

MINUTES OF MEETING - DUNFERMLINE & CARNEGIE CRICKET CLUB HELD AT MCKANE PARK,
DUNFERMLINE on FRIDAY, 14TH APRIL 2023 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: Dejesh Deenadayalan, Usman Saleem, David Miller, Nancy Gibson, James Spreng, Simon Forster, Alan Leitch, Vasu Reddy, James Pike, Steve attends the last 5 minutes due to kids coaching

APOLOGIES: Gareth Coles, Richard Cox, George Olney

The President started the meeting by discussing the forthcoming match for D&CCC 2 XI v TPV at McKane on Saturday, 26th April. DJ said it was important to fulfil the fixture. A long discussion took place on this subject with many views being aired. However, it was mentioned that the Club had not handled the due process and submitted a Complaints Report against the TPV players after the match where TPV players had lodged complaints against our Club. ESCA are aware TPV were in the wrong but can't do anything as they had no complaints against them. We had taken Statements which took time. Some members of the Committee did not wish the match to take place in view of the fact that no mediation had been put into place between D&CCC and TPV so far by ESCA. Nancy advised that the Club had written to Neil Granger offering 26th, 27th and 28th April in order to have a meeting before the first match but no reply so far from him. ESCA have advised that they don't wish more than 3 members from each Club attending. Alan Leitch wants to attend. Nancy will follow up with Neil Granger to find out if any of the dates are suitable.

Martin Honeyford's outstanding case with CS was mentioned. Nancy mentioned she had met Martin on Tuesday and that the person he is in touch with at CS is on holiday until Monday 17th April and he should hear back from him after his return. DJ said Martin's case is not relevant to us fulfilling the fixture. It's separate.

Usman said let's just go out and beat them.

New Kit

Usman has been following up on when the new Club kit will be coming. He advises it should be here before the first match of the season. When we receive it we will need to check sizes with the players. Afterwards we will arrange for names and numbers on the shirts. Dunfermline Eats are paying £500, Purvis Group £1,500 and Russells £1,000 (on the rear) Usman reckons Dunfermline Eats will pay for next season and also Russells. Don't want to be changing shirts every year will cost too much. Usman has ordered 44 shirts. Discussion took place on whether all the sponsors should have Banners. Dunfermline Eats will be pay £500 next year and Russells too.

Roles & responsibilities

Alistair White has advised he is having a break until June. Alistair is a signatory for the Bank. David says Nancy to get fixed up at the Bank as a Signatory. DJ has the password from Alistair to put documents etc on the website. President advises we need more volunteers for roles and responsibilities.

Must have and got to have

DJ confirmed that there are needs and wants, mandatory needs are club requirements which are machines to maintain the ground, playing equipment's and all other cosmetic changes are wants.

DJ advised that the club needs to ensure steady cash flow and build capital so we can spend on essentials, the club cannot spend what it more than its capacity,

Usman suggested that Lifetime Membership should be made available to everyone. £1,000 - £1,200 per person. Can be spent on different things. Extra players will add to it. 12 or 24 month instalment package should be offered. People may be struggling to pay this in present times. Discussion took place. Definitely something we should be offering. Need to speak to David at FVA regarding adding in a clause regarding lifetime memberships.

Usman asked what improvements have been made to the Pavilion in the last 15 years – none. David said that the Club had upgraded the showers. Monies have also been spent in the last 5 – 6 years on a new front window to the main area, new double glazed double patio doors and we had the outside of the Pavilion painted. We also had half of the ceiling in the main room replaced but that was due to a leak where water had been left running.

Winter Indoor Nets

Need a Report from Steve on the indoor nets.

Alan mentioned that the winter nets should asked whether we are encouraging the kids to pay by Paypal? or by cash as well. Need to ask Steve on this. DJ suggested that we could block maybe 10 sessions at a time for the kids and would this help. 10 sessions for £30 so parents can pay at one time and not collected £3 every session as there is no clarity on how many kids turn up and how many paid

Alan said it would be good to know what Steve takes in and what we pay out on a monthly basis. No consistency on what the kids were paying last year. Some kids were paying direct into the Bank, some were paying £5 weekly and some paying £3. Alan reckons we should be generating more monies through the kids section and it would be good to see that coming in. Lack of visibility on the funds.

Jamie Lee wants to do Level I coaching. 50% fees paid by Active Fife and the balance by the Club. DJ said if they are currently helping in the Club infrastructure then start with the ICC Foundation Course which is Free. Alan Leitch said the course is starting tomorrow 15th April and the second part next Saturday, 22nd April and hes the only one pushing people to do the Coaching Courses. Jamie Lee has already registered to do the course in Kinross. David said the Club normally offers to help get coaches get on board. Discussion on others doing the course such as DJ/George/John Hutton/Dylan. Alan said the Level 2 took 30 hours study time. DJ mentioned that we lost Ian Worth as a player because he wanted different things. It was thought that in the future people should be encouraged to do some coaching and see if it works out before doing the course. Steve hasn't pushed for anyone else to do the courses. Usman said once he qualifies he is to help out and be involved with the kids coaching or gives his money back to the Club.

Decision: Jamie will be paid £35 as a one off and he has to pay the remaining money. Going forward the club will not sponsor the amount for any coaching.

Ground update

Gareth said not a lot to report just now apart from we are looking in good shape. The square is nice and firm and has come on a lot since I fertilised it about 2 weeks ago. The outfield coming along nicely now just to get the rugby side cut and I know they are taking the posts down and going to be looking to sort it out.

