



## West Chilmington and Thakeham CC Committee Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### *Action points from this meeting*

#### **Apologies**

Tim Jarvis, Jason Davies

#### **Action points carried forward from previous meetings**

1. Electricity for the net area – Stephen
2. Some sponsors and handbook advertisers are yet to pay eg. Mansell McTaggart
3. Expenses for Frank's accommodation need reimbursing. Stephen to let Mike know.
4. Some late returning students, and some ladies/girls need to pay some subs.
5. SH would like to develop the handbook for next season so that it contains more information about the club. This needs to be started during the winter months in time for printing next season.
6. A proper marketing plan is needed to increase the number of girls at the club (TvN at Farlington?, target local clubs eg. Rugby, school assemblies, school fundays etc.) Junior committee needs to deal with this over the winter.
7. Glyn wants to make sure that as many coaches as possible take their L2 coaching qualification over the winter months.
8. Glyn wants to set up a junior committee over the winter months.
9. A team app needs to be investigated to collect availability information and match fees.
10. WCSA - Year-end accounts are being finalised for 31/5/18. Stephen requested to see a copy once they are ready.

#### **Finance**

We currently have a healthy balance in the bank.

There are several large costs on the horizon – Amberley (approx. £660), Autumn Renovations (approx. £2.5K), tractor shed.

## **Memberships**

Nothing to report.

## **Marketing/Fundraising**

Jean and Dave have done a great job this season raising money through sales in the kitchen. We have had fewer fundraisers than normal during the season but the ABBA night gave us a boost pre-season. The fact that we have not needed to make a pavilion loan payment has also helped greatly.

We will have an information stand at the Thakeham Village Show and an activity going on as well. **Jason will print flyers and design a banner.**

The volunteers' dinner is coming up on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. A good number of people have accepted our invitation to attend.

Preparations for the End of Season Dinner are underway. This is likely to make less money than in previous years as we are employing a caterer.

## **Junior Cricket**

### **General**

The season went well in general. The leagues went well but there were some tough lessons to be learned from the SJCF. We need to ensure more players get a turn in the league matches to make the whole team stronger.

We came up against some strong teams in the SJCF that had been made up from 2 clubs amalgamating for the festival.

There was some confusion over pitch lengths for juniors between different leagues and the SJCF. Hopefully this will be sorted out for next season.

Next season we need to make it clear that all juniors are expected to try to play in matches when they are able to, as we have some who only come to training.

U19s was very popular.

### **Friday Coaching**

Paid coaches need to be more aware of the club's aims and expectations. so **we need more of a structure for coaching sessions next season.**

U5/6 section caused some headaches in terms of finding a coach.

Glyn will organise a Junior Coaches' Meeting to wrap up this season and make plans for next year.

### **SPP**

The SPP went well but some sessions were missed and those who missed sessions will have part of their fee refunded.

### **Sussex Junior Setup**

Approx 35-40 juniors were put forward for trials. Glyn will follow up and make sure we know which boys and girls were accepted.

## **Senior Cricket**

### **Ladies and Girls**

We need to build up more players from younger ages to progress through the section.

Ladies played all of their matches and collaboration with other clubs worked well.

### **Men**

All teams held their own in their new leagues.

Senior nets will return to Thursday evenings next season for all seniors.

We need a committed 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain for 2019 who can maintain focus throughout the season.

6-a-side final is on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept at Hove with 4 teams competing.

Squad sessions are needed during the winter to especially focus on batting.

The selection process needs to be overseen for all Saturday and Sunday matches to ensure that selection is done fairly and that as many people as possible get a chance to play. A Chair of Selectors may be brought in next season to oversee the process.

Things are improving in the way that we collect availability information but it still could be better and more reliable. We could also ask for availability for next 2 weeks so we can anticipate weekends when availability will be high and look to organise an extra Sunday match.

Our approach to taking on an overseas player for next season needs to be reviewed and planned for.

## **Welfare**

Sussex are using the pavilion for a number of First Aid Courses. Can we get people who missed previous courses booked on these?

We still need to find an Assistant Welfare Officer.

DBS checks are needed for the senior captains and for one of the junior helpers. Umpires and scorers should also be included on the DBS list.

Sarah will try to set up a Safeguarding course at the club.

## **Grounds/Facilities**

Conditions have been very difficult for Jim this season. Pressure on the square was even greater than normal. It is hoped that Thakeham will relieve some of the pressure next season.

We need to make a plan regarding how we propose to use the Thakeham ground next season.

### **Tractor Shed**

We have been asked to be part of a working party to decide on a plan of action for the tractor shed at West Chilt. It has been inspected and the surveyor estimates that it will cost £15-20K to make it safe and watertight. We will have a smaller allocation of space in the shed in future.

We need to organise a date when we clear out the shed and throw away unwanted items.

The WiFi router in the pavilion has been moved and the signal has improved.

## **Thakeham Ground**

Thakeham Astro pitch – will be installed next week.

Work on the pavilion is progressing.

The siting and design of the storage shed is still unresolved.

## **WCSA**

Nothing to report

**Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm in the pavilion.**