**Minutes of the Norfolk Seniors Full Committee Meeting**

**held at 19:30 Wednesday 26 July 2023 at**

**Old Buckenham CC Clubhouse, Old Buckenham NR17 1PQ**

*Apologies* were received from GRS

*Minutes* The minutes of the 24 March meeting had been circulated, corrected and placed on the Club website at <http://www.norfolk50ccc.co.uk/2023.html>. It was noted that pitch problems at Horsford had put pressure on availability of the Fakenham CC ground for the rest of the 2023 season.

*Financial Report*

MB reported that we have c.£4700, with about £5K in match fees due to come in. We owe umpires £1450, scorers £840 and ground hire £1380. We are building a surplus from match fees at £15 to help defray costs of grounds in future years. Projected lottery income will be £1100 for 2023. Track suits will make c. £90. Our projected end of season balance will be c. £7K. Match fees were discussed for 2024. It was agreed that a reduction in O50s match fees would only be possible with sponsorship, arranged for O50s only. The 100 Club is up to date with June lottery winners announced on Facebook as Ben Collinson & Mike Tooke. Pay as you play was working reasonably well this year and we could try to continue with no yearly subscription. MB will ask for four collections next year rather than three.

There have been emails concerning potential support from other counties for Seniors. Norfolk confirmed have no funding available. JP agreed to notify O50 members of the outcome of these discussions.

**Action: JP**

*Performances this season; sides for 2024*

O50s 1st XI lost all games; one problem is lack of availability due to work pressures. Other counties are much stronger. We have no ex-EAPL players. Similarly the O60s 1st XI are not competitive – other counties are getting stronger and we aren’t. Players for O60s 1sts are from Norfolk League teams – again, not EAPL standard.

However, only once have we failed to get a team out this year – the O50s 2nd XI had to concede without playing.

O50s 2nd XI have stated strong desire to: (i) continue playing in a league and not friendlies; (ii) travel to Hampshire if necessary. It was agreed that O50s 2nd XI should continue in their current league.

The O60s 2nd XI are doing well this year with a good team spirit.

O70s have had a good season and are competitive with an excellent team spirit. A possible O70s 2nd XI was discussed, to play friendlies in 2024. However, as this might conflict with the current O60s IIIrd XI / Nomads side it requires careful thought. The O75s Casuals joint Norfolk / Suffolk team might fold next year or soon as the most senior players begin to retire. The Committee agreed that it would be happy to consider a joint Suffolk / Norfolk O70s 2nd XI team. AG agreed to follow up with initial discussions with Ken Jones.

**Action: AG**

The Nomads have had 6 games and this has worked well; it was agreed that it should continue to be casual, on a friendly basis.

*Captains for 2024*

A lengthy discussion was had.

*Ground Hire for 2024*

It was agreed that we would pay a maximum of £70 for those grounds which we wanted, which would include: Saham Toney, Garboldisham, Mundford, Old Buckenham and possibly Castle Rising. It was noted that Fakenham have put their prices up to £80. ISP had suggested that the Executive Committee nominate a club member to be Pitch Hire Coordinator for 2024 and this person would try to sort out all pitches during the close season.

*Non-disciplinary issue between club members*

JP agreed to write concerning this to relevant Captains and others. It was agreed that it was not a disciplinary matter.

**Action: JP**

*Any other business*

The suggestion of internal 8-a-side games in winter was raised.

The suggestion of Swanton Morley and Brooke as potential grounds for Seniors home games were discussed.

There being no further business, the Chairman, AG, declared the meeting closed at 21:01.