BLACKPOOL CRICKET CLUB

Executive Committee

Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Minutes

Present: Messer’s Dave Cresswell, Joe Boniface, Pete Campbell, Michael Hartley, Tony Westhead, Simon Wrigley, Tom Myerscough and Steve Boyne

Mesdames: Michelle Chubb and Sharon Bonell

It is with great sadness that we have heard of the passing of Alan Cross, his funeral will be held on Tuesday 16th November, we will circulate more details to everyone when we have them.

1. Apologies: Martin Lamb, Stuart Ashworth, Gregg Anderton and Jez Walsh

2. AGM

This year’s AGM will be held on Tuesday 14th December, subject to us receiving the Accounts from the Accountants.

The Club rules need to be updated to reflect our Premise Licence, other areas that will be looked at are membership fees, it was agreed that fees should be affordable and not a barrier for players who join or renew. The Chairman and Secretary will look at the current rules and report back to the Executive Committee.

Members of the committee asked if it would be possible to pay memberships by direct debit and is there a possibility of spreading the payments, however monitoring this may be an issue, we will need to look at this in more detail.

A list of questions for the AGM covering various aspects of the Club has been received from a member and other signatories, it was felt that most of the items can be covered in either a newsletter or a meeting with the individuals prior to the AGM and should be done sooner rather than wait until the AGM

It was felt that some of the comments were a little strange and may have been brought on by bitterness for certain individuals, Tom Myerscough said that the views need to be addressed. A Newsletter and or meeting will be arranged.

Dave Cresswell and Simon Wrigley are due to retire from The Committee and are seeking re-election.

3. Disciplinary

Complaints have been received concerning two cricketers and their behaviour on Saturday 2nd October. The two individuals were asked to attend the Club and were offered the chance to view the CCTV footage of the evening in question, to which they declined. At this point they were informed that they were Barred from the premises until further notice. A disciplinary committee was formed and a meeting was held to discuss the situation, the views and recommendations of the disciplinary committee were relayed to the Executive Committee, and it was agreed that the cricketers in question should receive a two month ban and it was also suggested and agreed that for a period of 4 months after the two months ban their behaviour should be monitored. Tom Myerscough thinks that the ban is disproportional compared with other recent bans.

4. Event

We are still waiting for feedback from Andrew Falconer and Dan Cuffe following meetings that have been held at the Club. Dan Cuffe was impressed with the Club’s set up and facilities. It was suggested that an Event may be able to take place in the future on a shared basis and therefore there wouldn’t be a huge risk to the Club.

5. Bonfire Nigh

The bonfire has started being built. Security personnel have been booked, the concessioners have all been contacted and they have confirmed their attendance. We still require volunteers, anybody that is interested should let Dave Cresswell or Michelle Chubb know.

Mallinsons (the company that worked on the pitch earlier this year) will come out to the Club after Bonfire Night and take a look at things.

6.Groundsman

Tom Myerscough has produced an advert for a new Groundsman following the departure of Sam Dutton. This will be circulated to any appropriate places. A Club member has expressed an interest in the role and Tom is happy to meet with them and discuss the matter further.

We need a dry spell in order for us to be able to cut the square and outfield.

Meeting closed

Date of next meeting TBC