

Hythe & Dibden Cricket Club Committee Meeting Notes



Date : Wednesday 30th October 2024 - 7.00pm

1.	Apologies/Attendees	
	Apologies: S Taylor & M Young	
	Attendees: M Bowman; D Bowman; R Froggett; S Froggett; J Stovell, I Prentice, J Page, T Jones, J Fletcher, S Chiverton; A Grave	
2.	Last Minutes and review of actions	
	Match fees and subs were actioned previously, all noted actions have been closed out	
3.	Finances	
	JS - Match fees are virtually up to date – not too much outstanding. Membership was slightly up on last year – colts all up to date. Our financial position is OK for the winter.	
4.	Secretary's Update	
	League application has been registered for 4 teams and paid for. Our application for grant funding of £7,500 for the new flooring and aircon in the club has been approved, however, need to ensure the money is claimed by the end of Jan 2025.	
5.	Groundsman's report	
	SC will try and mow the square at the weekend to strengthen the grass, nothing to spend at the moment, we have enough loam and seed if we need it, all equipment is OK. May need help with clearing the leaves, we can get people down if needed.	
6.	Chairman's Report	
	Disappointing season, apathy & lack of availability – need some ideas on how to change this position – or do we go down to 3 teams? Discussion on where we're headed, what are we trying to achieve – need some goals for our teams, new league structure doesn't help this, and some aims as a club. RF asked if we can propose any changes to structure/groupings. MB not prepared to play social cricket – not what the club is about. Agreed that 1 st team need to try and get promotion back to Southern League status. Discussed recruitment – how do we attract players in – and once they're here – how do we keep them. Training facility would help – but need Council agreement, could we rent somewhere else? If we do, need people to commit to cover the	

	cost. SF – have a nets recruitment session – invite people. Discussion on the availability of coaches TJ; JP to join the coaches. Could we invite P Whitlock to work 1 – 1 with promising colts, he has mentioned it previously. JF raised method of selection – do people feel they have a chance of moving up if they perform well? Need a fairer way of doing it. JP raised that we haven't had a good return on the overseas this year either; JP & TJ to have a look at prospects – L Hodge may have someone.	RF? JP/TJ
7.	Restructure of League	
	Discussion on what we know so far (not all leagues populated) and how it may affect us in forthcoming seasons.	
8.	Clubhouse	
	Building works progressing Scoreboard should be ready for start of season, IP to talk to ST. JS suggested buying heat reflective film for the windows to reduce the use of aircon in the club once it's fitted. SF – still need to upgrade the kitchen area to comply with the EH advice from NFDC – new worktop and split sink. ST has new worktop that can be fitted. Need to buy sink & taps.	IP IP/ST
9.	New kit	
	Sturridge are expensive and don't do anything for us. Been approached by Adam – a local contact who buys Masuri – the more the club orders the more money we get back, online shop, quicker turnaround and cheaper. DB to put something on the website to let people know not to buy kit – it's changing. Future membership to be £100 but include a shirt – then everyone is wearing the same.	DB
10.	Sponsorship	
	MB still working on his contact but it's a long haul – 3 year sponsorship for the club is £10k but we can also do 'match sponsor'; 'ball sponsor'; 'sponsor a player' etc. Open to offers.	
11.	Safeguarding/Clubmark	
	DB attended Safeguarding conference – some focus groups to start. ECB developing their own Clubmark standard but not sure what that will consist of yet. Also trying to get one login to do everything due to the many different websites. DBS all done apart from DT. First aid courses may be needed next year. JP starting his coaching course 3 rd Nov.	
12.	Colts	
	Winter nets sessions have started, good numbers and a couple of good players. AG would like to recruit more through local schools – might be something AW can help us with now he's back on board, as well as helping Adam with the Under 9's. Always need new coaches to help once the outdoor sessions start. Dave Parry may want to pursue the Under 17's side but most of ours play Sunday anyway.	
13.	Social/Bar/Fireworks/Presentation Night	
	Community fireworks display on Thurs 7 th – will need help please from around 4.30 onwards. JS should be able to do shop for burgers – will ask ST for hotbox - cook & store. MB on the bar.	DB/MB/JS/JF/ TJ/IP/DP

	<p>SF – thanks to JF/TJ for covering football fixtures on a Saturday – should be OK to help later in November. Might fit a quiz in before Christmas? TJ/JS to man the bar for darts. Might have a darts competition on a Saturday after an Aztecs fixture?</p> <p>1st Feb 2025 Presentation night 13th Feb 2025 AGM 4th May Luca's day? 25th May Woody's day 26th May 2025 Fete September – Rock the Pier?</p>	
14.	AGM	
	Set for 13 th Feb	
15.	AOB	
	Indoor nets need to be booked at Gang Warily – Tuesday nights	JP/TJ?