman of the year.</u> 13th Feb 2025 AGM April – signing on night? 4th May Luca's day – Richards & Prawns organising, BBQ (paying) 10th May – Football presentation 25th May Woody's day? – Fewer and fewer people remember Woody – look to change format – ask Russ Cull to organise? Chiv struggling to get some Sundays covered – maybe use one of those but no Bank Holiday Monday – will people stay? 26th May 2025 Fete – already being asked about stalls.</p>	ALL
15.	AGM	
	<p>Set for 13th Feb – email to go out, committee members willing to stand again, SF would like to hand over to someone – will ask at AGM – can do a year's hand over. IP stepped down as chairman of selectors but currently the captains work this out. Need to ask for more volunteers to get involved – fundraising committee? Social Media Manager? Captains, secretary, chair, groundsman, safeguarding officer, treasurer to submit annual reports for inclusion on website before 6th Feb please. Any matters to be raised to be notified to a committee member prior to 6th Feb. MB asked for a discussion on fees for 2025 season, agreed: - Adult membership - £100 including a club shirt Colts membership - £60 including a club shirt (+£20 per extra child) Associate membership to stay at £10</p>	SF

	Match fees – various options voted on – majority of committee voted in favour of increasing match fees to £7 colts and £12 Adults – this is the first raise for several years – our costs have gone up too much to ignore. Colts matches £4; Sunday matches £7 adults and £5 colts. This is still good value compared to other clubs locally.	
16.	AOB	
	RF – can Captains reports be published on the website? If they're submitted, they can go on but currently nobody writes one. RF – please can we buy a new fridge – one without an ice box. IP asked about painting the kitchen area once it's finished – MB reported that T North has volunteered to do the whole inside of the club for free once the work is finished. AG – what's happening on the net facility, MB reported that he had written a proposal which will go to Alex Wade (Councillor) – asked for 'gold standard' 3 lane net facility – might agree to a lesser proposal. MB – TJ is setting up a new Facebook page for the club, we can't access the current ones. MB - Ask for the glasswasher to be serviced.	Capt. JS MB TJ SF