

THORNTON DALE CRICKET CLUB
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
29TH SEPTEMBER 2011

Members present - Pete Lockwood, Alwyn Dudley-Smith, John Farrow, Howard McCree, Sue Lakin, Colin Pickering, Martin Calvert, John Knowles, Paul Elgey, Nick Read, Graham Sigsworth, Matthew Todd, Derek Bannister, Graham Hunt, Kevin Goddard, Peter Holmes, Dianne Stenton, Tim Hunt, David Beal & Jim Wardell.

Apologies - Dave Scott & Keith Robinson.

Pete Lockwood introduced the need for a meeting and thanked Colin Pickering for calling the meeting. The need being cumulative problems developing overtime and stated that there needs to be 6 committee members for a quorum. He then invited starters as there is no general format to the meeting.

Martin Calvert started by asking for team reports, Paul Elgey said they struggled for players, but not too bad if veterans continue in 3rds. Martin Calvert asked if the plan was to continue with the 3rds. John Farrow stated the problem is with the number of players coming in and the gaps as the top always taking youngsters off and they are not being replaced fast enough.

Matters to be addressed

The question of junior teams was raised, who will be running them and also the need for firm numbers of players.

The issue of having 2 3rd division teams next year and how they are going to be made up. The future of the 3rd team.

Response

Colin Pickering asked Graham Hunt as to the position of the junior teams. Graham Hunt replied that there are some good players but they are too young to play for the 3rds, he also pointed out that the current 1st team exists due to the success of the junior teams. There is a need for adults to run the U13s and U15s, the U15 have more prospect but have a young side.

Nick Read said the U13 league may run next year with the possibility of playing a few overage players.

Alwyn Dudley-Smith asked what Pickering did. Nick Read replied that Pickering have a U13 played by them. Graham Hunt stated that the U13 league is often promised but never developed and that we could do with a U13 or U15 C league. Alwyn Dudley-Smith asked for any volunteers to run it. David Beal offered to coach U11s and U13s and they could just come and play in a cup. Graham Hunt wondered if they would go elsewhere and young Hunt agreed this would happen.

Sue Lakin read out Keith Robinsons comments (copy of the e-mail attached).

Pete Lockwood thanked David Beal for his offer to coach the U11s, but suggested the

need for someone to coach U13s and U15s or we will lose good players later. John Farrow said the junior need to be progressive and build up gradually. Pete Lockwood said we cannot afford a gap.

Colin Pickering asked where do all Pikes players go? We need to recruit now. John Knowles said if we recruit now its much cheaper for subs. Alwyn Dudley-Smith said we could do with a relationship with Pickering to swap players ect. Colin Pickering said he would speak to Pikes U15s coach. Pete Lockwood said we need a more formal approach. Alwyn Dudley-Smith said about the great facilities we have to offer.

Colin Pickering gave the example of losing youngsters as Luke Balderson going to Scarborough at 12. Nick Read stated Scarborough's policy is to draft youngsters in as young as possible.

Pete Lockwood asked John Farrow what he thought the club was doing wrong. John Farrow replied it was the leaky system, where are the players. Graham Hunt thinks juniors are the key and they need coaching. Martin Calvert suggested joining the U13 and 3rd teams with Pickering. Colin Pickering said Joe Bays was suggesting this, John Knowles said they struggled for pitches. Pete Lockwood said there needed to be a structured approach, Colin Pickering and John Knowles to approach with a structured format. John Knowles, Pete Lockwood, Joe Bayes, Martin Calvert and Derek Bannister are to approach Pikes re the Juniors and 3rd teams.

Martin Calvert stated there was only 5 U15s named, where will the rest come from? John Knowles asked Tim Hunt how many elders would stay, Tim Hunt thought most would.

(discussion as to status of individual players)

Graham Hunt said the 1st team will stay the same. What about 2nd and 3rd teams? Peter Lockwood asked will the junior action mean 3 teams survive?

(discussion as to technicalities of playing 2 teams in the same league)

John Knowles suggested starting with 2 as the charge is only £40 if we need to pull one out.

John Knowles - the club needs to commit to competitive cricket there is some annoyance at paying subs, losing bowlers at the last minute and no new match ball, frustrating.

Pete Lockwood said we need to look at selection process at some time as Pickering collaborate.

Sue Lakin mentioned Dave Scotts comment linked to finance re apathy - commitment to pay = commitment to play. Nick Read said the members should get games for their money. Sue Lakin thought the club should commit to the members. Pete Lockwood

agreed finance should be linked to selection, but who would look at selection. Colin Pickering said 'fielders only' lose interest in the game and leave. John Knowles said last minute changes are a problem. Sue Lakin thinks training nights need to improve fielders, allow selection and increase competition. Pete Lockwood said the captains need to look at a selection policy.

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**Members present** - as above minus Alwyn Dudley-Smith and Peter Holmes

Pete Lockwood said there needs to be a group to meet and discuss juniors. Captains to meet pre-season to discuss selection procedure and to be happy to support discussion.

### **Finance and fundraising**

Pete Lockwood stated that the club is not currently sustainable after the lottery funding. Higher subs are constantly voted against but the shortfall needs to be made up. Martin Calvert thinks subs should be collect with reference to the score books, who has played which games ect. Money lost, there is no revenue from teas now they are bought in, utilities, insurance ect. John Farrow brought up money that is subsidising raffles, tom bolas ect. Comparison of costs, pitch £50 inc kit. Lockton £20 + match fees ect.

Nick Read suggested calculating subs based on the cost of running the club. John Farrow thought a £20 sign on fee then match on match to a limit. Whist drives/race nights ect always used to top up funds. Sue Lakin asked where the money for pitch rental went. The answer to this is SFA which does not benefit TDCC. Sue also asked if junior coaching is charged for, if not it should be. Martin Calvert said there needs to be people on the ground to collect the money.

Sue Lakin suggest the club applies to Halloween party for cash. David Beal suggested money from the show committee. Another idea is to ask for kit to be handed in and we can then sell it on. Dianne Stenton thinks a letter to the show would be beneficial to ask for money for a cutter, roller ect. Sue Lakin read out Keith Robinsons comments (copy of the e-mail attached). John Farrow thinks we will need about £10000. Dianne Stenton suggested York implement sale for equipment. John Farrow said the only thing with this it wont be the right machine it has to be the proper thing. Howard Magee said action needs to be taken soon before the equipment packs in all together. Howard Magee is going to research cost so Pete Lockwood can draft a letter to the show committee for funding.

Ideas discussed re fundraising - fun run, bag packing (in cricket kit) - also advertising for the club.

Pete Lockwood called for an additional meeting committee and extras to meet re fundraising.

Martin Calvert - decide on teams quickly

Pete Lockwood - run 3

Colin Pickering - only costs £40 to drop out

Tim Hunt - funds are already received by then

Pete Lockwood - asked if club wished to renew 'mark' status - all agreed

Pete Lockwood - November meeting or too late?

Next meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011

- Howard Macree to bring equipment costs
- Captains to collect subs