

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DUNFERMLINE & CARNEGIE CRICKET HELD ON 20TH JANUARY, 2023 IN THE SPORTS CLUB LOUNGE AT MCKANE PARK – 6.30PM

PRESENT: DEJESH DANDALAYAN, USMAN SALEEM, NANCY GIBSON, ALAN LEITCH, JAMES PIKE, GARETH COLES, RICHARD COX JNR, DAVID J MILLER, ALISTAIR WHITE, VASU REDDY, SIMON FORSTER.

APOLOGIES: STEVE ROWLEY (Colts Coaching), GEORGE OLNEY (working), JAMES SPRENG (unwell).

ABSENT: AJAZ MOHAMMAD, ARFAN YOUSAF AND HARRIS SALEEM.

ITEM 1. CRICKET WEAR FOR UPCOMING SEASON

Usman passed round information on the new kit for the next two seasons. This is not from Adidas but from Kraze Sports from Pakistan which is run by Amir who played for the Club previously. Adidas have stopped manufacturing cricket kit.

The kit will include a new top which, besides Purvis Group, will also have Dunfermline Eats small logo near the front at the top as they are sponsoring £1,000 for the next two seasons. There will also be cricket trousers and a hat. This will cost the players £30. The Club will be paying half of the costs from the Purvis and Dunfermline Eats Sponsorships and the players will be required to buy the new kit.

Usman mentioned that Kraze Sports also have lots of kit including bats (and used bats) along with pads and gloves.

Everyone seemed to be happy with the new kit etc.

ITEM 2. CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Club Membership runs from 1st April to 31st March the following year. If a Member hasn't paid their full subscription by 31st March they will not be selected to play for any of the teams until their Membership is brought up to date.

Full Membership - £180 or £15 per month by direct debit.

Concessionary Membership – Students, Forces and Unemployed £120 or £10 per month.

Colts Membership - £60 per month

Dunfermline Sports Club receive £60 membership per annum from the Club for adults and £20 pa for the colts.

The President asked why the Colts have to pay £20 pa. Nancy advised that the colts can use the premises for functions at no charge. The Sports Club rely on membership to survive just like our own Club does.

Usman asked if the Sports Club will be available for the coming cricket season and Nancy said it would be but probably not opening at 1pm. This would be up for discussion at the next Sports Club meeting.

DJ asked what the Committee thought on the Club providing teas for the coming season. Previous to lockdown for Covid the teams provided tea for 2. Usman said he could ask some of the shops if they would be willing to give us bread and other items which were going to be out of date. Nancy asked who would then be making up the teas. Also last season there were only 3 teams who offered to

make teas namely Westquarter, Hawick and Dunfermline. We did a reciprocal arrangement with these teams but no other teams in the League were interested. ESCA AGM is coming up on 7th February and will depend on what is decided again with them. Usman indicated he would like to attend the ESCA AGM.

ITEM 3 – CLUB STRUCTURE

DJ handed out a graph of the Club Structure which is being proposed. DJ also mentioned that there has been a lack of participation from Committee Members.

David Miller, Treasurer queried, as Treasurer, how was it going to be possible to handle what was proposed for him to handle with a full time job as other members have too. DJ outlined these are just the headers for consideration and these can be altered or given to others to help with. These are outlined for the main members of the Committee to have others come on board to help with handling them.

Nancy also mentioned that IT is part of what is possibly being assigned to her and that is not one of her strong subjects.

DJ said he would be sending this out in the Club Chat.

ITEM 4 – COMMITTEE UPDATE ON LIST OF ITEMS THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON AND WANT TO WORK ON.

Richard Cox Jnr has been working on the Constitution.

There were proposed changes to the Constitution namely

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6. Full membership shall be available to persons of adult age who wish to participate in the playing of cricket and the social activities of the Club. A “Full Member” may attend and have the right to vote at all General Meetings of the Club provided they pay the full subscription amount that has been decided by the club for a playing member. A “Full Member” is eligible for election to the Committee and other posts provided they complete a certain tenure which will be detailed in the By Laws further.

