

Hythe & Dibden Cricket Club

Meeting Notes



Friday 10th November 2023 7.00 p.m.

No.	Attendees: Mike & Dawn Bowman; Kailey and James Page, Susan Froggett, Ian Prentice; Jonjo Stovell; Andy Grave, Matt Young	Actions
1	Apologies: Steve Taylor	
2	Last Minutes & Action Points: Most action points from July are on the agenda & will be covered in this meeting. Scoreboard – waiting on Sean to sort a couple of little things, couple of bulbs need adjusting and some wiring fine tuning, it works – almost there, then cover can go on.	IP/ST
3	Ann Howe: Incredibly sad to hear of Ann’s passing, associated with the club for a very long time. Private Funeral with Memorial to be held afterwards and then wake at the Golf club. Further details on location to follow. Family have asked if someone from the club can say a few words. IP has kindly offered if someone could help him put it together.	IP/MB/DB
4	Finances: Bank Statements are still going to the Howe’s address, JS will follow up on this and ensure it is changed. We have had to use some of our reserves to pay for the groundworks at the end of the season. Rained off games and rained off football has not helped but still have around £7K reserves in the numbers club, we really need to push this in the new season. Colts have now got SumUp set up which is working well, all team captains need to push fees payment – we still had people who didn’t pay their membership but were playing. Still trying to cancel Sky, will stop direct debit.	JS Captains
5	Updates from Secretary: League registration form has been completed and gone in. Email sent to club members to advertise the ‘Easy fundraising’ website and the presentation night. Attending a sports workshop on 22 nd Nov at Holiday Inn, will report back.	SF
6	Groundworks: End of season works were completed by SC on his own, mainly due to having to do it during breaks in poor weather, made planning difficult. Need to find a new groundsman for next year, have approached a couple of people from Ageas but put the word out. The people who put on the Halloween event in the skatepark have churned up the ground with a vehicle – MB liaising with the council regarding payment or repairs.	ALL MB
7	Clubhouse: MB liaising with Broadsword regarding works – could start any time after the presentation night. SF explained about the grant – will now be for the decoration once the works have	MB

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	<p>been done, better time wise if we separated the two things. Thanks to the whole Prentice family for the work done on the outside cladding which looks great. Umpires room needs a dryer, JS may be able to source. Boiler has been serviced and fire extinguishers will be serviced next week. Kailey Page may have a contact for aircon</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>KP</p>
8	<p>Fundraising: Try and get as many people as possible using the Easy Fundraising website, so far we've raised £770 but could be so much more. KP & JP ran through some ideas on future fundraising – Cash for Kids; Spot the Ball; Smarties tubs (fill with £1 coins); 'Spin of the Day' KP to find out details, football cards – give them out and let people do them at work. Explore more options for sponsorship and make more use of socials to create online traffic – e.g. Linked In Put application into EM for £500 donation (SF) Apply for the Tesco 'counters' – have done Waitrose before. Make more of Frogbox – highlights reels. Quiz arranged for 15th Dec MB thanked KP & JP for what they've already done, glad to have them on board.</p>	
9	<p>Sponsor/Kit: MB hoping to seal the deal next week with shirt sponsor, asked for £10K over 3 years. If we're going to look at a different kit supplier – needs to be now. Discussed putting the membership fee up to £100 and includes new shirt.</p>	<p>MB</p>
10	<p>Safeguarding/Clubmark: Policies need to be updated to reflect changes in safe hands, there will be additional support from HCB for Clubmark accredited clubs – need to update the Development Plan – please read & comment back to DB. MB will speak to Deane regarding planned indoor nets – anyone under 18 will need a parent to stay, not a club affiliated event and coaches/captains may be leaving themselves at risk – same for nets in Feb. Maybe get other Safeguarding Officers trained who can attend nets? Any volunteers?</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>ALL</p>
11	<p>Colts, Allstars, Dynamos: Training has started, using SumUp for fees which has received good feedback. Short of an Under 9's manager / coach if anyone is available, we also need a Colts Secretary, thanks to Nicky Turtle for work she's done on this previously. HCB have taken over the running of the colts league – otherwise it was due to fold due to lack of volunteers. We will have U 9's, U 11's, U 13's and U 15's next year – can always use additional coaches. All stars and Dynamos roadshow later in the year, will do All Stars, register for Dynamos and see what interest</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>DB</p>

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	<p>we get. Need to advertise more in local schools so people know the facility is there. Suggested that each colts side has a 'team rep' to build up a rapport, then playing adult cricket is made easier. SC might be relaunching the Tony Woodhouse Cup which is a good into for Colts into adult cricket – tbc.</p> <p>MY - If players were available to coach 1 on 1 we could bring promising cricketers along faster, would allow us to bring along prospective 1st Team players earlier. KP/JP suggested running seminars/coaching which would be paid for – maybe approach Gareth Berg?</p>	SF	
12	<p>Social/Bar: Hoping that pitch will be playable on Sat so that football is played and bar and can be open – thanks to TJ and J Fletcher for offering to open up.</p> <p>Presentation Night – 25th Nov, Karaoke booked, will get snacks. R Froggett has confirmed he will not be MC this year. SF ask S Taylor whether he may be available to do a BBQ for end of Colts section/beginning of adults? We have enough stock for this already. Maybe Dave Parry would do it if not.</p> <p>Planning has started for the fete already.</p> <p>DB meeting the Chairwoman of Hythe Live Traders association to discuss Fireworks – they want to take it over too.</p> <p>Discussed charging for events – e.g. presentation evening – to cover the cost of Karaoke – maybe ask for donations?</p> <p>Maybe run another Race Night – still have all the stuff.</p>	SF SF DB	
13	<p>AOB: JP – need another net and training to be opened up to all teams, found one for £269 which could be used for training and match days – send link to MB. MY agreed that nobody gets enough time in the net currently. If we have two nets, could players prepare the pitch or use the previous Sunday's pitch for practice? MB having conversations with the leader of the Ewart Trust re placing of practice nets.</p> <p>DB – please read the Development Plan (on the website) and any comments to her please.</p>	JP ALL	