

Thornton Dale Cricket Club

Thursday 12th January

Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Members present: Peter Lockwood, Sue Lakin, Alwyn Dudley Smith, Howard Magee, John Knowles, Lewis White, Paul Elgey, Colin Lockwood, Keith Robinson, John Farrow, Fergus Rinehart, Martin Calvert

Apologies: Nick Read, Graham Sigsworth, Derek Bannister

The meeting was officially opened after an informal discussion at 7.35pm. PL officially welcomed SL to the ctee and role of secretary. The last official ctee meeting was held in April of last year and as no secretary was in post no minutes were taken so there are no matters arising.

1. Club Finances and Condition of existing grounds maintenance equipment and options for repair and/or replacement

PL updated the ctee as to the financial status of the club. Expenditure amounts to approx. £3600 pa. (ave. figure since 2005) whilst income was £3326 and £2506 in 2010 and 2011, indicating that the club is unsustainably running at a loss. An immediate extra concern is the need to replace the ground machinery that is now deemed to be beyond repair. Funds to be raised through a mixture of fundraising and subscriptions, with there being a limit to how much subscriptions to be raised. Combinations of subs and match fees were discussed.

PL asked to return to how these incomes are collected at a subsequent meeting, but stated that fundraising was essential to raise the £2350 needed for a new general cutter (research thanks to HM) as the Atco is beyond repair and HM stated that £150 is required for the Hayter 'on the day' wicket cutter to be repaired to a minimum usable standard. The topper (belonging to TDSA) could be traded in for a value of £600-700 against the Atco replacement, as it is not used. The Atco replacement would void the need for the Hayter as it would do both jobs. ADS proposed that the TDSA came forward with the money for the new cutter, at least as a loan. PL asked for agreement that the do it all £2350 be purchased. All agreed. The roller was then discussed, which is also defunct in view of the danger of starting it and the risk of injury to HM in particular. Use of hand rollers by players on the day was rejected. Various rebuild and engine replacements and heavy costs were discussed (research thanks to JF), inc. with ref. to future problems that may not be addressed by these. The purchase of a second hand road roller at a sale for £800-1,500 was suggested by HM, as they are often guaranteed and heavily reduced. This was his preferred option (as at Pickering CC). ADS to also investigate funding options for a roller. PL proposed that the ctee authorise HM to purchase a roller and a cutter at the prices quoted subject to funding being secured. All agreed.

JK linked need to fundraise with the need to get wider numbers of players to commit to the club and its future. ADS suggested Gala as good forum for fundraising. Ctee agreed we needed to fundraise in our own right and not rely on the TDSA. PL urged every ctee member to come up with a fundraising activity that they would personally or jointly lead and not just suggest for others to do.

Dates for a fundraising meeting were discussed – immediately after the AGM was decided.

2. Procedures for making best use of cricket balls

JF raised issue of last season's distribution not working properly, as balls not collected from first team and being put away properly and being made available for the use of the second and third teams. PE offered to speak to PS about locking the new balls away at the end of each match ready for refurbishment. It was agreed by the ctee that this procedure should be enforced.

Also agreed that 2nd XI and 3rd XI should benefit from new balls as required as availability of refurbished balls not enough.

3. Cricket nets at Pickering

To be started as and when we decide – usually 6 weeks before the start of the season on Sunday afternoons.

4-5 was suggested, 2 nets for 6 weeks excl. Easter to be provisionally booked by JK.

4. Dates and attendance at League AGMs

PE agreed to attend the Derwent AGM on 24/1/12

SL to phone and email to ask PS to attend or find a deputy in his place and to obtain the appropriate cheques from MC prior to the meeting.

5. Beckett proposal – 'Starred players' and 'Nearly new balls'

'Starred players' – a discussion was had as to the difference of this rule to the current situation – given that the 14th game comes towards the end of the season. It was felt that only larger and stronger clubs would benefit, depending on the number of players 'starred.' It was decided to instruct the meeting representative to vote with and for the status quo for starred players and new balls, in line with league committee's views.

6. Derwent proposal – 'bowlers' overs' - SL to liaise with PE

7. Provision of teas

PL asked if we will need to continue to buy in the teas? Suggestions included a player rota, players making on site prior to the match, players bringing allocated items each week. It was suggested that Rosie Garbutt be approached by PL. Ideas were put forward as to composition and cost – PL to investigate further.

8. Subscriptions – see item 1: to be revisited at AGM

9. Club Welfare Officer – Nick Read (apologies)

Best wishes to Nick as he recovers from his knee operation. PL explained that this item features on each ctee agenda as a feature of 'Club Mark' status. A discussion was then had as to the relevance and benefits of this status and role of CWO. Features included back up and support on issues such as junior coaching, First Aid, child protection and emergency procedures, successful grant applications etc. PL advised that currently the status has expired owing to ill advice by YCCC. ADS suggested a vote as to whether the status should be renewed. PL agreed that the bureaucracy is burdensome in view of the amount of courses, paperwork etc involved but said he was happy to continue with the work involved (inc. renewal application / evidence file and annual online submission of Club Development Plan) providing some one else did it in a further 3 years' time when the next renewal is due. The ctee agreed.

10.AOB –

Ctee notified of receipt of resignation letter from Colin Pickering. Advance notice therefore given as to further need for fundraising and possible future of the third team. PL hopes Colin can be persuaded to continue in the spring once fundraising efforts begin, but if not a testimonial should be organised in recognition of his lifelong commitment and service to the club.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm