



MINUTES

MEETING DETAILS	DATE
MERE CC 2021 AGM	03/03/2021

ATTENDEES	ATTENDEES	APOLOGIES
Nick Ryan (NR) Bryan Yeo (BY) Mark Cassidy (MC) Charlie Cassidy (CC) Kevin Whitmore (KW) George Cassidy (GC)	Brida Skipworth (BrS) Ben Skipworth (Part) (BeS) Martin Silk (MS)	Frank Legge Duncan Weir Sophie Weir Matt Pitts John White Tony Traves

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Received from:</p> <p>Frank Legge Duncan Weir Matt Pitts John White Tony Traves</p>	
<p>2. Matters Arising</p> <p>NR advised that having explored possibility of having dual affiliation with both Wiltshire and Dorset County Cricket Boards it was not clear if this was possible or desirable. Kilmington and Stourton CC (K&S) are affiliated to Somerset County Cricket Board so he could not see how affiliation with another County Board, with associated membership costs, would benefit the club or proposed closer relationship with K&S</p> <p>BeS explained that while the Dorset Cricket Board website may not show it, K&S does have dual affiliation. Both BeS and BrS highlighted the excellent support Dorset Cricket Board provide for Junior and specifically All Stars cricket. They explained this was not always the case with Wiltshire Cricket.</p> <p>It was agreed that as the membership costs were not excessive the club will continue to explore dual County Cricket Board affiliation.</p>	
<p>3. Chairman's Report</p> <p>MC Thanked everyone for attending the AGM.</p> <p>Noted the contribution made by Sophie Weir in her work as Welfare Officer during the last and previous seasons. Sophie has given notice of standing down as Welfare Officer and MC expressed his and the Club's appreciation of her work for the club during her tenure</p>	

<p>Thanked:</p> <p>BY for his work on the fixtures and finance</p> <p>KW for ground and square preparation and ensuring the Club met Government COVID regulations</p> <p>NR for club secretary</p> <p>BrS & BeS for leading the AllStars programme and coaching in general</p> <p>Frank for umpiring</p> <p>All the captains</p> <p>Tony and John for their continued support</p> <p>MC gave his observations on the season which took place during a very difficult period due to COVID and was very pleased with what was achieved and the fact that we were able to play a few matches. Fund raising took a hit as due to COVID we missed a number of our normal opportunities for raising money. Hopefully this will pick up again this year as restrictions eased.</p>	
<p>4. Secretary 's report</p> <p>ECB launch date for the All Stars programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday 16 March for previous participants - Monday 22 March for the public launch. <p>We have submitted all the required documents to support our programme. Waiting for approval of meeting the required First Aid (since received) and Safe Hands requirements. Issue appears to be over Wiltshire Cricket Board requirement for attending a Safe Hands course. BeS explained this was due to Wiltshire adopting a stance not required by the ECB. BeS and BrS taking this forward with Wiltshire.</p> <p>BrS also mentioned that BeS is to arrange a first aid course for all coaches can attending, including K&S coaches if they have to renew their current certificates.</p> <p>According to latest government advice, grassroots cricket is due to return from 29 March, assuming the easing of lockdown regulations go to plan. BeS mentioned that the County views circulating at the moment suggest this might be a bit optimistic.</p> <p>Need for everyone involved in coaching to check that they have a current / valid DBS certificate.</p> <p>ECB has advised that it is changing the name of the Club Welfare Officer role to that of Club Safeguarding Officer. This is to ensure consistency across the various roles and has asked all regulated cricket clubs to make the necessary changes to their officer lists.</p> <p>Renewal of our affiliation to Wiltshire Cricket Board was due by 09 March. BY confirmed that the necessary payment has been made.</p> <p>We are required to provide a list of Club Officers to the Wiltshire Cricket Board through the Play Cricket site. This will be done once we have completed the Election of Officers during this AGM</p>	<p>NR</p>
<p>5. Youth Development</p> <p>Agreed that communication and marketing of opportunities to participate in youth cricket should be through social media i.e., Facebook.</p> <p>23 April is the proposed launch date for youth cricket this season. GC will arrange a junior committee meeting for coaches</p> <p>MC confirmed that we will also have a dedicated page in Mere Matters for communication each month</p>	<p>GC</p>
<p>6. Ground Sharing Proposals</p> <p>MC and KW provided an update on developments.</p> <p>K&S is keen to continue using the Mere ground and pitch. Both clubs see benefit in a closer relationship</p>	

<p>covering ground sharing and coaching juniors.</p> <p>K&S will be running 3 Saturday sides and would like to use the Mere pitch for some third team matches. Mere Town Council has not raised any objections. NR highlighted the need to ensure both clubs had adequate insurance for this arrangement to cover any liabilities for players and to the public.</p> <p>Mere will run under 9 and 11 teams. K&S will not be running teams at this level so will be directed to Mere.</p> <p>Mere and K&S will be running under 13 teams</p> <p>K&S will run two under 15 teams and will be able to include juniors from both clubs</p> <p>Need to ensure Mere senior team benefits from this proposal through increased pool of players looking to play in Sunday fixtures</p> <p>It was accepted by those present that there was merit in progressing this arrangement and agreed that MC and KW will take it forward with K&S representatives</p>	<p>MC/KW</p>
<p>7. Fixtures</p> <p>BY Provided a list of confirmed fixtures for the forthcoming season, subject to any cancellations that might become necessary due to COVID rules. Details added below.</p> <p>The date of the Presidents match was discussed and two dates potentially available: 27 June – opponents Horningsham if we think its unlikely that two Mere CC teams could be fielded, or 11 July – which was a free Sunday and it will be possible to pull together two Mere CC teams. It was decided that having two Mere CC teams was the preferred option for the Presidents match.</p>	

