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

**held on Wednesday 8 February 2023 at 19:30**

**Wensum Valley Hotel Golf & Country Club, Beech Road, Taverham, Norwich, NR8 6HP**

*Apologies*  were received from NI, MM, AK

*Minutes* The Minutes of the Zoom meeting held 7 November 2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were deemed correct. There were no matters arising.

*Treasurer’s Report* MB reported that the Club had just over £4000 in the bank and just over £100 in cash. Invoices for nets were yet to be received but would be less than previously estimated. MB assured RC that O50s net costs would be underwritten as long as attendees paid £5 for each evening. MB could still not determine match fees with certainty, but was confident they could be £11 or £12.

*Membership report* JP reported that we had 115 players registered to play. There were still some outstanding issues over ECB registration on PlayCricket for nine players: (Dunnett, Edwards, Hunt, Moy, Payne, Pepper, Trevedi, Vertigan, Yarham) – their relevant Captains agreed to contact those players.

*100 Club* MB reported that for 2023 he had received roughly £800 from the 100 Club initiative, but that the disappointingly low number of 37 members were fully paid up. MB will provide information for JP to sendt to all members and in addition will contact those who joined last year but have not rejoined. MB confirmed that the first 2023 draw would take place on 19 February and then on the last day of subsequent months.

*Nets* The error made by the Taverham booking clerk that led to a double booking and consequent confusion on Sunday 5 February was discussed. GS was commended for negotiating a reduced rate for this year’s nets as a result of this error. It was resolved to have our final nets on 26 March instead of 5 March as previously advertised. JP will let members know. Under the worst case scenario the Club will achieve a financial surplus of over £100 on O60s and O70s nets; this will be used to fund outdoor nets in April. For outdoor nets there are possibilities at Old Buckenham and Diss; also at Fakenham on evening of 11 April. IP urged that the Club book indoor nets as early as possible for 2024 and 2025.

*Fixtures*

*Championship O50s 1st XI* NI was asked to update the Committee with further information when possible.

*Championship O50s 2nd XI* RC reported good progress; he is awaiting responses from Chris Baines and Mark Campbell to firm up final details. Fakenham and Mattishall were potential venues to be confirmed. RC was concerned that the O50s 1st and 2nd XIs had several weeks with games on the same day which may cause problems for selection. in response, IP suggested that players are asked for their availability now.

*Championship O60s 1st XI* GT reported on good progress in setting venues; currently he awaits confirmation from Fakenham.

*Championship O60s 2nd XI* CP reported very good progress on venues.

*Championship O70s* IP reported very good progress on venues.

(As of 9 February, all the current information is listed on the Club webpage <http://www.norfolk50ccc.co.uk/championship-fixtures-2023.html>)

*Friendlies* MB reported on his and AK’s progress. AG reported on two late-season games. AG requested that all captains keep AK informed regarding friendly fixtures.

*Health and Safety* IP is now designated as Norfolk Seniors Health & Safety Officer with the NCB (not Welfare Officer as the Club has no juniors). IP reported that all four defibrillators have new batteries and are therefore useable for the next four years. He is currently working on the provision of a defibrillator for the O50s 2nd XI.

*Sponsorship and kit* GS reported that Double G prices had gone up but only by £1. GS said we can currently get an ordinary shirt with sublimation for £25, a good price compared to the average cost of £40. However, GS reported that he agreed with NI’s opinion that we should not seek sponsorship for shirts for this year. GS thought that instead the Club should go for a track suit or a training shirt. IP reported that a contact of his at Hunts County may be able to do a track suit top for £10 (and possibly trousers for similar amount) and that GG would be able to sublimate it. IP reported that he had heard that the kit offered by the National Management Committee was said to be uncomfortable in

hot weather and that the relevant website was uninformative. MB said he agreed that there were several reasons for extreme caution in following up the National Committee offer.

*Prostate Cancer Walk* AK reported by email prior to the meeting that about 25 were now taking part. AK agreed to circulate an updated list of those taking part with a further invitation for others to join later that week, together with a sample lunch menu for The Gamekeepers. MB said he needs to know numbers by 1 March. AK has contacted the EDP in the hope of getting some press coverage. AK will also send out details nearer the time to the walkers and also those people who have indicated they wish to donate but can't take part.

*Club booklet 2023* AG undertook to produce this once he had received information from Captains regarding fixtures. There would probably be no Presidents Day in 2023. MB said the Club could support printing costs up to £200.

*Norfolk/Suffolk Casuals Over 75s* The future of O75s cricket was discussed. JP reported that neither Essex nor Herts were considering an O75 team yet. Sussex were considering such a team before four of the twelve potential players had sadly died. IP reported that Chris Swadkin, Chair of national Management Committee was not keen on instituting an O75s league because of likely fluctuation in numbers from season to season within counties. It was agreed that Norfolk O70s who wished to play for the Norfolk/Suffolk Casuals O75s should continue to do so – and that this would be outside the auspices of Norfolk Seniors CC.

*Recruitment of O50s* It was agreed that this should continue to focus on advertising in NCL and Alliance publications. Also AG will contact Tim Porter and Keith Grayson.

*EAVL* It was confirmed that Norfolk Seniors no longer have any formal links with EAVL CC, and that there is no longer any Norfolk Seniors O70s 2nd XI.

*Any other business*

*Personal information of use to emergency personnel* CP raised this issue (see for example <https://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/knowledge/lions-message-in-a-bottle/>). MB shared an example form used by hockey clubs. JP agreed to draft a form and IP agreed to ask Mark Campbell concerning containers to put the forms in.

*Club dinner / social events* The Club thanked CP for all his and Sue Palmer’s work in organizing previous events. GS volunteered to put possible ideas forward for 2023 or future seasons.

*Black Sheep CC* AG reported that the Club will advertise Black Sheep games and seek availabilities from our players.

*Insurance* MB reported he was seeking to reduce our insurance premiums by avoiding duplication with risks borne by the National Management Committee’s own insurance, to which we contribute.

*Discipline* As Vice-Chair GS has taken over from IP as Officer responsible for disciplinary matters.

*Fees for 2023* Officials’ fees remain as for 2022: umpires £50; scorers £30.

The 2023 pitch fee increase is limited; all grounds used in 2022 have agreed to £60 for a pitch in 2023. It was agreed that the Club will only pay more if no other ground options are available and, in addition, if specific permission has been given by the Treasurer.

There being no further business, the Chairman, AG, declared the meeting closed at 21:23.