BLACKPOOL CRICKET CLUB

Executive Committee

Tuesday 5th July 2022

Minutes

Present: Messer’s Dave Cresswell, Pete Campbell, Joe Boniface, Gregg Anderton, Brent Crossley and Tony Westhead

Mesdames: Michelle Chubb

1. Apologies: Martin Lamb, Jez Walsh, Simon Wrigley, Sharon Bonell and Venard Clarke

2 Minutes:

The minutes from the 9th June were discussed and agreed.

3. Matters Arising:

Item 6 (a)– Gary Webster was sent a reply and has had a meeting and expressed his interest in his ice cream van to the club if the weather is fine and will pay accordingly.

Item 6 (b) – The member of staff is happy for Tim Crombleholme to return to the club.

4 – Child Welfare

Nothing to Report

5.T20 and RL50 Games

The Chairman thanked everyone for their help and support that was given on both days of the T20 matches as well as the help before and after both days.

It was suggested and agreed that a RL50 group be formed, this will be similar the T20 group and will help and assist with the bars and staffing for the game on 19th August.

T20 – The Chairman spoke to Mark Chiltern and Daniel Gidney who both thanked the Club for the time and effort that had been put in, and no complaints have been received from Lancashire or visitors.

An approximate figure of £32k profit was made over the 2 days and we sold approximately 120 barrels.

We need to speak to the brewery in regards the setting up of the outside bars and the poor service that we received.

Committee members expressed concerns over potential losses in hosting Lancashire games due to inclement weather. The Chairman is happy for members of the Committee to attend any future meetings where the question of underwriting losses can be discussed.

The Committee were informed that the Chairman and Secretary had enquired about insuring the games against inclement weather conditions and matches being abandoned however this was very expensive.

A discussion was held regarding the hosting of future Lancashire Games and it was agreed that hosting these games is a prestigious event and a benefit to the town

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The cost of the outside bars was approximately £7k. We are tied to the brewery for this year, we will be having future meetings and therefore we can negotiate and future arrangements with them.

The RL50 sub group meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th July at 6.30pm

6. Cricket and Ground

The Pro has got his Visa and is arriving on Thursday 7th July and will need picking up from the airport. The possibility of him using the train or getting a taxi were discussed.

 The Pro will be staying at Mark Campbell’s house

7.Bars and Catering

Everything regarding the problems that the staff had encountered at closing time seems to have quietened down but we will continue monitoring the situation.

We have received notification from the breweries about the increase in prices.

We are averaging around 55 / 57% gross profit; however, a few products are still low.

The Committee agreed that the E-Cigs should not be used in the clubhouse, new signs will be printed and put up in the clubhouse.

8. Bonfire Night

If we purchase the fireworks in July, we received a 25% discount. The Chairman will arrange the purchase.

The committee were informed that BFC have a home fixture that day and that we need to be aware that this may cause an issue with our usual bonfire night stewards as we use the BFC Safety Team, it was agreed that other safety teams would be available should this be an issue.

It was suggested and agreed that a Bonfire Night Sub Group should be set up after the RL50 game.

It was agreed that we should employ the services of Aaron Paul for the sound system as per last year. It was agreed that this benefitted the experience of the evening.

9. World Cup

The fixtures and times need to be looked at to see if we need to manage anything different in the downstairs bar.

10. AOB

1. A friend of a Joe Boniface has asked if he is barred following an incident on Saturday 11th June involving his party and a few cricketers. The incident was discussed an no further action is to be taken for this incident, however it was agreed that larger ‘No Football to be Played in Front of the Pavilion’ signs should be displayed and a letter to Clifton Rangers Juniors should be sent explaining this.
2. The Chairman will order more membership cards
3. The Team Captains meeting was held and they all recognised the issues and were very positive
4. The Committee congratulated Richard Gleeson on his T20 England Squad call up and wished him look.
5. After consideration, it was agreed that when affordable, funds in our bank account should be used to make additional repayments on our loans. We will make a payment to the one with the highest interest rate.
6. The Chairman informed the Committee that there is still some hope that we might receive a pay out from our insurance company for ‘the Business Interruption’ that we incurred during the pandemic. These insurance cases are still being heard by the High Court and more companies are being paid out.
7. A discussion was held regarding the continuation of the upstairs extension and it was agreed that if funds permit, we should continue with the upstairs toilets.
8. It was agreed that after bonfire night we should look at the downstairs decoration and the cleaning/changing of the carpet.
9. The Chairman informed the Committee that the lift was broken, we have been in touch with Stannah Lifts and making arrangements for them to visit and repair.
10. Gregg asked for thoughts regarding an area for ‘memory padlocks’ this is becoming a very popular activity. This will be looked in to and needs to be very respectful.

Date of next meeting: 2nd August 2022 at 6.30pm