



## Poulton Cricket Club Committee Meeting

## Meeting Notes

THURSDAY 16 SEP 2021 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

The Pavilion

<b>Chair</b>	Dave Dunn		
<b>Attendees</b>	Caroline Allanson Jayne Shaw Wayne Tinson	Claire Kilby Jody Lawrence Will Bathurst	James McLoughlin Philippa Dunn
<b>Apologies</b>	Louisa Pettit Rosemarie Chapman	Mark Leadbeater Steven Willard	Neil Cheesewright
<b>Absent</b>	Liam James		

### • Finances Update 2020/21

 6:30 pm  
10 mins

Will Bathurst

- Club still has match fees and small other amounts to collect ahead of end of financial year however even without forecasted gift aid claim of 4K, looks set to have positive cash flow of around 2.5k for the season.
- Chief wins for the season have been
  - The Allstars & Dynamos programme which brought in £1,231 net after ECB fees of £1,119. Several of these children have fed straight into our youth section as new members. Charlie Tuke-Hastings has done a phenomenal job here. Prior highest income amount here was £491 in 2017/18.
  - The ECB/GCB have awarded us £4.25k
  - Member Subs came in at £6.6k broken out across the sections as £3.2k from the juniors, a record £2.9k from the senior men and £540 from the ladies. This is the highest amount collected since 2014/15
  - At time of the meeting we were still due about £950 in match fees from senior members. Despite the lack of Teas provision the goal of charging these funds was due to the provisional cash forecasts that with the nets project we would lose £6k from cash reserves to balance the project.
  - Camps brought in a net £1.2k also after costs with Liam doing an excellent job again here and seeing many rebooking and the busiest year he has ever had.
  - The nets financing has finished with a small cash surplus of £9 on the budget although we still have drain work to do here.
- £1,550 has been spend on pavilion related costs, mainly comprising the monthly direct debit to the sports committee but also waste costs associated with running the bar (waste should be booked on the sports committee accounts).
- Only £792 has been spent on the main ground this year.
- Advertising income has started coming in but we are missing one.

#### OPEN ACTION

- DWD to confirm LM's advertising payment

**MEDIUM PRIORITY** Due: **MON 20 SEP 2021 6:00 PM** Responsible: **Dave Dunn**

- Operating result for the club is positive and the best result since 2015/16 at £1.8k
- Coaching costs came in -£7,225 and income was at £2,445 with some due bills to the Irelands still due to be made.


*Remarked by Claire Kilby*

- Question on the card costs of £624 and what this comprises

*Remarked by Will Bathurst*

- Clarified that these related to Pitchero and Stripe charges for making card payments through Pitchero. Plan is to leave Pitchero in 2022 season and thus halve this. These payments do not relate to Bar Takings

#### • Bar Report

 6:40 pm  
5 mins


Claire Kilby, Jayne Shaw

- We don't currently have the Sports Committee accounts prepared but total revenue through Zettle was £9,775.75 but we don't currently have costs finalised which need doing as part of the regular annual accounting.
- Hope that 2022 allows a more regular bar in terms of barrels.
- 2022 budgeting/forecasting will need tweaking a bit.

#### • OPEN ACTION

- Will to explore Zettle capability with respect to this and stock-taking
- MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: TUE 19 OCT 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: Will Bathurst**

#### • Awards Planning

 6:45 pm  
10 mins

Dave Dunn

- Liam not in attendance to raise points on awards planning. Senior players have mentioned they are more likely to come to the dinner if awards are done on the evening.

*Remarked by Will Bathurst*

- To sort some awards for the Dinner and Dance evening some one needs to do this. I do not have the time to handle it. Trophies need allocating, new ones need purchasing and budgeting done.
- Was agreed at prior committee meeting not to do awards at Dinner & Dance but make it fun evening.
- Has flagged a need to get on top of awards for the 2022 and have re-appraisal of awards as well as adding new awards for 3rd XI and look at the issue of players playing in several squads and thus not being able to win awards, with performances spread out. Something for the 2022 Committee to consider.

#### • OPEN ACTION

- Revisit season awards and organise club event for all teams.
- LOW PRIORITY Due: TUE 1 MAR 2022 6:00 PM Responsible: all**

*Remarked by Will Bathurst*

- Does seem expectation within portion of senior club that events are organised by other senior players rather than volunteers stepping up to organise proactively.

