BLACKPOOL CRICKET CLUB

Executive Committee

Wednesday 26th January 2022

Minutes

Present: Messer’s Dave Cresswell, Pete Campbell, Joe Boniface, Simon Wrigley Tom Myerscough, Jez Walsh and Steve Boyne

Mesdames: Michelle Chubb and Sharon Bonell

Apologies: Martin Lamb, Gregg Anderton, Tony Westhead, Michael Hartley, Roger Hughes and Stuart Ashworth

The meeting started with the Chairman expressing his condolences on the death of the Club’s Honorary Life President, former President, Chairman, First Team Captain and Player Alvah Haslam, who sadly passed away on Monday 3rd January, his funeral was held Tuesday 25th January and was well attended.

1 Minutes:

The minutes from the 30th November 2021 were discussed and agreed. The Chairman also thanked Jez Walsh for taking notes at the previous meeting.

3 Matters Arising:

Item 2- EOT: Following our visit and meetings with EOT we have now received confirmation that we have been asked to host 2 x T20 games and a one day 50 over game. The T20’s will be held on 19th and 23rd June and the 50 over game is on 19th August. A meeting has been arranged for Friday 4th February 2022 at 10.00am at BCC with LCCC, to discuss arrangements. We will circulate information regarding these games and any benefits to our members as soon as we have any information.

Item 3 - Groundsman: We have appointed Nick Johnson and he will begin mid-February to early March. Ground staff from EOT and Chris Mckay have offered to help Nick.

Item 4 - Mossom Lane: Remedial work needs to be done.

Item 5 - AGM: We are still waiting for the completed accounts. The AGM will be arranged when we have them.

The meeting took place with the member who had raised various questions, and have now been answered.

We agreed to look at any potential increase to membership prices, it was agreed however that Junior Player prices should not be increase and should stay the same.

4. Storm Damage

The artificial nets suffered substantial damaged in a storm. We have had a quote from Durant Sports for their repair/replacement. We put in an insurance claim with our insurers and we have received 10k, unfortunately this doesn’t cover the total cost, we must look at increasing the level of cover when we renew our policy. Durant have said that the work will be completed before the start of the season.

5. Grant

We have applied for a 10k ECB Grant, from the ECB County Grants Fund, this will be used to extend the home cricket changing rooms. Jez Walsh and a team of members have commenced work in the toilets of the club extension in order for us to move forward with the cricket changing rooms project.

We are also in the process of applying for a £4k grant from BBC.

6 Dog Fouling

The problem with the dog fouling is continuing. We have viewed our CCTV and believe we have identified the culprit and his dogs. A letter has been sent to this individual but the problem still continues. We have contacted the dog warden to facilitate a formal process. We will put another post on our social media page to inform people that the cricket ground is for child and adult sports use and is not here to exercise dogs, we have a duty of care to provide a safe and clean environment for all.

7. Entertainment

As discussed at the previous meeting Sharon Bonell and Julie Crossley have agreed to take responsibility at looking at the provision of entertainment. Prior to this Pete Campbell has spoken to the Deadbeats and arranged for them to perform at the Club of Saturday 5th February. This will be a ticket only event with tickets being priced at £5.00.

It was agreed that last food orders should be at 7.30pm and that ticket holders only will be after 8.30pm.

Sharon has obtained details for various other entertainers that could suitable for other Saturday nights.

Mark Davies (Chinney) is going to put an event on, on Saturday 18th June.

8. AOB

Stuart Ashworth has indicated that he will not be seeking re-election as Treasurer at the next AGM, the chairman asked if anyone knew of someone that would consider and be able to take on the role.

Due to the lateness of our Accounts a discussion was held about the accountants and should we consider changing them, this would be an AGM matter.

A brief discussion took place about the bar prices and it was agreed that there should be an increase to non-member prices and that further staff training may be required to explain to the staff the importance of requesting to see the current membership card. A committee member also asked could the staff be reminded of the bar closing times.

It was agreed that a £100 donation should be sent to the nominated charity, as per the order of service of Alvah Haslam.

Meeting closed

Date of next meeting: TBA