

Minutes of Cricket Committee Meeting 30.07.20

Present at Meeting were Richard Adamec (Chairman), Mark Francis, Carys Stallard, Deb Lewis, Harry Withers, Stephen Bowen & Paul Gilbert.

There were no apologies.

- 1. Net Bookings** - this meeting was called at short notice, mainly in order to review the new net booking system. This system was brought in because of the social distancing requirements to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Only club members are allowed to book the nets, with the exception of Brad Wadlan who is using the facilities to offer private coaching, but he has to book through Steve (the club's Fixtures Secretary). **ACTIONS: Brad has been advised that he will be allowed to block book the nets from 0900 to 1500 hours, Monday to Friday, and on weekends when there are no matches being played on the ground. The committee agreed that he will only be allowed to book three days in advance, but no further in advance. This is to allow members to have priority, as they will be allowed to book seven days in advance. There will be no net bookings on Saturdays when matches are being played on the ground. This is to allow Vale CC players who are involved in playing matches at the ground to practise before the start of matches and during the match. Net sessions may now last up to two hours, but only for full members (social members are still restricted to hour-long sessions). Every session must be booked using Skedda. If there is room on the day, an "ad hoc" booking may be made using Skedda, e.g. a net session may be extended if there is availability but this must be done using Skedda and cannot be an informal extension. Brad is also allowed to book hourly sessions outside his set hours but only if there is availability on the day. These revised guidelines are to be communicated to the club's members by Harry via Mailchimp and WhatsApp.**
- 2. Match fees** - the suggestion was prior to the meeting that all club players should pay a £2 match fee every time they play from the 1st of August onwards. **ACTION: the club's committee decided that in view of the curtailed season and in order to show good-will towards its members, no match fees will be charged during the 2020 outdoor season. No action required.**
- 3. Cricket balls** - it was decided that Harry (First Team Captain) would look after the new balls for Cup games and that for other games, the club would not use new balls. **ACTION: Harry to take responsibility for the new cricket balls.**
- 4. Covid Regulations** - the Cricket Committee would like to record its appreciation of all the extra work carried out by Paul Gilbert in order to make sure that the club complies with all the Covid regulations deemed necessary for a safe return to play. Paul was elected the Club's Coronavirus Officer by the committee. **ACTION: everyone on the committee is responsible for checking the latest guidelines from Cricket Wales and for encouraging a responsible attitude to the implementation of these guidelines.**
- 5. Communication with club members** - the committee has previously discussed making the minutes of its meetings available for members to read on the club website. It was resolved however that these could also be sent out via Mailchimp. **ACTION: Harry to send out Minutes via Mailchimp once the minutes have been finalised by Carys. Carys also to speak to Gareth/Helen about whether or not there could be an area on the club's website from which cricket committee minutes could be accessed.**
- 6. The Captaincy** - Harry has agreed to take on the captaincy of the club's first team after Brendan's departure, on an interim basis.

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7. Juniors' Update - Deb also thanked Paul for all his work in helping to prepare for the return to cricket after the lockdown. Junior cricket has resumed for all age groups and there are two cricket camps planned, the first of which is to start on the 18th of August.

8. Women and Girls' Update - Carys spoke about the return to cricket for the women's and girls' section. There will be a (small) Soft Ball festival at Corntown on Sunday the 16th of August.

9. Any Other Business - Paul raised the issue of job descriptions for different roles within the club. It was agreed that an outline of roles and responsibilities should be drawn up for all roles, from First Team Captain to Fixtures Secretary. **ACTION: a joint effort to be undertaken by all members of the committee to prepare draft documents for discussion at the next cricket committee meeting, outlining their own roles and responsibilities.**