**Minutes of the Norfolk Seniors Committee Meeting**

**held Thursday 13th October 19:30**

**at The Last Pub Standing, 27-29 King St, Norwich NR1 1PD**

*Apologies*  were received from GRS, NI, MM, ISP, AK, MC

*Minutes* The Minutes of the meetings held 16 March, 1 August and 12 September had been circulated prior to the meeting and were deemed correct. There were no matters arising.

*Treasurer’s Report* MB recalled that we had £4811 in our account at the start of the season and reported that we expected to end the year with around £2800. The deficit of £2000 was largely accounted for by one-off payments, but we need to secure funding to cover about £1800 of costs for next season. MB noted that £1200 of this would come from the welcome 100 club income. MB proposed and the meeting unanimously agreed to recommend an increase of £2 in match fees to £12, to cover the projected shortfall. Pitch payments are expected to be £60 next year.

*Membership report*

JP reported that we had 129 registered members. MB noted that only 95 of the 129 players registered had played in at least one match this year. Those who did not play came mainly from O50s and O70s.

*Captains for 2023*

The following were selected unanimously: O50s 1st XI – Neil Irons; O50s 2nd XI - Roger Carpenter; O60s 1st XI - Graham Taylor; O60s 2nd XI - Chris Palmer; Nomads 60s/70s - Mike Banham; O70s - Ian Parkin. It was noted that a substitute may need to be found if Neil Irons could not accept the O50s 1st XI captaincy due to work commitments.

*Arrangements for Club Dinner*

Only 25 members (+15 partners) had booked this year and it was unlikely, with this level of support, that CP would arrange the dinner next year.

*Players and Clubman of the Year*

The captains’ nominations received thus far were: O50s 2nds - Mark Spillett; O60s 1sts - Robin Yates; O60s 2s - Robin Konieczcy. [Before the minutes could be completed the O50s 1sts nomination was received for Sapumal Hetherage.]. It was agreed that nominations of up to three members for Clubman of the Year should be sent by Committee Members to the Secretary, who would collate the results and report back.

*Arrangements for 2022 AGM*

The time, date, and location of the 2023 AGM had already been circulated. JP went over the proposed changes to the Constitution and explained the reasons for them. AL reiterated his intention not to stand again for the post of Media Secretary. JP agreed to invites Kevin Denmark to the 2023 AGM. JP set out the cases for proposals for Honorary Life Membership: John Lund, Martin Pearse, Richard Taylor; these would be voted on at the AGM. JP apologised to RC for not copying him in to the outcome of a disciplinary issue of one of his players.

*100 Club*

AL reported that this is going well with membership in the 90s; there is a balance of £450 with three draws to go. Next year, James Kay has volunteered to take this over; he will seek a co-organiser. MB will liaise with James Kay over accounting arrangements.

*Sponsors*

In the absence of NI, this was not discussed.

*National Management Committee issues*

JP related draft proposals made by Essex regarding under-age player restrictions and a proposal from Two Counties to join the Championship.

*Malta Tour 2023*

Harold van Zanten was reported as being confident that this would go ahead for an O60s team.

*Fixture and advertising booklet 2023*

AG volunteered to progress this and to liaise with GRS over printing.

*Black Sheep CC*

It was agreed that The Black Sheep CC had done good work for charity over many years and that it would be a shame if they had to cease activities. The Committee agreed that the Norfolk Seniors could help to support the Black Sheep as long as the accounts of the two clubs were kept completely separate and that there was no need to change the Constitution of the Norfolk Seniors. Members would be encouraged to put themselves forward to play for the Sunday Black Sheep games. It was noted that the Black Sheep would need a new secretary, chairman, fixture secretary and match manager; AG agreed to cover some of these roles.

*Facebook page*

AG will maintain it as at present, as an open page, but will monitor it more closely.

*Any other business*

AG said that he thought the Norfolk Seniors should continue to maintain contact with East Anglian Veteran Ladies if they needed tangible support in the future, but should not proactively maintain links otherwise. All were agreed.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21:28.