7. Social Membership shall be available to persons of adult age who wish to participate only in the minor sporting and/ or the social activities of the Club. “Social Members” may attend any general meeting of the Club but shall not have any voting rights at the Club AGM or any Club meetings.

8. Junior Membership shall be available to those under eighteen (18) years of age and those over eighteen (18) years of age but still in full time education whose parents are not Members of the Club. “Junior Members” shall not attend any General Meeting of the Club and shall not have any voting rights.

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9.3.3 Any member who has completed 1 full year in the Club in the capacity of full paying membership is allowed to be nominated for the cricket club committee provided such a vacancy occurs.

9.3.4 Only a member who has completed 2 full years in the club in the capacity of full membership is allowed to contest/be nominated for any Honorary positions in the cricket club.

9.3.5 Key positions such as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are held for a period of 3 years unless the person in that position wants to stand down for any personal reasons within their Tenure ending.

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13.4.4 As a Committee Member you are expected to attend committee meetings on a regular basis. In exceptional circumstances you are advised to keep the Secretary informed about your unavailability.

13.4.5 Committee Members who are absent for more than 3 consecutive meetings with no information about their participation will be expelled from the committee permanently.

There were many discussions among the Committee on the proposed changes to the Constitution.

DJ outlined regarding full members and David mentioned re full members regarding payment of membership and making it easier for members to pay. It was felt a full member could be eligible for being elected on to the Committee after a full year in the Club providing they are fully paid up to date with their fees and providing a vacancy arises on the committee.

After 2 years of being a fully paid up member an individual can put themselves forward for an more senior role.

Social membership would only be for socialising and have no voting rights. David felt that there should perhaps be a higher charge for social members who wished to vote and join as a Social Member once they have retired from playing cricket and who would continue to have a say in the running of the Club. It was suggested that once a Social Member had been paying a social membership to the Club for a period of 3 years they would have voting rights.

The main Committee positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were to remain in their positions for 3 years unless they stood down or for some reason were asked to stand down. After the 3 years the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary can also put themselves forward for re-election in their role.

The 5 years in a role clause is to be taken out of the Constitution.

Junior Membership shall be allowed up to age 18.

There is also a draft Bye-Laws drawn up. David and Nancy asked if we needed Bye-Laws as we have a Code of Conduct (which is on the website) and what would happen to that. The Bye-Laws mention that the Trustees will feature in happenings at the Club. Nancy said that the Trustees only get brought in if there is a particular situation relating to the Club or ground where we need their help to sort out.

Richard will adjust what has been discussed and send over another draft of the Constitution changes before going further.

DJ said we are not changing the full Constitution and hopefully we may have a new draft by the next meeting.

Once we have everything in order with the Constitution we have to put this to the Membership and give 14 – 21 days notice for members to come along to vote on the new Constitution.

Usman mentioned that he wants the Club to go for Charitable Status and has documents to help us apply for this. Nancy mentioned Fife Voluntary Services who may be able to help and had helped the Sports Hub obtain their charitable status. Usman would like this in place for the start of the season but both David and Nancy said it may take a wee bit longer to happen.

James Pike passed over info he has been working on namely a proposal for marketing the Club - offering hoardings/banners to raise funds. Hoardings are fixed into the ground and if you want a banner this is frames with pins which can be removed. The banners are of a high quality and from a local supplier, Signplus. What the club requires is for the advertiser to provide a high definition image of their requirements no later than 28th February to ensure we can display them by the beginning of the season.

Details are attached but James is offer a 'match day banner' which would be removed at the end of the match and re-established in the ground for the next home match.

The season-long hoarding would be a permanent fixture for the season and could possibly be displayed along the road into the Club between the pavilion and the nets.

Nancy advised she would write to Signplus to confirm the prices of the banners which we had for last season. The banners are digitally printed and the advertisers would receive a mock-up of the design before proceeding.

