

BLACKPOOL CRICKET CLUB
Executive Committee
Tuesday 21st September 2021
Minutes

Present: Messer's Dave Cresswell, Joe Boniface, Simon Wrigley, Tony Westhead, Pete Campbell, Stuart Ashworth, Jez Walsh, Michael Hartley, Steve Boyne and Tom Myerscough

Mesdames: Sharon Bonell

1. Apologies: Michelle Chubb, Martin Lamb, Gregg Anderton and Roger Hughes

2. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman began by informing everyone of a break in that happened last week, the intruders came through the squash court door that had been left unlocked and unfortunately the alarm wasn't working that day either, we have really good CCTV of the intruders and this has been given to the police, the Chairman feels that this type of crime is not a priority, we will wait a couple of weeks and see if there is any feedback and if not we will post the CCTV images on social media to see if anyone knows these people.

The intruders broke into office and took DVR hard drive, they used a bottle bin to take beers and spirits from upstairs bar, and a TV was also stolen from the changing rooms.

BCC not insured due to door being left unlocked.

DC – has spoken to staff to ensure that all doors and windows are checked at the close of business.

JW – asked could we build the walls around the ground, any higher, DC informed the committee it's the ramparts on the park side that is the problem.

3. Loan

This has now come through

4. Sound on the Ground

DC has received and is looking at a number of complaints, and the main issues appear to be with hospitality and the outside bars.

DC – will speak to Andy regarding the food that was available to the hospitality guests to consider if any compensation is applicable.

DC – feels let down by Brewery had loads of discussions early on of what was required.

TM – (asking members for help) said nothing was communicated to Committee regarding help required

TM – for the last 18 month nothing has been communicated regarding the event, no meetings have been held, these could have been done via zoom, teams etc, Committee had no involvement.

DC – No financial breakdown available yet, we are waiting for John Mayo to update us on final figures and also the ticket sales for ticket master.

Social Media FB advert alluding to another event next year. This has not yet been agreed.

SB- if we are looking to do another event next year need to market NOW.

It was agreed that hindsight is a wonderful thing and that this has been a massive learning curve, and for any future events the whole committee need to be fully involved, and this would include the allocation of certain roles to individuals.

Many discussions took place regarding the event and lessons learnt: -

- 1) Cans, plastic bottle of beer and wine etc would have been better idea, people queuing for over 1 hours to get served.
- 2) Opening of the gates delayed by 40mins causing mass entry, need to filter people through the gates at a steady pace.
- 3) Not enough staff
- 4) Not enough Bars
- 5) Bar, not set up correctly not enough room, no optics no tills etc
- 6) Agency Staff not enough
- 7) Advertising terrible
- 8) Start and Finish time wrong advertised 10pm finish
- 9) Line up needs confirming earlier
- 10) Advertising of Card payment only
- 11) Artists not promoting event (need this built into contract exactly what they are doing for us)
- 12) Committee not being involved

Joe Boniface will be talking to The Winter Gardens regarding any future involvement in organising an event. It was also mentioned that the punk weekend is a very attended and there may be an opportunity for something to be arranged.

Members of the committee believe that we should continue with future events as much has already been invested, however The Treasurer feels that this is not a good idea as we have made a loss.

The location is fantastic and feedback from the Orchestra, artists and audience was really positive.

5. Cricket

Gregg Anderton resigned as Cricket Chairman and the Chairman recommended Paul Danson as his replacement and the committee agreed to his appointment.

A cricket meeting will be arranged with Paul to discuss cricket matters.

The Groundsman, Sam Dutton has sent in a letter of resignation and he leaves on 30th September 2022.

TM- is happy to sort out an advert for the replacement of the groundsman, (this was agreed by the committee)

Steve B – voiced his disappointment that there has been no acknowledgment of the achievements of the first team who won the double, discussions were held on how best to support the achievements, looking at an awards night or something similar, this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Next Meeting – 28th September 6.30pm

Close of meeting 9.20pm