**Minutes of the Norfolk Seniors Committee Meeting**

**held Wednesday 20 October 2021 at 19:30**

**at the Last Pub Standing, King Street, Norwich NR1 1PD**

The Chairman welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from AK, MB and GR.

The Minutes of the meeting held 15 September were approved; there were no matters arising.

The Treasurer, MB, had submitted a short report on Club finances. The Projected balance for November 2021 is approximately £4350 after provision for debts involving ground hire, caps and defibrillator maintenance. This balance is healthy and represents a slight excess of income over expenditure for the year. At this stage, MB would recommend no change for collection methods or match fees next year unless the covid situation eases sufficiently to allow cricket teas to resume, in which case an increase of £2 may be necessary. (The provision of teas will be at the Captains’ discretion). This will be reviewed for the AGM. MB said that any sponsorship captured should be done before the start of next season and used for the benefit of the entire Club, not just a single team. A significant expense of c. £500 is expected during the close season for defibrillator maintenance. It was recalled that the match fee charged is good value for money as it includes allowance for umpire, scorer and ground hire; and that the lack of subscription implies a pay as you play strategy. JP agreed to make this clearer in any recruitment literature. The Committee agreed unanimously with the proposed policy of the Treasurer.

Formal approval was given for an O50s 2nd XI to join the 50+ 2nd XI County Championship. AG agreed to submit the formal application.

**Action: AG**

Formal approval was given for the formation of an O60s/O70s Friendly XI. The preferred day for playing was agreed to be Wednesday. The Committee agreed that Mike Banham should be the Captain. The side may develop into a future Championship O60s 3rd XI / O70s 2nd XI.

The final recommendations of the Executive Committee for Captains for 2022, to be announced at the forthcoming AGM were:

O50s 1st XI Neil Irons

O50s 2nd XI Roger Carpenter

O60s 1st XI Mike Cusack

O60s 2nd XI Geoff Roper

O60s/O70s Friendly XI Mike Banham

O70s Geoff Saunders

AG outlined the benefit he foresaw of a President’s XI match, as being an opportunity to invite good players of age over 40. They would hopefully see the spirit of fun and competitiveness in our games and be attracted to joining the Club in the near future. Three players over 45 were mentioned in discussion: Alfie (Topcroft); Chris Brown (Horsford); Phil King (Old Buckenham)

It was noted that the following valid nominations had been made thus far for Officers of the Club:

*Post Nomination Proposer Seconder*

President Mervyn Mann Joe Perry Andy Gregory

Chair Andy Gregory Alan Lithins Carl Yallop

Secretary Joe Perry Andy Broughton Geoff Saunders

Treasurer Mike Banham Andy Gregory Carl Yallop

Media Secretary Alan Lithins Andy Broughton Carl Yallop

These nominations will be broadcast to the Membership when the Secretary sends out the AGM details and the Members will be invited to submit further nominations. There were no nominations on 20 October for the posts of Vice-Chairman or Fixture Secretary, although valid nominations were received after the meeting .

Five draft motions for changes to the Constitution were discussed and, after amendments were agreed, were as follows :

(i) Draft for President’s terms of reference, to be inserted between current lines 2 and 3 of Appendix C to the current (2020) Constitution:

“President’s terms of reference

The President:

(a) occupies an honorary position, appropriate for a senior, well-respected member of the Norfolk cricket community, and acts as a figurehead for the Club.

(b) takes a responsible overview of the Club and, through effective communication, provides leadership and support to the Executive Committee and the Members of the Club.

(c) makes arrangements for and presides over an annual President’s XI match.”

(ii) Draft for Vice-Chair’s terms of reference, to be inserted after the Chairman’s terms of reference and the Hon. Treasurer’s terms of reference in Appendix C to the current (2020) Constitution:

“Vice-Chair’s terms of reference

The Vice-Chair:

 (a) chairs Executive committee meetings in the absence of the Chairman.

 (b) liaises closely with the Chairman on Executive Committee business

(c) is responsible for protection, ensuring that the duty of care to members (outlined in the objectives of the Club in section 2 of the Constitution) is fulfilled.

(d) is responsible for the maintenance and use of defibrilators.

(e) acts as a source of advice on current best practice regarding safeguarding issues, such as conditions where play was unadvisable on medical grounds.”

