

## Minutes of Ropley Cricket Club Committee Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023

Present: Quentin Sandell, Adam Wheeler, Andy Erskine, Sarah Harry, Rachel King, Ben Matthews, Alex Minett, Tim Phillips, Will Wharfe

Apologies: Nerys Wheeler, Les Spevock

- Minutes of Ropley CC AGM 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 were approved.
- Jules Phillips unanimously appointed as representative of Ropley CC on the Sports Club Committee.
- Treasurer's report approved.
- Discussion of Treasurer's report:  
WW asked that we look at the last 3 years' numbers to compare revenues and expenditures eg to assess the amount we put in the contingency fund (a point QS also asked... what should we target as the right amount for the contingency fund.  
Quentin also asked whether the contingency fund is in an interest-bearing acct/ deposit acct. Some banks are offering 5% interest.  
**Action:** Quentin to follow up with Nerys on previous years' accts and interest-bearing acct.
- Insurance claim for mower  
We have provided Jane Turnbull (Sports Club) with full details of the insurance claim for the mower as requested. The mower is covered by the Sports Club insurance because it is kept in the Sports Club building. The policy is in the name of both Ropley Sports Club and Ropley Cricket Club.  
Jane T has asked why she had not been informed of this earlier. Additionally, as insurance is coming up for renewal, question asked whether we should be shopping around for a new insurer.  
**Action:** Alex M will
  - Review current Sports Club Insurance document to ascertain what RCC equipment it covers, plus the total cost of the policy and within this the RCC contribution.
  - Agree with committee what equipment we wish to insure going forward.
  - Liaise (along with Jules) with Sports Club to consider quotes for next year from existing insurer, NFU and Howden group plus any others that may be suitable
- Ideas for the Ropley CC plan (whole committee discussion)  
Each member of the committee was consulted on ideas to consider for improvement in the coming year and also looking ahead to the next 2-3 years. Very good discussion, lots of ideas. Aim is to discuss further at the next meeting and then prioritise. In the meantime, we aim to consult the membership on the ideas raised to get views and further thoughts from the Club.
- Grounds report (Quentin Sandell)  
Quiet period! Square grass well established. Mower for square being fixed.  
Need to service the pitch mower. (est £500-£700)  
Quentin flagged that The Football Association will sponsor maintenance of a recreation ground if it is multi-use. Includes pitch aeration and draining.  
**Action:** Quentin to research FA funding further.

- Membership report (Andy Erskine)  
Current action: roll on all the juniors
- Social Media report (Rachel King)  
Rachel will help coordinate social media updates. Andrew Morris will continue with posting updates on Facebook, Sarah Harry and Vic Harry will post updates on Instagram.
- ECB Clubmark report (Alex Minett)  
Alex getting registered for DBS checks  
Alex will organise a system for ensuring that all training, certs, paperwork is up to date  
All the Clubmark docs are in one folder – Ropley Cricket onedrive  
Safemark website does not update when quals come up for renewal (which is why we need Alex's system)
- Welfare Officer (Female) vacant post  
Rachel Ashby will be approached.
- Welfare Officer (Male) report (Tim Phillips)  
Tim has completed the online safeguarding training. No issues reported last year, so nothing ongoing to report.
- Juniors report (Adam Wheeler)  
Junior competitions will now be run by HCL, replacing Winchester Warriors.  
Tim P: girls are already entered into the HCL competitions  
Deadline for applications is 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- AOB  
Andrew Morris would like us to confirm if as a club we are continuing with the HFH match.  
All agreed: Yes.  
Ben discussed the "Burns Night" club social planned (including Whisky tasting!) for 26<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
Team to help organise the social: Ben, Quentin, Adam, Will.  
Ben asked whether the cover that needed fixing had been.  
**Action:** Will to contact Karen Bennett
- Next meeting: 8pm Week commencing 15th January, 2024