

BLACKPOOL CRICKET CLUB

Executive Committee

Tuesday 17th August 2021

Minutes

Present: Messer's Dave Cresswell, Joe Boniface, Pete Campbell, Jez Walsh, Michael Hartley and Roger Hughes

Mesdames: Michelle Chubb

1. Apologies: Martin Lamb, Stuart Ashworth, Sharon Bonell Simon Wrigley, Steve Boyne Gregg Anderton and Tony Westhead

2. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the 3 new co-opted members to the Executive Committee. He then explained the plan for our future developments and the various phases that we hope will take place, these included the pitch, extension, toilets, changing rooms, side elevation and squash courts. The Chairman then gave them a brief background as to where we were in terms of loans, grants etc.

3. Loan

The BBC Loan has been with our solicitor and is now back with The Council's Legal Department. It was explained that this is a 10 year loan at a good rate with a 1 year repayment holiday, we will be paying back 25k per year once the repayments begin.

We are at the stage where we really need the loan to be in our bank account as soon as possible, we have agreed that a contingency plan needs to be in place. Some Members of the Committee and the Club have agreed to make short term loan payments to the Club to help with the cash flow and payment of outstanding bills

4. Sound on the Ground

Social Media has picked up. We will be ordering 50k more flyers to have a strong last push. The flyers will be taken to hotels, guest house as well as leafleting the visitors on the promenade. This will commence Monday 23rd August. The Chairman has asked for as many volunteers as possible to assist with this. Members of the committee, Scouts and Simon Wrigley's staff have already been doing this. Everyone at the meeting was encouraged to share and like as many facebook pages as possible and ask family and friends to do the same.

The Chairman pointed out that we have passed the point of return and that we must put all of our energies into pushing the Event.

A discussion was held regarding the possible use of the marquee for other events after the Main Event. A head Groundsman for the ECB has said that we don't have to cover the pitch for the Event, but the cricket square covered. At present the long-range weather forecast is on our side. The Club's ticket website will shut down on Thursday to enable us to get the purchased tickets to everyone in time for The Event.

A discussion was held regarding the car parks that the Event goers can use, The Chairman said that we will need volunteers to run these.

Further discussions were held regarding temporary staff, bars, concessions and writing to residents regarding the road closure.

We need to approach other club sections and ask for volunteers.

It was agreed that we need to promote the fact that people can pay on the gate, this information will be added along with the Event prices to the new leaflets.

Other areas of discussion included the possibility of a need for a Vaccination passport, the total restriction on food and drink, Event drink prices, the vulnerability of the perimeter fence, card machines, Ice, fridge and freezers.

It was agreed that the VIP start time should be 2.00pm and the main gates will open at 3.00pm.

The temporary bars will be erected on Tuesday and a decision has to be made regarding whether we have a canopy erected above the decking area.

It was agreed that if we could get any form of TV coverage that this would benefit the Event.

We will hold a volunteer's night next week on Wednesday 25th August 7.00pm.

Moving forward to future Events, it was agreed that we should explore the possibility of Sponsorship.

Meeting closed.

Volunteers meeting – Wednesday 25th August 2021.

8. Squash

The summer league has started. We have had issues with the floor due to water coming in and hopefully this is now resolved. We have paid the bill and will need to claim the money back from Simmons who caused the problem.

9. AOB

We had a break in at the weekend, Michelle Chubb, Paul Wells and Paul Lomax all attended, and the Chairman expressed his gratitude to Paul Wells who made the necessary repairs later that morning.

Gypsies have appeared on Lawsons field and it was suggested that we may want to shut the gates at night.

Close of meeting

Date of next meeting TBC