



Poulton Cricket Club AGM

Meeting Notes

WEDNESDAY 4 NOV 2020 7:00 PM-8:05 PM

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Chair	Dave Dunn		
Attendees	Callum Higginson Graham Clarke Jack Thorn Liam James Neil Cheesewright Steve Willard Will Bathurst	Chris Thorn Howard Burr Jayne Shaw Liam Smith Rosemarie Chapman Steven Willard	Claire Kilby Jack Kilby Jody Lawrence Mark Leadbetter Sam Denning Toby Jupp
Apologies	Charles Buse James Bryant Louisa Pettit	Ian Musty James McLoughlin Philippa Dunn	Jake Harris Jon Maunder Wayne Tinson
Absent	Plenty Of Players		

• Chairman's Report

7:00 pm
10 mins

Dave Dunn

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- Covid-19 obviously completely altered the season but the club responded to make the best of the shortened season that it was. In a normal season we would have around 60 home games for the various sides but this year the club managed to host 40 games in 7-8 weeks and given this, there are a huge number of club people to thank who looked after the club during lockdown and then in preparation for and during, the season. The Chairman mentioned the following as due thanks from the entire club.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- Caroline Allason of the Poulton Allotments Trust managed to secure a CDC Grant for £6,000 which was a club saver. This money covered most of the bar profits for a normal season and the potential takings from holding a beer festival.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- Jody Lawrence who probably amazed himself with the work he has done and results achieved, as a self appointed team and fixtures secretary. He managed to get teams out every week and excelled himself with raising three sides on a Saturday and two on a Sunday most weeks including once exceptional week with four teams on the Saturday for the first time in the club's history. He also helped run the ladies' side and Under 11s plus turning up to watch the Under 13s and Under 15s games too.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- Rob Watson and Philippa for their running of the Ladies team who had a very successful season.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- Liam Smith who took on the coaching pre-Covid and reacted to the ever changing advice and restrictions in order to get on with the job and provide coaching to the entire club. He took over the U13s and U15s who consequently really felt part of the senior squads training on Thursday evenings, all of this a huge commitment to us given his commute from Evesham.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- Liam James, our First XI captain, who kept up club morale while helping planning and scheming to keep the club enjoying their cricket. He also encouraged our younger players when they were given their chance.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- A special word is needed for Jack Kilby, without doubt the youngest senior side Captain in the club's history and who captained the 3rds to some awesome victories. He has maturity beyond his years and is so impressive.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- The ladies of the Bar Committee. Jane, Jayne, Tash, Claire, Lesley, Emma & Georgie who simply got on with the task of changing the pavilion into a Covid safe environment. They then dealt with all the paperwork and box-ticking required by the challenges. Their commitment to making it the best place possible was brilliant providing us all with a place to unwind, talk and relax quite aside from the seriously important takings that have contributed to the club's financial survival this season

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- Wayne, Neil and Graham, plus the few members who helped get the 40 plus wickets ready for the season. A great effort and thank you all for all your hard word making our games of cricket possible.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- All of the coaches of the Under 15s - Smudge, Rich Evans, Chris Thorn and Mike Jones. They helped carry the team through the season.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- Matt Harman and Chris Thorn who ran the Under 13s along with Smudge's coaching. Many thanks.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- A special thanks to Matt Johnson who ran the Under 9s and to the parents who helped support him.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- My Under 11s again with Jody, Grahame Hilditch and Claire Kilby. We had a great season. We virtually doubled the numbers of children training - by word of mouth. We had many parents who sent personal messages of thanks which will stay with us a long long time. Comments were around how much cricket had affected their family life for the better and the enjoyment they got from playing as a family in the garden or park. Family friendly games were a great success. Parents commented on their children's excitement of just going to training and playing a 12 or 13 a side games. They also said that their children's well being had improved because of cricket.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- All the parents and families right through from the Under 9s to Poulton 3rds for their terrific support in helping with all things cricket including transport, scoring and general encouragement. The enthusiasm of the families was amazing this season

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- So, from all of the above, I can conclude that the 2020 Season was a great success in the face of adversity. We certainly made a positive difference. The future looks good and we know we can rise to any future challenges.