Date	Day	Opposition	Venue
25/04/2021	Sunday	Horningsham	Away
02/05/2021	Sunday	Shaftesbury	Away
06/05/2021	Thursday	Red Star	Away
09/05/2021	Sunday	Erlestoke	Away
12/05/2021	Wednesday	Shaftesbury	Home
16/05/2021	Sunday	Sherborne	Home
19/05/2021	Wednesday	Milton Lodge	Home
23/05/2021	Sunday	Brasted and Sundridge Exiles CC	Home
26/05/2021	Wednesday	Fonthill	Away
30/05/2021	Sunday	Port Rejects	Home
02/06/2021	Wednesday	Montague Arms	Home
06/06/2021	Sunday	Hospital Services	Away
09/06/2021	Wednesday	Marnhull	Home
13/06/2021	Sunday	Bakers CC (Touring)	Home
16/06/2021	Wednesday	Shaftesbury	Away
20/06/2021	Sunday	Marnhull	Away
23/06/2021	Wednesday	Fonthill	Home
27/06/2021	Sunday	Horningsham	Home
01/07/2021	Thursday	Red Star	Home
04/07/2021	Sunday	Shaftesbury	Home
07/07/2021	Wednesday	Port Rejects	Away
11/07/2021	Sunday	The Presidents Game	Home
14/07/2021	Wednesday	Incidentals	Home
18/07/2021	Sunday	Deverills	Away
21/07/2021	Wednesday	Milton Lodge	Away
23/07/2021	Friday	Chilmark	Away
25/07/2021	Sunday	Dinton	Away
28/07/2021	Wednesday		
01/08/2021	Sunday	Potterne	Away
04/08/2021	Wednesday	Horningsham	Home
08/08/2021	Sunday	Winsley	Home
11/08/2021	Wednesday	Deverills	Home
15/08/2021	Sunday	Chalke Valley	Away
18/08/2021	Wednesday	Incidentals	Home
22/08/2021	Sunday	Fonthill	Away
29/08/2021	Sunday	Kilmington	TBC
05/09/2021	Sunday	Chilmark	Away
12/09/2021	Sunday	Hospital Services	Home
19/09/2021	Sunday	Stour Provost	Home

8. Finance

BY provided an overview of income and expenditure during 2020 as detailed below

Mere Cricket Club 2020 Season**Income and Expenditure****Opening Balance** **3731.26**

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Senior Memberships	285.00	Insurance	607.92
Senior Match Fees	520.00	Parish Council	344.00
Junior Match Fees		Wilts Affiliation	50.00
Sponsorship, donations and sundry income	150.00	Sundry Expenditure	394.08
Total	955.00		£1,396.00

3290.26**Closing Balance****Details****Sundry Income****Sundry Expenditure**

AJC White (President)	150.00	North Dorset Affiliation	
		Wiltshire Cricket Affiliation	
		Mower Service	151.20
		Hitsports	125.00
		Roller Fuel	
		Ice Packs	£17.88
		Cricket Balls	£100.00
Totals	150.00		£394.08

BY recommended no increase in match fees or annual subscriptions for 2021 season. This was accepted by all present with no vote required.

9. Election of Officers

NR and Sophie Weir had given prior notice that they were not standing for re-election for this coming season for the positions of Club Secretary and Club Safeguarding Officer (previously known as Welfare Officer).

All other officers confirmed they were willing to continue in their roles.

A vote was held as follows:

Chairman – Mark Cassidy – nominated **BY**, seconded **NR**

Vice Chairman – Kevin Whitmore – nominated **BY**, seconded **MC**

Treasurer – Bryan Yeo – nominated **NR**, seconded **MC**

Fixtures – Bryan Yeo – nominated **MC**, seconded **GC**

Secretary – Kevin Whitmore – nominated **NR**, seconded **BY**

Club Captain – George Cassidy, nominated **MC**, seconded **BY**

Youth Development Officer – Brida Skipworth – nominated **BY**, seconded **GC**

Safeguarding Officer – Mark Cassidy – nominated **KW**, seconded **NR**

Head Groundsman – Kevin Whitmore – nominated **BY**, seconded **MC**

MS indicated that he would like to be more involved in the running of the club and in time be considered for one of the officer roles, such as Secretary. All thought this was great news.

10. AOB

- **BY** thanked **NR** for his involvement in the club over many years as spectator, scorer and secretary. **BY** Proposed that he be invited to become a Club Vice-President. This was endorsed by all present and **NR** was very pleased to accept the invitation (which he understands comes with an annual stipend of a free pint of Walnut Best)
- **BrS** advised that she had undertaken an inventory of the Junior kit bag and 2 new Junior helmets were required. It was agreed that these could be purchased
- **BeS** will arrange First Aid training for coaches – hopefully this can be carried out at the ground (Mere or **K & S**)

Meeting closed at 20.10