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Poulton Committee Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2023 6:30-20:10 @ The Talbot

Chair: Will Bathurst

Attendees: Will Bathurst, Dave Dunn, Mark Leadbeater, Jody Lawrence, Lucy Ireland, Rob Ireland (Minutes), Liam James, Jake Harris, Louisa Pettit.

Apologies: Jayne Shaw, Claire Kilby, Philippa Dunn,

1. Chair's Introduction:

Chair welcomed all. Minutes from previous meeting shared via Committee Whatsapp earlier today for ease of reference.

2. Youth Section Update:

- Setting up for season by LI. Coaches meeting since last committee meeting, also supporting WB with queries from new members, organising Trello, Spond, entering leagues etc. CDCA has been entered and listed on PlayCricket/Spond/website. GYCL hasn't been announced yet so unable to book friendlies though other clubs have indicated interest.
- **ACTION: LI, JL, WB to coordinate friendlies as agreed in Coaches meeting once GYCL fixtures listed. LI to chase with Scott Tremain if not heard by end of March.**
- LI wrote to all local Primary Schools, sessions initially pencilled in before Easter but have been postponed until after Easter if needed – several local schools have shown interest. This would be for a one-off free taster session at each school and/or to invite them to Youth Induction night.
ACTION: WB to follow up directly with schools and consider next steps after Easter depending on Youth numbers at induction. LI to share flyer with local schools, WhatsApp groups and social media once completed by LJ. Aim to get this circulated by end of this school term.
- WB explained we are already ahead of last season with Youth numbers. Lots of interest from other clubs. Encouraging numbers for U9s. May need to consider maximum numbers for U11s and U13s. U13s has potential to be a particularly large age group this season.
ACTION: WB/LI to monitor numbers, particularly if trend to transfer from Ciren CC impacts on numbers to ensure coach ratios are maintained.
- Youth nets have started Tues 14th, 21st, 28th March 5-6pm at Farmors Fairford – hard ball ages only for safety reasons. Supported by WB, DD, RI, JL – encouraging numbers so far.
ACTION: WB to invoice after nets for payment
- Get into Cricket Volunteering programme for 14-17 year olds will begin this month – 3-4 Poulton members signed up who will be an asset for Friday nights/summer camps support. They can support training/fixtures so long as a DBS qualified coach is present.



ACTION: LI to find out who has signed up and encourage them to support Friday nights. LI to liaise with Gareth Dawson re: hosting Groundskeeping course in May.

- Friday nights will be main Youth training night in 2023 as agreed last season, confirmed at AGM and in our last committee meeting. This will need support from committee and coaches to succeed. U15s and U19s on Thursday evening alongside Seniors to build confidence etc. DWD advised he is unable to support Friday evenings this season. WB stated agreed at AGM Friday nights for majority of age groups as a way to increase footfall and takings on Friday nights which is important this season from financial perspective. All comms to wider club and committee has promoted Friday nights Youth training. LI has emailed some of the senior players who had previously offered to support Fridays such as Gramps, James Newman, Liam, Jake, Bob Lambie. JL stated Gramps and Fred mindful there is work to be done on the ground too. Liam and Jake said they would be happy to come along to Friday Youth training once a month. RI confirmed AGM had agreed complimentary drink for all those who support coaching session on a Friday night.

AGREED: Friday Nights will remain main youth training night for U7-U13s. Given size of U13s squad and due to DWD availability as U13s Lead coach, an extra U13s nets session will be offered on Mondays for this age group. This will be coordinated and run by DWD and JL. U13s on Friday nights will need to be supported by other coaches too. GYCL and CDCA leagues have been entered for U13s so lots of upcoming fixtures for them. LI will continue to promote Fridays Youth Training with Induction night on Friday 21st April. LJ will send LI the flyer so this can be circulated.

- Coaches per age group discussed: U7s TBC ? Fred/Sue to help, ?JL/WB/Max, U9s RI plus Will Ireland as Get into cricket Volunteer, U11s WB with RI support, U13 DWD with JL, U15s Mark Robbins, U19s Jack Kilby to run squad with support from JL. All fixtures after A Levels for U19s. JK also signed up for First Aid training.