• Treasurer's Report

Steven Willard

 7:10 pm
10 mins

Remarked by Steve Willard

- 2020 has been a very challenging year on and off the pitch due to the emergence of the Covid-19 epidemic. For several weeks from mid-March onwards, no cricket was possible in any form. Then once the rules were relaxed enough to allow social-distanced net training, it meant that half of the competitive summer was lost. This was actually better than the worst case scenario which, at one point, looked like there would be no cricket played at all during the summer. The Government came to the rescue in the form of grants for sports clubs and Poulton benefitted from this to the tune of £6,000. This money was split between the cricket club and the Poulton Sports Committee bank account which covers the annual running costs of the pavilion. This grant helped to replace lost income behind the bar and also covered our inability to hold our annual big fundraising event. So as at the end of September 2020, the club finds itself in a comfortable position, holding £13,588 in the bank. We showed a deficit of £985 for the year but this doesn't tell the whole story. Timing differences relating to the 2019 annual dinner income and expenditure account for a deficit of £1244 and we also paid a deposit of £375 on the 2020 dinner which will carry forward to next year. We are also in credit with Cirencester Leisure Centre due to unused indoor nets booked for March and April this year. There have been several positives financially this year as well as those already mentioned.

Remarked by Steven Willard

- LIAM SMITH CRICKET CAMPS - The third year of Liam's cricket camps during the school holidays earned the club a healthy £521, a great effort given the difficulties faced this year.

Remarked by Steven Willard

- HMRC GIFT AID- The 2016/17 reclaim was received and was worth £1309. 2017/18 is due to be submitted this month and both 2018/19 and 2019/20 need to be prepared in due course so this could potentially provide upwards of £4000 in total by the end of next season.

Remarked by Steven Willard

- PLAYER MEMBERSHIPS / GIFT AID - Poulton Cricket Club took the unprecedented step of offering membership for as little as £5 in 2020 to help individuals and families cope financially with the Covid-19 situation. Many members took us up on this offer and many more paid the full fees despite only receiving half a summer's cricket in return. We were also very fortunate to receive extra donations from some members over and above the standard membership fee. We are incredibly grateful to all of you whatever your contribution. It shows how unique Poulton is as a club and something we can all be very proud of.

Remarked by Steven Willard

- FUNDRAISING - Travis Perkins donated £250 of free ground maintenance equipment again this year and we are also hugely grateful to Bluestone Insurance for agreeing to purchase an advertising hoarding for £250 per year over the next 3 years.

Remarked by Steven Willard

- LADIES SPONSORSHIP - Poulton Ladies were this year sponsored to the tune of £1000 which enabled them to continue to employ the services of Rob Watson as a dedicated ladies coach and also purchase some new kit in advance which the ladies have purchased during the summer.

• EXPENDITURE



Steven Willard

Remarked by Steven Willard

- POULTON SPORTS COMMITTEE. Our regular monthly contribution of £100 per month continues to help pay for the running of the pavilion and grounds. The Sports Committee accounts are run separately from the cricket club, with the aim being that the Pavilion is effectively able to "run itself" using the income that it generates from the bar, the cricket club and the football club. As at the end of September 2020, the Sports Committee held the sum of £9,353.11, a surplus of £1,723 compared with the previous year.

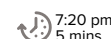
Remarked by Steven Willard

- GROUND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT. The bulk of our ground maintenance spend this year was actually at the end of last season putting the pitch to bed for the winter. The rest of the year was relatively quiet, impressive given that we were also helping out with repairs and upkeep at Ampney Crucis for the 3rd team games.

Remarked by Steven Willard

- 2021 - We have weathered the storm during this tough year and, assuming that everything is back to normal come the Spring, we can hopefully look forward to a full year of cricket again. But we have already proven once how resilient we are as a club and I'm sure we will cope again whatever the future throws at us. It's just left for me to say thanks once again to all our members for putting in so much effort over the year, in particular Dave, Wayne, Jody and Liam. Well done everyone!