(iii) Draft to amend the current (2020) Constitution in sections (c,d) of Captains’ Terms of Reference in Appendix C and, similarly, section (e) of Selection Policy in Appendix B:

Replace in Appendix C:

“c) shall select the strongest side for all competitive matches in accordance with Appendix B, Selection Policy, of the Constitution

d) shall only select players who are currently resident in Norfolk or who are currently playing for a cricket club affiliated to the Norfolk Cricket Board.”

by

“c) shall select the strongest side for all competitive matches in accordance with Appendix B, Selection Policy, of the Constitution, and, before the side is announced, shall liaise with all the Captains of the other Club sides to facilitate any required movement of players between teams and allowable age-groups.

d) shall only select players who were born or are currently resident in Norfolk or who are a registered playing member for a Norfolk club side or a club affiliated to the NCB and/or the NRCA.”

and

Replace in Appendix B:

“e) that only players living in Norfolk or playing regularly for Norfolk Club sides would be eligible for selection.“

by

“e) that only players born or living in Norfolk or a registered playing member for a Norfolk club side or a club affiliated to the NCB and/or the NRCA would be eligible for selection.“

Draft to amend the current (2020) Constitution in section (d) of Media Secretary’s Terms of Reference in Appendix C:

Replace in Appendix C:

The Media Secretary

a) is responsible for promoting the Club in local media

b) shall contact all leagues in Norfolk with a view to recruiting players for all age group sides

c) shall publish the team results in local newspapers wherever possible

d) shall act as one of the administrators of the Club website

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The Media Secretary

a) is responsible for promoting the Club in local and social media

b) shall contact all leagues in Norfolk with a view to recruiting players for all age group sides

c) shall publish the team results in local newspapers wherever possible, and on PlayCricket and social media

d) shall act as one of the administrators of the Club website, and of PlayCricket and of each of its social media sites

Draft proposal to amend the current (2020) Constitution in section (d) of Selection Policy in Appendix B:

Replace in Appendix B:

“d) that no age-eligible member should play in championship matches for more than two age groups. (Common-sense would prevail in an emergency, e.g. a team being a player short because of a late call-off and the captain having to get another player with minimum notice.)“

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“d) that no age-eligible member should be selected in championship matches in any one week for more than one age group. (Common-sense would prevail in an emergency, e.g. a team being a player short because of a late call-off and the captain having to get another player with minimum notice.)“

JP outlined arrangements for the 2021 AGM which will be at 19:30 on 22 November at Sprowston Cricket Club, Barkers Lane, Norwich NR7 8QZ, by kind permission of Carl Yallop.

AG confirmed that trophies had been purchased to award at the forthcoming Club Dinner on Friday 22 October for the following: Neil Irons (O50s player of the season), Robin Yates (O60s 1st XI player of the season), Bryn Clarke (O60s 2nd XI player of the season), Ritchie Davies (O70s player of the season), Alan Lithins (Clubman of the year).

JP outlined current issues at the National level including: an official complaint against Barry Briscoe and another against Clive Ricks; the Secretary, Chairman and Treasurer standing down at the forthcoming AGM in December; Chris Swadkin nomination for Chairman for 2022; and Andrew Gallant remaining suspended. It was still not known whether the National AGM this year would be in person or by Zoom. At the AGM blind copying of emails will be proposed by Buckinghamshire. Another proposal by Buckinghamshire regarding eligibility to play for a county once you had played a number of games would be supported by the Norfolk Committee. A proposal by Suffolk to stop the use of orange balls would be opposed by the Committee.

AG reported that he was expecting some approach by the East Anglian Veteran Ladies team to have a formal link to our Club.

It is hoped to have two indoor nets per month on weekday evenings during January, February and March at Langley School, Taverham, for which we are in credit. GRS agreed to arrange.

**Action: GRS**

AG reported that The Malta Tour would go ahead in early 2022 and the Committee thanks Harold van Zanten for his organisation. Twelve players, a scorer and four non-players plan to attend.

Under Any Other Business, at the end of their final Committee meeting CY and AB were again thanked for their contributions to the Club.

GRS reminded the Committee that a chief paramedic had volunteered to present a course on the use of defibrillators. GRS agreed to arrange this during early 2022.

**Action: GRS**

MB agreed to purchase one new defibrillator and to arrange maintenance for the existing ones.

**Action: MB**

AL volunteered to take forward the proposed 100 Club, developed by GRS.

**Action: AL**

There being no further business AG declared the meeting closed at 21:47