

Minutes of Committee Meeting of Bronze CC held at Chapel Lane on 17th September 2019.

Apologies; Tony Forrester, Barry Macey

Present: Steve Whittall, Jonathan Macey, Derek Freeman, Matt Coley, Craig Wood, Oliver Freeman, Shivam Paw, Glenn Humphries, Barry Wood.

Secretary Report; In the absence of Tony, this was dealt with by Steve Whittall. There were no developments from the Lichfield League that needed to be addressed. There had been a meeting following the end of the season which Tony could not attend as he was working abroad. Steve had agreed to go in Tony's absence but due to work commitments, he was unable to attend. Steve did email the league and apologise for the absence of a representative of Bronze CC.

We have already calculated the number of balls required for next season and the ball order has been sent.

There was nothing from Warwickshire Cricket League. It is assumed that their end of season meeting will follow the play off matches.

We have 19 "first team" balls left over. These will be used for 2nd XI cricket next season as the first team have requested a higher quality ball for 2020.

On behalf of Tony, Steve bought up the issue of players not making themselves available for teams within the club. This was bought to a head when a player was dropped from the first team and stated that he did not want to play for the 2nds and would rather watch the first team. This was discussed at length amongst the committee and all agreed that in an ideal world, every member should make themselves available for which ever team they are selected for. However, there are undoubtedly some personality clashes within the club and there have been episodes of exclusion within the 2nd XI this year (by use of language other than English) which junior members feel unable to challenge. Tony has witnessed this himself and put a stop to it during the matches that he played. The junior members do not have Tony's confidence and stature within the club and this prevents them from speaking out.

We will need to address this issue and make all teams as inclusive a possible paying particular attention to the junior members within the second team.

Steve also mentioned the fact that there have been numerous occasions where non-members have been selected to play first team cricket at the expense of members. This cannot be condoned, and it was reiterated that a membership is required for all players.

Treasurers Report

Jonathan confirmed that the bank balance stood at £****. He also confirmed that he still had somewhere in the region of £**** to bank and Barry Wood at about £**** in junior monies to give to the treasurer. It was agreed that financially, the club was in a health position.

Jon confirmed that he had now received the invoice for the new covers (£****) and this had been paid.

It was confirmed that the only major outlay between now and the end of the season would be the Presentation Night.

Presentation Night

So far, we have had confirmation that 54 Adult (£20), 20 Junior (£10) and 8 under 10's (Free) had been reserved or paid for. There was lengthy and sometimes "heated" discussion about how long we should extend the deadline to reserve tickets and what to do if someone turned up on the night having not reserved or paid. It was agreed in the majority that we did not want to turn people away there were some that wanted to be more strict. It was agreed that a "final" communication would be issued by email and social media to ensure that people reserved places in time for us to place accurate food orders.

Steve confirmed that he had sourced a DJ at reduced cost (£***). Barry Wood confirmed that all trophies were sorted. Barry Wood and Jon Macey will "host" the junior presentation. Steve made it clear that we wanted the presentation to run a lot quicker this year. There had been complaints that there was not enough time for enjoying the DJ in previous years as the presentation and food went on for too long.

It was acknowledged that the people who provided teas during the season once again did a brilliant job. Thanks were due to Sarah Coley, Jolie Coley, Tony Forrester, Carol Forrester, Liz Macey and Glenn

Humphries. Tina Whittall helped out on a couple of occasions. Barry Wood also asked for recognition for Many who provided assistance with teas, coffee and toast on junior All Stars and matchdays.

Craig confirmed that we needed to arrange for 5 caps for centuries this season and one cap for a 7 wickets haul. These had been ordered.

It was decided that the captain's reports / speeches made in previous years would not feature in this year's presentation. They simply take more time out of the evening.

Ground

In the absence of Barry Macey, there was no formal ground report. It was known that he had ordered loam and seed for the wicket at the end of the season.

Youth

Barry Wood confirmed that he is standing down as a full-time coach after 23 years. This is due in part to medical reasons. Barry will continue to facilitate coaches in administrative issues. He will retain his position as Welfare Officers. Barry had already communicated his decision to the other coaching staff and they will formulate plans to ensure that all junior teams are covered for next year. The committee unanimously thanked Barry for all of his hard work over the last 23 years.

Indoor nets for the juniors have been arranged for October / November 2019.

Barry confirmed that the U10's team had won their league for the 3rd successive season.

AGM

It was proposed that the AGM take place on Thursday 14th November 2019 at Chapel Lane.

AOB

Craig raised a proposal that the criteria for batting and bowling awards be amended. In the last couple of years this award has been won by a player that has only just bowled the minimum overs in 4 or 5 games where as players that had played every game missed out by the smallest of margins. It was felt that more recognition be given to those that compete over the whole season rather than a handful of matches. It was proposed that to be eligible for an award, a player must have played in 50% of matches (after abandonments due to weather)

A number of votes were taken.

Vote 1 – Do we wish to change the criteria for this year – For 6, Against 2.

Vote 2 – Do we use 50% of started games, excluding full abandonments as the measure – For 6 Against 2.

Vote 3 – Should batting and / or bowling averages be calculated separately as there are some games where the team may have bowled but not batted and vice-versa. This will give a different total for the number of games that a person may be able to contribute to his figures - For 1 Against 7

It was reiterated that both batting and bowling averages will still need to meet the minimum requirements of number of overs bowled and completed innings.

Barry Wood advised that Clubmark needed to be updated by the end of September. He will co-ordinate this.

Shivam Paw raised the issue of updates for the constitution from last years AGM. Our website still shows the 2015 constitution, and this will need to be updated for Clubmark. Steve asked Shivam to email him the changes that need to be made.

Meeting ended at 21.45.