

## Minutes of Ropley Cricket Club Committee Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

Present: Quentin Sandell, Nerys Wheeler, Adam Wheeler, Andy Erskine, Ben Matthews, Tim Phillips, Will Wharfe

Apologies: Les Spevock, Sarah Harry, Rachel King, Alex Minett, Julia Phillips

- 1) Minutes of Ropley CC Committee meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023 were approved.
- 2) Treasurer Update (Nerys Wheeler)
  - a. Nerys provided an update on the current financial position.
  - b. All payments for Nets at Perins MAT are up to date.
  - c. Nerys proposed that we review the indoor cricket /training costs vs revenues at the end of March. Agreed.
  - d. Coaches need to ensure that any player being coached in an RCC coaching session is added on Teamo - for insurance purposes
  - e. We had reimbursement for Jamie Wren's coaching course. Not for others because we did not request at the start... rules have changed. It used to be possible to request reimbursement after the course, not so any more. Must request before the course starts.
  - f. Umpiring course for Jacqueline Finch. Committee agree for RCC to cover 50% of the cost.
- 3) Grounds Manager Update (Quentin Sandell)
  - a. Tom Wood has been helping out. Eg pitch mower being sharpened. Fertiliser ordered. Great to have some support ongoing from Tom.
  - b. Sight screens need panels replacing  
Action: QS will order new panels.
  - c. BM suggested we look at re-purposing the old fabric sight screens (currently by nets). Could we fit eg with "blind" type roller and install to help batters in nets?  
Action: QS to investigate
  - d. QS has been in contact with Ropley Parish Councillor Giles Stogdon about potential grant opportunities from the Football foundation with regards to helping maintain the rec.  
Action: report on progress at next committee meeting
- 4) Vice Chair's Update (Quentin Sandell)
  - a. BBQ team in place for next season
  - b. We will be running another curry and quiz night: Friday 19th April
  - c. BBQ cover needs replacing c£30: Committee agreed to fund
  - d. QS will provide Bismontoptis update including:
    - i. Review of the 2023 season
    - ii. What's coming in 2024
    - iii. Flagging Allstars and Dynamos sessions
  - e. Primary schools  
QS suggested we could approach local schools, such as Sunhill Primary and Cheriton, to update them on coaching and playing opportunities that Ropley CC for all junior age groups throughout the summer.  
Actions: QS to review and send through update for committee to consider.

- 5) Child Welfare Officer – Male - Update (Tim Phillips)  
There have been no male safeguarding issues to report.
- 6) Chair's Update (Ben Matthews)
  - a. Female safeguarding officer  
Rachel King to approach Rachel Ashby re: female safeguarding officer
  - b. Jack Oxenham has been appointed Open Seniors 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain for 2024.
  - c. BM Proposes that on 4th May we have a season opener .. inter Ropley friendly... get village involved...
  - d. BM notes: Women's slam final ... Kent Sunday 5th May. Should we organise club trip to support the Ropley team. Committee agreed in principle.
- 7) Women and Girls Coordinator Update (Sarah Harry)  
Sarah was not able to attend, but provided an update by email summarised as follows:
  - a. Fixtures for women's teams are now all on play cricket ready to add to the fixture calendar
  - b. Girls U11 U13 U16 leagues and cups have been entered no fixtures uploaded to play cricket as yet.
  - c. Period dignity products have been received and installed one in women's toilet another in the disabled toilet.
  - d. Ropley women and girls are hoping to attend the HCB women's expo on Feb 17th at South Winchester cricket club.
  - e. Have advertised Hampshire champions prog and MCC program details
  - f. Indoor games and fixtures have been going well all fixtures fulfilled so far.
- 8) Insurance update (Alex Minett)  
Alex was not able to attend, but provided an update by email, summarised as follows:  
The "free" element of the insurance from ECB with Howdens has auto-renewed.  
Alex will liaise with the Sports Club asap to discuss options for insurance going forward.
- 9) Girl's Coach Update (Tim Phillips)
  - a. Andrew Morris and Sarah Harry are coaching girls' U11s
  - b. Tim Phillips and Kieran Connell coaching girls' U13s
  - c. John Cook has agreed to run a support coach course – if we can get 6 or 7 people to take the course.
- 10) Membership and Teamo Update (Andy Erskine)
  - a. Fixtures for 2024 season are now on Play-Cricket.
  - b. AE will get all fixtures in to Teamo and on the Ropley Google Calendar by mid April.
  - c. AE will provide an update on plans to use Teamo website as the RCC site in due course. WW to assist where needed.
- 11) Secretary Update (Will Wharfe)
  - a. Having reviewed the fixtures, we have decided on the following (agreed with Les Spevock for President's match and Barrie Griffiths for H4H match)
    - President's match date: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.
    - Help 4 Heroes vs Ropley: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August.
  - b. WW flagged that Perins indoor hall is not available for the second half of February. This is as per the original bookings, not a change, but important that everyone remembers!
  - c. WW has asked TectonicsUK (marquee company in Alresford) to quote for minor repairs on covers.
- 12) 2024 agreed plan  
Having discussed and consulted on plans for 2024 the committee agreed to the following list of priority activities for the 2024 plan.  
Provisional owners of each part in square brackets. Action dates to be agreed at next meeting.

- a. Increase club visibility – primarily to attract more players (especially senior players) into the club
  - i. Seniors
    - Promote a whole-club open taster day 4<sup>th</sup> May [BM]
    - More visibility through all channels.... Social media, banner on A31, posters, Bismonroptis, web [RK, AE]
    - Look to enhance social side for home matches: ensure bar is open, and explore food vans being available [BM]
  - ii. Juniors
    - Engage with schools [RK, AE]
    - Promote All stars and Dynamos [SH, AW]
    - Organise kids fun cricket events eg on Pram Race Day [BM]
    - Junior boys to switch to colour kit. Green top and black bottoms. [AW]
    - \*Noted that RCC has spare club whites available for Junior boys who play for open seniors/ mid-week to avoid need for buying whites just to play for open seniors/midweek teams
  - iii. All teams
    - Make sure our club website is up to date and presents a positive image of the club – engaging, welcoming etc Look at using Teamo website function as an option. [AE, WW]
- b. Improve training/facilities
  - i. Explore possibility of cricket pitch mats eg Flixmats to enable better training (rolled strips on football pitch not ideal) and for junior U9 matches. [Full Committee to discuss]
  - ii. Put up equipment shed nearer to the nets [QS]
  - iii. Provide sight screens for nets [QS]
  - iv. Expand the coaching team to reduce the load on current set of coaches. Eg look to encourage support coaches. [TP]

13) Next meeting: week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2024