ACTION: WB to follow up DBS for identified volunteers ahead of season. LI to consider rota/sign up sheet to review at Induction evening for Seniors/Volunteers.

- Club kit for Youth section: WB updated that Lord Taverner's collection points are needed and may volunteer Poulton CC but storage is a consideration. LI added that Sarah Sparrow has offered to support second hand kit coordination.

ACTION: LI to contact Sarah, WB to follow up with her. WB to consider provision of U7s/U9s t-shirts by Gray Nicholls. ?Sample Poulton CC kit/Second hand kit sale at induction on 21st April – LI to discuss with CK and Sarah Sparrow.

3. Upcoming courses:

- First Aid Course on 25/4 at Englands is now full (12), Umpire course 18/4 with sign up on Spond. WB explained there are upcoming changes for adult cricket rules re: player umpires. WB explained beneficial for club to host Umpiring course.

ACTION: Captains to promote Umpire course to squads. WB to monitor uptake. First aid kits need to be replenished. To refill on 15/4 at Get Set Day ahead of season.

4. Pavilion:

WB explained previous electricity contract has expired. New contract expensive. Large bills over the Winter. WB took meter reading at end of last season. Discussion followed about how electricity usage has been so high over Winter and whether this could be due to immersion being left on. WB reminded committee that the pavilion is not the cricket club's liability. WB said financial situation is serious for the club, need a combined club effort on the bar this season. All committee input to make it work this



season. Prices will go up, streamline stock, everyone support food sales to maximise takings. Cricket club is in a good position with donations and sponsors coming in. LJ mammoth efforts in fundraising with 100 club and Golf Day which has been fantastic.

ACTION: DWD kindly agreed to check if immersion on. May need electrician to check consumption of goods, such as old fridge/freezer etc. Committee to support bar sales this season, particularly on Friday nights and weekends.

5. Socials/Club comms:

All members will receive communications via Spond including club wide events in separate Spond group. All club comms should be via Spond with WhatsApp as 'urgent/on the day' related updates and signposting to Spond for more information.

ACTION: Committee encouraged to use Spond as main comms route this season, particularly for Youth section.

6. Squads for 2023:

Trello project management tool has been used to track membership. We are down on some senior players. New enquiries are also added and tagged to the relevant coach/team manager. Introducing U7 this season and engaging U9 is priority. Saturday 15th April is listed as Get Set Day and agreed at diary review in January's meeting. WB noted he is aware this clashes with stags dos and upcoming weddings during the season.

ACTION: WB asked Captains and committee to liaise with squads and encourage sign up ahead of season. WB asked Captains and coaches to coordinate with club dates and commitments. Asked Captains to get availability sorted early ahead of wedding dates.

7. Life members/in memorium:

Re-cap for benefit of DWD from last minutes: 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 and sadly recent addition of Rich Mendum.

ACTION: DWD to check above list with any additions and email this to WB. Also to check names are spelt correctly.



8. Overseas player:

WB explained Kieran Yould is keen to return for this season and has applied for ancestry visa. He will need a job and accommodation agreed in advance if this is viable. Agreed would be welcome as a player and to support coaching so long as practicalities are in place beforehand.

ACTION: DWD to contact Howard to find out if job is available again. JM to see if Coren are taking interns May-Sept. WB asked for ideas on accommodation. Agreed not appropriate to ask families of youth players to host this season. JH stated his sister may have a room available to rent.

9. Fundraising Update:

- LJ has been working hard on Golf Day. Need promotion and buy in. Also looking for raffle prizes.

ACTION: Asked committee to publicise and DWD and JM to submit 4 balls names to WB. Raffle prizes - please let LJ know of ideas and once these have been secured.

- 100 Club – doing well already – massive thanks to Liam.

ACTION: Promote at start of season to sign up remaining numbers. LJ also considering a sponsored bike ride.

10. Ground Update:

WB advised that Richie has done 4 days. Fertilizer and cutting. Weather terrible. Once hardens up can start rolling and further prep. Gramps friend to look at roller. Richie has his own mower. Need mower for boundary/rest of ground.