The Club will also be offering the sponsorship of match balls. The match balls for the new season have changed and cost £1.40 more. Thinking of £35 per ball.

February/March James also has a marketing proposal for D&CCC beginners starting cricket. Would be looking to refresh the website with options of a film taken on Youtube to introduce the cricket teams with emphasis on fun, community and values. This will be pushed on line with peer marketing. Also looking to do a 'door drop' of 5000 fliers before the start of the season. James has a company who will give us a really good price for the fliers for £56.00 if we provide the artwork.

March/April - beginners days – dedicated Saturday sessions designed for all-comers to get a fun intro in to the sport. Perhaps also a beginners course from the 'beginners day' into 4 evenings of dedicated coaching in the nets.

Pricing proposal - Beginners day £10 per person and offer a 'family pack' Beginners course £30 per person. Will need – volunteers, balls, fielding nets, club pads, club bats etc.

DJ said we are going to have photos and ideas for the new season. Planning to put this on to the website and small short videos. DJ will shoot the short videos and edit them.

Alistair is in charge of the website.

DJ said we need all of this out there to attract people into the Club.

Vasu said he would help with the beginners.

ACCOUNTS

David handed out copies of the final Accounts to end of September. We need to have a Contract with Steve which would be better as a set amount each month.

The Accounts have deficit of £200 but better than the deficit previously.

COACHING STRUCTURE AND COACHING PLAN FOR 2023

Steve sent his Coaching Structure for 2023 over to DJ.

Monday evenings - ladies

Tuesday evenings - senior coaching

Wednesday evenings - juniors

Thursday - maybe ladies if Monday doesn't suit. If Thursday would require other coaches as Steve is not available until 7.30pm on Thursday evenings

Friday - juniors softball and Allstars. Will need coaches to look after the Allstars maybe Dylan and Johnny.

There will also be junior 'Kwik Cricket' matches and a Cricket Festival to be organized.

Steve would like a meeting February/March with coaches to discuss availability.

Cricket Scotland 'pathway' which is being followed by Arav, Freddie and Finlay. There will be regional selection and the Club are required to send in batting and bowling videos. DJ is handling the videos.

Lindsay Weir of Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council has been in touch regarding Schools Kwik Cricket Coaching and a Festival in May. Arranging a meeting with him.

Steve said he was disappointed there wasn't a colts end of year prize giving ceremony.

Alan Leitch said he will take care of fixtures for this season.

Kwik Cricket on Sundays – softball for under 12s and hardball for over 15s. Kids hardball will have individual training plans.

Alan Leitch said Steve was a very poor communicator as did some others.

Need a Development Plan for the ladies.

Alan Leitch has spoken to Glenrothes to play a couple of 20-20 matches.

Vasu said he was organising the Braw Skelp for the coming season.

Need some pre-season friendlies – Alan said he would sort out the 2s and 3s.

Vasu said he wants a higher levels team for the 1st XI pre-season friendlies.

Vasu asked if we would be playing in the Challenge Cup - maybe find out at the ESCA AGM at the beginning of February.

The Club are also hosting the Fife Cup at McKane in August on a Sunday.

GROUND READINESS FOR NEXT SEASON

Gareth gave a Report on the ground. He mentioned that the Allet Mower may last one more season but will need a replacement after that. Quotes for the machinery from Fairways rather high and looking for other Quotes.

Nancy mentioned that the Purvis Group are currently handling the Roller and will bring along a battery charger and ascertain whether the battery is working if not need a new one.

Gareth would like the equipment which was spoken about in the Autumn. Namely the Drum Spiker and Lawnmower Tipping Trailer. The Committee agreed the Club would buy the drum spiker at £385 and DJ said he would pay the other one at £98.

AOB

Discussion took place on match balls for the coming season due to there now being a 3rd XI and after discussion it was decided that we would order 60 match balls from ESCA.