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Poulton Committee Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY 2023 6:45-20:10 @ Bathurst Towers

Chair: Will Bathurst

Attendees: Will Bathurst, Jody Lawrence, James McLoughlin, Jayne Shaw, Claire Kilby, Lucy Ireland, Rob Ireland (Minutes), Liam James, Jake Harris, Louisa Pettit.

Apologies: David Dunn, Philippa Dunn,

1. Chair's Introduction:

Chair welcomed all. Minutes of AGM on website and committee WhatsApp group – agreed by all. Briefly discussed winter nets – youth nets arranged by LI/WB. WB advised new contact details for Fairford which he will share. Focus for today's meeting is to map out and agree dates for the year ahead.

2. Key dates 2023:

- Next Committee Meeting w/c 20th March, TBC
Action: WB to confirm date/put on Spond
- Coaches Meeting Mon 16/01/23 7pm at ? The Plough, Stratton as deadline for Youth Leagues end of January
Action: LI to coordinate and Chair Coaches Meeting, WI/JL to confirm invitees and provide contact details, enable LI admin rights for Spond/Coaches WhatsApp group
- Youth nets Tues 14th, 21st, 28th March 5-6pm at Farmors Fairford – hard ball ages only for safety reasons
Action: WB to coordinate payment etc and provide new contact details for JL
- Adult/Ladies nets TBC
Action: JL/LP to coordinate and advise
- Senior & u19, u15s Outdoor training to start Thurs 6/4 with decision taken on weather
- Groundsman Ritchie to start Feb hopefully – exact date TBC with WB when contract signed – grounds working days Mon/Tues weekly from this point onwards
- Adult pre-season friendlies TBC – coordinated by JL/Captains – proposed 15/4, 22/04, 29/04 as pencilled in dates
- Adult Leagues already entered and fixtures for 1sts, 2nds and 3rds issued online on PlayCricket with availability requests NB. Minimum age to play in adult fixtures for 3rds is 13 and up or 12 and up if playing for County.
- Bar Committee Meeting – March 2023 TBC to include cleaning pipes etc
Action: LI/JS/CK to coordinate this on Bar WhatsApp group – LP to be added to this group so she can support bar etc on ladies training/fixtures
- Get Set Day 15/04 with afternoon warm up game to encourage engagement, to include bar induction for volunteers with list of essential tasks etc as agreed at AGM, club will lay on fist



BBQ of the season and morning work will be followed by first game of the season - likely an inter-club one.

Action: Update/Review jobs list at next committee meeting to include bar prep/induction

- Youth induction/welcome back and first training sessions Friday 21st April with evening social for all members, [Addendum ?TBC Youth training Thurs U15s + up with adults on Thursdays from 20th?]
- Agreed Senior Section Social nights to be coordinated with when nearby fixtures – 21/4 (Youth Induction), 10/6 (?Quiz night) 21/7 (End of term/School's Out silent disco), 5/8 (?Bingo/theme TBC) to consider catering options for evening socials and Friday nights. Catering ideas included:
 - Investment in new BBQ (see A.O.B.)
 - Sam & Jak @ The Plough?
 - Fish & Chips van?
 - Pizza Wagon – Archie Evans' Mum, as used at Ciren Rugby Club

Action: WB and Bar Committee to follow up and agree what catering/prices to offer. Social Committee coordinated by PD TBC. WB/Mark Chamberlain to liaise with Poulton village.

- Golf Day Friday 26/05/23 with capacity of up to 80 people
- Last formal Youth training Friday night likely Friday 21/7 with Social, but TBC thereafter due to different Youth Tournament/Summer ECB Hundred opportunities to discuss at Coaches Meeting
- Summer camps dates TBC - Gaby Reeves will hopefully be able to do this again supported by other coaches.

