**Minutes of the Norfolk Seniors Committee Meeting**

**20:00 hours Monday 28 June 2021**

**Zoom meeting hosted by Andy Gregory**

The Chairman welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from AK and CY.

The Minutes of meeting held 19 April were approved; there were no matters arising.

The Treasurer, MB, gave a short report on Club finances. There was £2997 in the bank, and liabilities of £1685. The remote collection of match fees in May was going well, and a further £2265 would be collected next month. Overall the Club has a healthy balance.

There was discussion of a recent complaint about team selection and broader selection issues.

A consensus was reached on some but not all aspects:

a) Everyone agreed that there needed to be greater liaison between Captains of the O60s and O70s at the stage after their initial draft selection of teams, but before those teams had been notified to players. This would help confirm player availability, recognize possible shortfalls in numbers, etc. over the whole club, and also identify players who might move up or down according to performance or fitness. There was a consensus that if there were greater flow of players between the teams this would help the Club put out the strongest teams, encourage competition for places, and avoid the formation of harmful cliques.

**Action for AK, GR, GS:** It was therefore agreed that the three Captains should speak with each other weekly by telephone/zoom/email in enough time to liaise on selection before broadcasting to the Club members.

b) There was discussion, but no consensus regarding the practice of players playing twice in a week for different age groups. Some thought that this discouraged the Club’s objective of facilitating as many people playing cricket over the age of 50 as possible. Others thought it was necessary to fulfil the other Club objective of selecting the strongest, balanced side possible from those available, eligible and willing to play.

It was decided to take no action on this now, but to raise this as an issue for discussion at the AGM, and, if the was sufficient support for a change it could be done easily by amending section (d) of the Appendix to the Constitution on Selection Policy.

c) It was agreed unanimously that in the future, everything possible should be done to ensure that the O60s 1st XI have no fewer players in their team than the O60s 2nd XI. For example, if only 19 players are available, then the 1st XI should have *at least* 10 in their team.

JP reported that there were now 92 registered playing members, of which 64 have played at least one game. JP will in future acknowledge applicants.

AG will liaise with CY over friendlies and ask JP to put on the website. We plan to play some friendlies in September. **Action AG.**

AG summarised news from the National Management Committee. There were currently several disaffected counties, mainly from the north of England. The Norfolk policy will be to evaluate any concrete proposal from them, but will not lead on it. JP summarised the situation over the suspension of National Committee member Andrew Gallant.

Kit was discussed. AG will reorder sweaters and JP will reorder caps. **Action: AG & JP.**

AG reported on Norfolk players in the Norfolk & Suffolk O75s coming back under the aegis of the Norfolk Seniors. The O75s organiser, Mike Smith, wants no change for this season. It was agreed that the issue should be brought up at our AGM.

Under any other business:

AL has not yet done anything on the website yet; an initial discussion of O50s team(s) and captain(s) was held; an initial discussion of honorary positions on the Committee for 2021 was held; Paul Clayden’s contributions to the Club was highlighted and applauded.

The meeting closed at 21:06