*Remarked by Jody Lawrence*

- Suggestion that the Dinner & Dance does include off the pitch awards, such as club member of the year.

*Remarked by Will Bathurst*

- Must organise more club events next year as a club rather than do things (or not do them) as sections.

*Remarked by Claire Kilby*

- Could tag the senior section awards onto the Youth awards day.

#### • AGM Planning



Dave Dunn

- Plenty of Discussion on dates and November 3rd decided. 7pm agreed.

#### • Survey

 6:55 pm  
5 mins

Will Bathurst

- Excellent response from the club on the surveys which reveal the desire to get the club acting as more of a club with events, easier communication and inter squad relations.
- The surveys have been excellent in getting opinions from club members who might ordinarily not be so vocal as to what they would like from their club.

- They have flagged a requirement to make general communication more open on events outside individual squads. The plan is the new website will hopefully address this and enable us to share news for the entire club in one place that then acts as a platform, which includes social media accounts.
- Play-cricket is continuing to upgrade and may provide the website requirement in the future.
- New website should be ready 4q21.
- Surveys will be annual to tap into club playing base and given every member the chance to feed in on the club.

#### • Clubmark

 7:00 pm  
10 mins

Will Bathurst

- Clubmark application is in. Huge body of work for which we had good support from the GCB. The process has revealed all sorts of shortcomings especially surrounding DBS checks and safeguarding.
- Need new youth manager needed for 2022 as well as dramatic improvement in coach to child ratios. More people need to step up and do coaching.
- DBS renewal schedule is now in the Safehands management portal and ahead of 2022 committee's election, calendar of jobs also added to Trello software for sharing out amongst more members.
- Process has also flagged exposures to the club where if individuals cannot fulfil roles we have other people with necessary qualifications to step in as a stop gap
- All in all a very valuable body of work which has highlighted all sorts of areas where we can improve as a club and what is expected of a modern sports club in the UK and we are now waiting on the response from the ECB having got GCB approval.

#### • Jubilee Event 2022

 7:10 pm  
5 mins

Dave Dunn

- Over the jubilee weekend in early June next year, the village has made initial suggestion that we lay on another beer festival as part of the celebrations. Still in early stages but if we do go ahead with this, we will need another marquee in order to lay on an effective event  
*Remarked by James McLoughlin, Dave Dunn*
- DWD felt that we needed to mirror the rugby club and get a better marquee for events to properly maximise revenue. Suggested that we look at getting a second hand marquee in addition to the one we already have, from a marquee company.  
*Remarked by Will Bathurst*
- Felt that the jubilee party should be in conjunction with the village and look to cover costs rather than generate sports committee income.

#### • OPEN ACTION

- DWD & WB to join village committees on the event  
**MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: SAT 25 DEC 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: Will Bathurst, Dave Dunn**


#### • Englands Ground

 7:15 pm  
5 mins

Wayne Tinson

- Expenditure is where it should be. Gang mowers have been repaired and are working, roller is working, One of the covers needs a look and potentially more drain pipes added to it.
- One of the covers does need fixing and potentially some external advice on it. Wayne needs some help here. Asked the team installing the nets if they knew of anyone. Might be worth trying the county. We ultimately need extra hoses on the cover to remove the need for weights.  
*Remarked by Wayne Tinson*
- Concern raised about field over the fence where the wild flower meadow has not really succeeded.  
*Remarked by Caroline Allanson*
  - Explained the history of this and that the most likely solution will be grassing it over with this discussed at the next EMC meeting

### • Ampney Ground

 7:20 pm  
5 mins

Dave Dunn

- Pitch has been spiked  
*Remarked by Will Bathurst*
- Reminded the need for a lease for Ampney in order to get some funding from the GCBs new facilities grants. Then we can invest in the pavilion and carry out some of the requirements flagged by our ladies' players.


#### OPEN ACTION

- Sort lease out at Ampney Ground with Phil Gearing  
**MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: WED 1 DEC 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: Dave Dunn**
- Success for both 3rd XI and the village of Ampney is very happy to have games there again. Has been a slow start.
- James Bryant has done a super job volunteering at Ampney and we need to look at getting more grounds work done there to improve the wicket. Have been concerns raised by certain opposition players about the ground and we do need to address this.