Action: WB/LI to coordinate

- Charity Days TBC – JL coordinating these. Combined Club Memorial for August Bank Holiday weekend plus Poulton v Oakridge friendly Sunday game TBC
- 10/09 – last fixture and end of season close down
- 16/09: End of season Youth v Adults friendly then awards and social (?barn dance or Harvest Supper Party ?? to include village)
- Willow Turf Care 'put to bed' dates TBC
- AGM before end of September at Rugby Club/in town
- Also agreed to include Rugby Club beer festival dates in our list given mutual membership/support.

3. Life Members/In Memoriam:

Inclusion for Life Members agreed as those no longer playing but those who we want to recognise as having made a sustained significant contribution to the club. Life Members to have dedicated page listed on website and to be invited to key events during the season by WB/DWD. Plan is for an In Memorium board to be put up at Englands and dedicated page on website.

Proposed Life members:

Mark Higginson, Mark Wright, Neil Shaw, Andrew James, David Dunn, Scott Harris, Ann Shaw, Steve Willard, Rosemarie Chapman, Rosanna Armitage, Matt Genever, Johnny Gardiner, Graham Vinican, Jez Mundy, Mark Leadbetter, Martin Sollis.

In Memorium:



Wayne Tinson, Pat Shaw, Keith Denning, Simon Gordon-Walker, Jim Nunn, Ian Mitchell, J. Stallard, D. Morrison but WB/DWD need to go back through time for complete list.

Action: WB to confirm above with DWD and collate lists, also to check names are spelt correctly.

[Addendum. After the meeting LI proposed to WB that a letter could be sent to all Life Members with complimentary drink vouchers for key events during the 2023 season to welcome them up to the club.

Action: For discussion with wider committee before next meeting on WhatsApp group].

4. Youth Section Update:

LI updated on actions/coordination since AGM which has included:

- Meeting with WB and RI re: priorities for Youth Section and planning December newsletter
- Exploring Youth nets options with dates confirmed at Fairford as listed above.
- Attended CDCA Meeting with DWD – feedback to WB provided which included discussion with Scott from Glos Cricket. Unfortunately ECB cannot signpost families interested in AllStars towards undersubscribed local clubs if nearby clubs have reached capacity and stated this needs to be an informal local arrangement. This therefore does not allow us to have confirmed sufficient uptake given neighbouring larger town based clubs with GL7 postcode. Instead we will put energies into local Primary School engagement and U7s U9s teams for 2023 – details TBC at Coaches meeting later this month.
- Attended ECB Allstars Zoom information session – they are introducing additional format for summer camps model of Allstars/Dynamos for 2023 which may be worth considering in future years as an Easter AllStars pre-season intro camp if Poulton decide to return to Allstars set up. There is a new Allstars logo for 2023.
- December Youth newsletter issued – outlining previously agreed plans for Youth section – positive feedback received on email/WhatsApp/Word of Mouth so far which is encouraging.
- Coaches meeting later this month will consider:
 1. Lead Coaches for each age group
 2. Format and commitment needed for Thurs/Friday training nights to include skills coaches
 3. Agree which Leagues to enter for each age group
 4. Confirm plans for going into schools for pre-season taster/info sessions – WB/DWD are already liaising with Ampney Crucis School via parents of existing players. Other schools discussed included Watermoor (contact: LI/RI), Cirencester Primary (contact via Claire Kilby: Mr Archer/SPOC sports), Stratton (contact via parents of existing youth players and LI), Kempsford (contact: Rick Mendam), Powell's (contact: Jon Maunder/Scott Burry), ?Meysey Hampton (contact: Mark Chamberlain).
 5. Youth Kit
 6. First Aid training/supplies
 7. DBS/Qualified coaches ratios and capacity for training sessions and fixtures
 8. Poulton CC County/District players and opportunities to host a County fixture at Poulton
 9. Our approach to Friendlies/non-league fixtures for each age group
 10. Opportunities for girls cricket

Action: WB/JL to provide contact details for coaches to LI, LI to coordinate meeting agenda, liaise with attendees and book table at The Plough

5. Grounds/Finance Update:

WB stated that Willow Turf Care/Richie's contract is TBC but in hand, cost of materials is increasing, which is closely linked to proposed spending and finances of the club for the coming season in



conjunction with plans to improve our facilities. Currently have £21k in bank however utilities costs are massive given current economic energy costs. Encouraged by money coming in from the 100 Club and huge thanks to LJ for his efforts – 55 have signed up and there is opportunity to join at reduced rate throughout the year, so can push this again at start of season at Youth sign up night etc.