Spoken to Frank – need to install an outdoor tap to the Pavilion for cleaning the outfield mower and the wicket mower as we have not got anywhere good enough to wash it right now.

Usman asked where this was going to be put. Nancy said she understood it was to be connected to the pipes that the plumber had put in for the new kitchen. Usman said it would be better to be at the side of the pavilion next to the containers rather than disturbing the new pipe.

Gareth also looking to repair the run-ups to the nets and advised DJ on this. Steve brought new mats for the nets from Kirkcaldy High School and he's going to do some cricket coaching in return.

The Allett Lawnmower for the square back from Sheach's. Cost £1,165.46. Jimmy and Frank delighted with the machine. The labour part was only £200. They even painted the machine for us.

Vasu asked regarding the Rugby Club using the ground for an Event. Nancy advised the Trustees had agreed to this happening. The Rugby Club have a Lease with the Trustees/Cricket Club to use the 1st XV pitch from 1st September – 31st March. This year was an exception. Alan Leitch said the nets should go up after the Clocks change. Nancy said that would depend on the weather. Vasu said we arranged to put up the nets and no-one showed up to help only a handful of people. Not very good at all.

Matches coming up - 28/4 2nds v Glenrothes and 29/4 1st team v Dunnikier.

New Players Update

Vasu reported that the Captain of Edinburgh CC is coming to join the Club. Will probably play in the match against Dunnikier this Sunday at McKane.

South African coach off-spinner/batsman - Patrick Couper

Yasar coming back to play

Callum Bond

Guy from Yorkshire whose children have been to the indoor nets.

Asmat coming to play

Jordan Davidson re-joining but can only play home games only.

Vasu had a phone call from one of the Pakistan players from last season. Discussion took place that players from last season could perhaps come back under certain conditions. David Miller says as a Charity we have to open to allowing people into the Club whether there's been any history or not.

David Miller said Neil Westgarth would likely want to come back to play. And should be allowed to do so.

Vasu said it would be beneficial to the Club if we have good players. They would hold no position for the Club for the next three years or more.

Alan Leitch said the kids will make up two-thirds of the third team this year and maybe some ladies may play.

DJ asked if CS make a decision on Martin will he be welcome back into the Club? Discussion took place as the Committee will have to decide once they know what CS do.

8 players coming in from Dunnikier whom Usman knows – he doesn't think this will be happening as they all wanted to play in the same team where you should play to where selected on your abilities. Usman also spoke to Sharif at Dunnikier and he advised that Arfan will never be allowed back to their Club ever due to the problems he caused there trying to take over their Club.

Need a third team captain. Alistair No. John Parsonage can't captain the full season. Need a 'floater' to handle this.

Players on-field behavior

Have had lots of problems. Level 1 and Level 2 complaints. Captains of the teams have to take responsibility to handle the players and their conduct on the pitch. Need to follow procedures. Last season we had the lowest 'fair play' scores in the leagues. DJ said no bad behavior will be tolerated.

Usman said he had an altercation in the Edinburgh CC match but he didn't get reported.

It was suggested that we should have a players meeting prior to the start of the season to tell them exactly what's expected of them.

Usman said no alcohol in the pavilion until after the match has been completed. Alan Leitch will advise Brian Brown on this. Also advise the 1st team but none of them will be drinking during the match!!

Finances

David handed out information on the current Bank status. David said looking quite healthy £5,000 in the Bank. However we need players to set up direct debits/standing orders for their subs. Some donations, £200 match sponsor for 1st July v Kelso, Purvis £1,500, Dunfermline Eats £500, Russell Skip Hire £1,000.

DJ mentioned that Kip McGrath were looking to sponsor £1,000. However, no room on the shirts unless to the rear underneath the players names and numbers. Not too good a spot and doesn't want to advertise on the sleeves. More discussions to be had on this.

Usman says need to keep the kit for 2 years. Shirley at Atlantic Embroidery and Sign Plus can help with printing.

Standing orders to be set up for HOWZZAT Bonus Ball £5 per month (Alan Leitch/James Spreng handling this) Steve is to hand over Leaflets on Howzzat to the kids for their parents if they wish to take part. Also to ask the Trustees.

David paid ESCA for match balls and subscription. David also found some money and it was from Martin for Raffle monies.

Need to get Banners up in the next month. Also if we have Charitable Status we get more access to Grants and donations.

Player Registration Form - the only person who has filled a Form in so far is Stanley.

Constitution and Charitable Status

Charitable Status - Nancy spoke to David at FVA – new items need to be added into the Constitution for Charitable Status. David on holiday until 17th April. He will do the Constitution for us but needs a meeting to discuss various things. DJ / Usman and Nancy to handle this. Nancy to set up a meeting with him. Usman said the time we took to change the Constitution that someone professional will do it asap as they're doing it all the time. Usman said we wanted all this done before the start of the season but not going to happen.

David said only two Cricket Clubs in Scotland got Charitable Status. Nancy said that David from FVA said one company who applied recently took 3 weeks and another 2-3 months.

Usman said we need an EGM date towards the end of May to push through the Constitution. 14 days notice for an EGM to take place.

Alan Leitch said we need Banners up asap. Usman said Banners and Constitution are two separate things and might have two groups organising this.

AOB - DJ and Usman reiterated that we must play the game against TPV on 29th April. No question. if we don't play we are letting them off twice. Offered ESCA 3 dates 26/27 or 28 April. Nancy will write to them again. ESCA were hoping to speak to TPV at their forthcoming SGM on 17th April.