#### OPEN ACTION

- Committee to consider grounds work at Ampney  
**MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: WED 1 DEC 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: all**

### • WiFi

 7:25 pm  
5 mins

Dave Dunn

- BT have been unencouraging on helping here. Cost is prohibitive currently and highly problematic.
- Player at Bibury Charlie Watkinson who potentially does something with Mobile data. Baler knows him, Jody does as well.

#### OPEN ACTION

- Message Baler on getting in touch with Charlie.  
**MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: WED 1 DEC 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: all**
- Various solutions for internal WiFi but physical line virtually impossible to install given access issues and expense.

#### OPEN ACTION

- Club WiFi to be cancelled.  
**MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: WED 1 DEC 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: James McLoughlin**


### • Liam Smith Replacement - Coach or Player?

 7:30 pm  
10 mins

Dave Dunn

- Discussion on whether to replace Liam with another coach or player
- Concern is shrinking size of First XI squad, so committee feeling was that we focussed on a player but this will be an agenda item for AGM. We do need to grow number of good players in order for 1st XI to compete.
- Need for club players to attract others in.
- Coaching to be replaced by new members doing coaching qualifications.  
*Remarked by Philippa Dunn, James McLoughlin*
- Need to build social media/search engine presence for the club.
- Potentially losing 3-4 regular first team players for 2022 season so must look to replace these ASAP.

### • Winter Nets

 7:40 pm  
5 mins

Dave Dunn

- We have a deposit at Cirencester for nets as a result of Covid Cancellations. they will not refund so we need to use.

**OPEN ACTION**

- to confirm availability to book Ladies, Youth & Senior Nets given our deposit.  
**MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: SAT 30 OCT 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: Claire Kilby**

**• Dinner & Dance**

Dave Dunn

- Bookings are slow and likely waiting for pay days but we do need to let them have booking numbers before the end of the month.
- 30 quid was felt to be expensive for some. There is some concern about COVID.
- Issues with Purchasing on Pitchero if not a member were flagged.

**OPEN ACTION**

- Confirm solutions with non-playing members purchasing tickets  
**MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: SAT 30 OCT 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: Will Bathurst**

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- Review Vegetarian option  
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**OPEN ACTION**

- Remind booking & Set deadline for booking  
**MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: SAT 30 OCT 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: Jody Lawrence**

**OPEN ACTION**

- Remind of Smart Casual Dress code.  
**MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: SAT 30 OCT 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: Jody Lawrence**

**• AOB**

Dave Dunn

*Remarked by Will Bathurst*

- No Ladies Captain currently standing for election, No Secretary & no need for elections currently.

**OPEN ACTION**

- Need to complete drainage around the nets and DWD, Fred, Gramps to install the pipes that Wayne has bought.  
**MEDIUM PRIORITY Due: SAT 30 OCT 2021 6:00 PM Responsible: Dave Dunn**

*Remarked by James McLoughlin*

- Raised the issue of the Selection Committee and how this will be comprised and also the issue of players being in the first XI and not getting games, several youth players have plugged gaps. Selection needs to address this.

*Remarked by Will Bathurst*

- Six genuine responses to the survey indicated a desire to Captain in 2022, three have so far come forward. Selection Committee also needs the Ladies' Captain on it.

*Remarked by Jody Lawrence*

- Needs to better awareness of all sections by all players.

*Remarked by Will Bathurst*

- Need to address the focus on the First XI by the club as too much focus is on 1st XI when too few of the First XI are actually stepping in to help with running the club and being leaders. there is now more to the club than just the First XI and the club squad are too small.

*Remarked by Jody Lawrence*

- First XI squad is too small and needs to grow so that those who don't play ones drop down rather than looking at twos/threes to see who comes up.

*Remarked by Claire Kilby*

- Youth Manager should also be in the mix for the selection committee

*Remarked by Jody Lawrence*

- Regular availability amongst many was too short for every game

*Remarked by Jody Lawrence*

- Need for Committee to be closer to playing members

*Remarked by all*

- Need to encourage more volunteers to take part in running the club but there is also more we can do as a committee to be more transparent and get more involved in the leadership roles and social sub committee roles.