• New Club Constitution



Dave Dunn, Will Bathurst

Remarked by Will Bathurst

- The new proposed constitution is to replace the excellent one drafted by Geoff Chapman & Simon Gordon-Walker 16 years ago. This is to bring this document up to date to reflect modern ECB Guidelines as well as modern working methods of the committee for a much larger club such as using WhatsApp, Zoom and Club Websites. It is important for our charity status and club mark accreditation that this document is kept up to date. If supported at the AGM, the new constitution will be adopted immediately. A new constitution is easier than making the numerous amendments
- The meeting was made open to any amendments to the proposed constitution.

- One amendment to be made to clause 4.2 raised to tie in the football club. Amendment agreed and will be reflected in final constitution which will be published on website shortly and submitted to various bodies who require a copy

CARRIED**Moved by Rosemarie Chapman, Seconded by Will Bathurst**


- Motion that the club constitution of 2004 be replaced with the proposed draft with agreed amendment.

CARRIED**Moved by Dave Dunn, Seconded by Will Bathurst****OPEN ACTION**

- Amend as proposed and publish new adopted constitution.

HIGH PRIORITY Due: TUE 15 DEC 2020 6:00 PM Responsible: Will Bathurst

- **Captain's Reports**

 7:25 pm
10 mins

Liam James, Jody Lawrence, Jack Kilby

- **1st XI**



Liam James

Remarked by Liam James

- It was a good season and we finished second in the league with good performances and good spirit in the side. In terms of player performances. Jack Thorn hit his first century for the club and on the bowling side, Charlie Buse finished with 11 wickets and Frankie Cheesewright finished with nine.

- **2nd XI & Sundays**



Jody Lawrence

Remarked by Jody Lawrence

- After struggling with the new playing regulation for the virus, everything soon became normal after a few games. The 2nd XI won four and lost three. Every game was competitive and we only lost to those sides above us the County Leagues. Our Batting was hit & miss in terms of results with scores varying as a result Toby Jupp was the top scorer and second in the county scoring 321 runs. On the bowling side, taking wickets was the issue, it was good to have the additional pace of Neil and Max in the side and it was important to highlight Nat Burr's performance of 3-1 6 at Cricklade which Jody thought was the best performance by a youngster that he has seen. Major positive was the integration of the youngsters into the side with the 3rd XI and Sunday sides as the proving ground for this. Next season the goal is promotion to get closer in standard to the 1st XI. We need to encourage returning to Poulton after games no matter where they are to grow club spirit.

- **3rd XI**




Jack Kilby

Remarked by Jack Kilby

- It was a good season with plenty of movement between the 2s and 3s. The team won 3 and lost 4 in their first season and played with a good spirit enjoying their games. Overall the side was better at bowling than fielding with 70 odd dismissals. Enjoyed the games and looking forward to next season,

- **Election of Officers - The Following Were Elected having faced no opposition.**

 7:35 pm
5 mins

Dave Dunn

- **President - Rosemarie Chapman**



Dave Dunn

- **Chairperson - Dave Dunn**



Dave Dunn

- **Secretary - Will Bathurst (includes Membership Secretary)**

Dave Dunn



- **Treasurer - Steve Willard**

Dave Dunn



- **Youth Section Manager - Neil Cheesewright**

Dave Dunn



- **Men's Section Captain - Jody Lawrence**

Dave Dunn



- **Ladies Section Captain - Philippa Dunn**

Dave Dunn



- **First XI Captain - Liam James**

Dave Dunn



- **2nd XI Captain - Jody Lawrence**

Dave Dunn



- **3rd XI Captain - Mark Leadbetter**

Dave Dunn



- **Fixture Secretary - Jody Lawrence**

Dave Dunn



- **Bar Committee - Jayne Shaw, Jane James, Tash Hughes, Claire Kilby, Emma Peyman, Lesley Thorn, Georgie Shaw**

Dave Dunn



- **Child Welfare Officer - Clare Kilby**

Dave Dunn



- **Website Co-Ordinators - Louisa Petit & Will Bathurst**

Dave Dunn



Remarked by Graham Clarke

- Point of order was raised that even where a sole member stands for a position, the voting process of proposing and seconding is still required. This not the case with either our old or new constitution.