Meeting coming up with Phil Gearing re: Ampney. WB will ask about July fixture for JL. Ampney lease to be sorted out and associated costs. Richie may offer consultancy advice for Ampney depending on Englands workload requirements. Roller is currently wintering - service TBC and roller for Ampney TBC – DWD indicated he would buy a roller at AGM.

Action: WB to chase contract with Richie and agree start date, attend meeting re: Ampney, liaise with DWD and Gramps about this. Follow up for 100 club coordinated by LJ/WB re: standing orders and sign up

6. Safeguarding Update:

CK and WB remain our designated Safeguarding team for 2023, no current issues raised although mindful of safety considerations at pre-season warm up nets, hence decision for U11s upwards for hard ball session, provision for girls sanitary products, consideration of girls kit – are whites best option? Also noted age restrictions for children 'playing up' into adult games as discussed above. To consider if we already have gazebos for use as shade on hot sunny days. DBS and First Aid will be discussed at upcoming Coaches meeting.

7. Facilities Update:

WB met with Englands Management Committee in December 2022.

WB pursuing female friendly accreditation which stipulates that feminine hygiene products are freely available in both pavilion ladies toilets.

Electricity costs are going up – WB monitoring this.

Cleaners needed - **WB to liaise with Mark Chamberlain/put advert on village fb page. Other suggestions welcomed.**

Upgrading pavilion facilities – funding has been considered - particular focus on bar storage area/fridges, showers and kitchen – further quotes TBC as initial quote was prohibitive at £20k+ – **WB to liaise with JH and Fred Bayliss (? via Zoom).**

Additional iZettle has been ordered which will help with sales during busy periods. Existing Wi-Fi is best available option.

JH/JS raised that old football kit is currently stored in loft space – **agreed JH to liaise with football club about this and check what is there in case anything useful ahead of season starting** – such as gazebos for shelter/shade on hot days as this was needed last season.

CK proposed new BBQ is purchased as existing one is unsafe – approved. JS suggested existing funds of c£500 available for this. WB in agreement and **JS to follow this up with GS and JJ.**

LP offered to liaise with LWC re: cooling systems quote for bar space – action carried.

8. AOB

LI asked if Football v Cricket game would go ahead pre-season – JL confirmed no go. LI suggested that JM contacts Crown at Ampney as possible sponsor via Sarah Sparrow. JM muted if we could



offer Ampney CC car park as overflow for pub – WB stated this could have liability issues and impact on club's relationship with village.

Action: LI to introduce JM to Sarah to enable further contact with Crown pub

JM updated Frank Water Charity event update at Corin. Sponsorship letter has been drafted. Boards have been taken down from last season.

CK reminded that there were outstanding thank you gifts as agreed at previous meetings – **WB to follow up.**

JL confirmed that Wednesday will be Ladies training and fixtures, with mid-week T20 TBC. LP suggested Ladies could have training at Ampney on these occasions if required. LI raised that it would be inspiring for girls to join ladies training and watch/get involved in Wednesday evening fixtures. Cirencester CC have been in contact about combined girls training/squad on Mondays at Ciren CC. For further discussion at Coaches meeting but very likely we decline this offer.

WB & LP acknowledged that our Ladies squad has lost key players from 2022 season so recruitment is needed. WB confirmed this set up would also allow for Richie and his team to focus on grounds on Mondays and Tuesdays. JL acknowledged there would be some U13s Tuesday evening fixtures depending on which leagues are entered while Wednesdays

WB thanked those in attendance for joining and meeting was closed at 20:10.

Next committee meeting w/c 20th March but will be confirmed along with venue/time via Spond.