WB raised that increased dog fouling at ground despite existing signage and implications this has. ML asked if extra signage or comms to Poulton village about use of ground by Youth could discourage local dog owners from allowing dogs off lead when exercising during cricket season.

ACTION: Consider options for mower and roller – WB to follow up. Promote Youth induction via Village Facebook page as a reminder about how the ground is an active sports facility during cricket season.

Ampney: WB met Phil Gearing – outlined options to him. Has chosen for Poulton CC to be lease holder with ground prep. Large water bill has been an issue. Not Poulton CC liability. Ampney was not put to bed for winter.

ACTION: DWD agreed to sort prep of Ampney ground, liaise with Jimmy B and support with upcoming meetings.

11. GCCL Update:

SGM at Hatherley & Reddings next Tuesday 28/03/23 at 7:15pm. Jake to attend. Purpose is to get the teams together to discuss upcoming season. Home scorers only for this season.

ACTION: JH to attend meeting next week

12. GCF Update:

WB representative for Equality & Diversity committee at County level. New code of conduct regulation including off field behaviour and how communicate/represent the club in comms, such as club



associated WhatsApp groups. WB explained to committee that we need to be very clear that we cannot have poor behaviour at our club. We have a committee wide responsibility to push a good inclusive culture. It is hopeful that we have enough girls for their own team this season which we should be proud about. WB pursuing female friendly accreditation which stipulates that feminine hygiene products are freely available in both pavilion ladies toilets.

ACTION: Committee to role model inclusive culture and be mindful of all comms from club related channels such as WhatsApp. WB/LI to purchase and install feminine hygiene products in female toilets at Englands.

13.AOB

- WB raised need for advance comms via Spond and buy in to increase wider club awareness. Gave example of poorly attended senior nets whilst decent attendance at youth and ladies nets.
- JL asked about cricket balls – WB ordering balls with junior and ladies balls TBC.
- JM raised that sponsorship letter has been done. WB added he has gmail sponsorship address to email this out to membership. It was agreed that sponsorship from the following would be chased:
 - o DWD to check if Bluestone wish to renew their contribution
 - o WB to check and liaise with Poulton Hill
 - o JM to confirm Coren
 - o JM to check with Jessie Smiths
 - o LP to check LWC
- JL advised that T20 midweek fixtures will go ahead but monitoring if clashes with ladies training as want to prioritise ladies access to grounds on Wednesdays this season. JL has confirmed with PD for ladies to use nets when T20 home games.
- LJ asked about image to use on Youth Induction flyer – WB to check if ok to use image from ECB resources hub. If not to keep blank without picture but in Poulton CC colours.
- LJ reiterated for all committee to make every effort to source raffle prizes for Golf day.
- LJ has been busy at ground ahead of Get Set Day such as cleaning nets, painting fences etc. WB thanked him for all efforts to get the ground ready for the season and all others who have contributed in many ways so far.
- LI updated that bar committee meeting took place recently in readiness for opening up bar 21/04/23. Get Set Day will be utilised to get pavilion ready for season. Volunteers need training on how to clean pipes and install barrels. Simplifying refreshments and bar stock this season. Promoting in house catering/BBQs for Friday Youth training and encouraging parent helpers. Sourcing new cleaner to start w/c 25/03/23 (thanks to Georgie for finding her).
- Considering how best to use noticeboards for safeguarding/club comms – WB agreed to simplify this by signposting to website for updated information.
- WB looking at restarting bins and skip hire/tip run for Get Set Day.
- WB reminded committee about support for Saturdays on the bar and not relying on the same people such as Georgie and Claire. Acknowledged the enormous contribution made by Georgie over the season and there is the risk she is taken advantage of so to ensure she is supported by Captains running the games. Also asked Captains to ensure Pavilion is left in good order, particularly toilets, kitchen and bar area on Saturday evenings ready for Youth fixtures on Sunday mornings.
- JM we have credit with Gray Nicolls – need to decide what to do with this. WB stated he would like this to go towards youth tops for new U7s and U9s members.

WB thanked those in attendance for joining and meeting was closed. To meet on quarterly basis with next committee meeting June 2023, date TBC