- **Appointment of Life Members**

Dave Dunn



- None Appointed

- **Appointment of Auditors**

Dave Dunn



- **OPEN ACTION**

- None Appointed at AGM, will be handled by Steve Willard

MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: FRI 15 JAN 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: Steven Willard

- **Annual Subscriptions Agreement**

Dave Dunn



- Senior Subs for the 2021 season would remain at the original agreed levels for 2020 before the reduction to £5.

CARRIED**Moved by Dave Dunn, Seconded by Will Bathurst***Agreed by all*

- Men £80

Agreed by all

- Ladies £50

Agreed by all

- Junior Membership fees would also be rolled over from their original levels prior to the COVID-19 Reduction for the various age groups, including the reduction for further children.

Agreed by all

- £50 for Under 11s, 13s & 15s

Agreed by all

- £40 for Under 9s

Agreed by all

- Second Child in a family pays £30

Remarked by Will Bathurst

- All members must have paid their applicable subscription before they can be selected for their first game in order to be covered by insurance. There is also the fact that the club must collect all subs to provide improvements to the clubs grounds and recover from the Covid crisis.

OPEN ACTION

- All Membership tiers for the 2021 season will be added to the Pitchero website along with registration and gift aid forms as soon as they can be and certainly before the start of the year. Guidance on how to submit these to be circulated around the club and all payments for the youth section will also move online.

MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: FRI 1 JAN 2021 12:00 PM Responsible: Will Bathurst**• AOB**7:40 pm
20 mins

All

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- Dave Dunn raised the prospect of new nets for the club having discussed with Wayne. The plan is to find a solution that fits the setting and can be afforded. Graham Clarke offered to help with this.

Remarked by Dave Dunn, Chris Thorn, Mark Leadbetter

- Chris Thorn raised the prospect of covers for the Third XI pitch. Dave Dunn replied that this was part of the discussion with Ampney Crucis as part of a general discussion to formalise our position using the pitch given that we can't really make investments into the facilities, if our tenancy isn't more secured. Dave is currently working through this with Ampney Crucis. Leaders (3rd XI Captain elect) added in support that a couple of opposition sides had mentioned the quality of the pitch being a concern.

Remarked by Dave Dunn, Graham Clarke

- Gramps raised a question on whether financial support would be forthcoming from the county/ECB

Remarked by Dave Dunn, Graham Clarke

- DWD answered that at the current time it was unclear what sort of position the county is in especially as a result of the 2nd Lockdown. We should therefore not expect anything from them, particularly with respect to financing things like covers or nets.

Remarked by Graham Clarke

- Gramps also mentioned that there was an issue with a lack of volunteers from the club especially with respect to supporting the pitch maintenance and preparation but generally with the club. We need to rectify this in 2020.

Remarked by Dave Dunn

- Dave wanted to confirm with Smudge (Liam Smith) that we would be able to benefit from having him with the club for 2021.

Agreed by Liam Smith

- Liam Smith confirmed that he would be helping us for another year.

- Club use of Pitchero for 2021 Season for all payments, membership and team management. This system costs a considerable amount and we do not leverage its use enough. During the off season it is proposed that it will be setup so that all membership renewals and subscription payments for the club will only be processed through. This includes the junior section.

CARRIED**Moved by Will Bathurst***Remarked by all*

- Everyone remarked that it was good to see Sam Denning arrive in the zoom a few minutes before the end
- Meeting closed at 8.05pm

OPEN ACTION

- AGM minutes to be published on various websites and circulated around the club.

HIGH PRIORITY Due: TUE 10 NOV 2020 6:00 PM Responsible: Will Bathurst