*Minutes of a Steering Committee Meeting held on 1 August 2022 at Diss CC starting at 19:30*

Present: President, Mervyn Mann; Chair, Andy Gregory; Secretary, Joe Perry; Treasurer, Mike Banham.

Apologies: Vice-Chair, Ian Parkin.

1. Disciplinary

It was agreed unanimously to request the Vice-Chair to convene an Internal Club Enquiry regarding a disciplinary matter.

It was agreed unanimously that an email should be sent to another individual regarding a separate disciplinary matter. **Action: JP will draft this for approval by the Steering Committee**

2. Treasurer’s report

The Treasurer, MB, reported who had still not paid their match fees, despite an email from the Treasurer and follow-up from the Captains. He will email those still in arrears. The Club has

£5186 in our account; we are owed around £360 in match fees (see above); we have paid out £2000 already to Umpires/Scorers; we have paid £300 for caps; we owe around £1000 for grounds and a similar amount to scorers. The 100 Club brings in around £120 per month and is progressing satisfactorily. Fourteen games have been called off which has resulted in a loss of c. £1000, slightly offset by 14 match balls remaining in stock. MB expressed satisfaction with the state of the accounts and consequently felt able to approve the use of a minibus for long away trips for up to four teams involved in National playoffs with an appropriately raised match fee. AG thanked MB for his report

3. Club Facebook page

It was agreed to raise this matter during the next Executive Committee meeting to get the Media Secretary’s opinion. Provisionally, the Steering Committee were in agreement that: (1) the Facebook page could become a closed group, with membership of the group open to both Norfolk Seniors members and to interested non-members; (2) the page should be for factual information only, not for opinions to be expressed.

4. Need for Committee Meetings

With the increase in the size of the Club, AG thought it was reasonable for a Steering Committee composed of President, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Chair to meet regularly, say every two months, and for the full Executive Committee to meet every four months. Also, that Captains should be asked to submit written reports to the Steering Committee ahead of meetings. He noted that this would need a change in the Constitution. MM stated a strong preference for face-to-face meetings of the Steering Committee.

5. Player selection issues

MM had ideas which he is currently developing to announce at or just after the next AGM. It was agreed that there is now good movement of players between teams.

6. Captains for next year

JP noted that the Constitution needs amending to bring the choice of Captains within the remit of the Steering committee as foreseen in item 4. There followed initial discussions regarding Captains for next season. **Action: JP to attempt to find out from NMC what changes if any there will be to rule 4.2 on underage players for season 2023.**

7. It was noted by AG that relations between our Club and the NCB were good.

8. Despite attempts to organise them, there would be no President's day or Golf day this year. Attempts will continue to be made to arrange these for next year.

9. MM and AG felt that the Steering Committee should develop a Stragic Plan for the Club. AG reported that progress over the last four years had been good, with a doubling of members, two O50s teams, a third, friendly O60s/70s team, all of which should continue. MB noted that Captains could do more to liaise over selection for the friendly Nomad’s side. AG and MM both felt we needed to recruit not just more players but more players of higher-quality such as EAPL or County standard.

10. AG reported that the Black Sheep team was in danger of folding and repeated the view that Norfolk Seniors should attempt to rescue them by incorporation into our Club. AG said that prior to our AGM we need to think about what changes there might need to be to our Constitution to facilitate this.

11. The Norfolk-Suffolk Casuals O75 team and the EAVL teams were discussed but it was agreed that no specific action is required at present.

12. There being no further business the meeting was closed by AG at 21:35.