

AGM meeting 15th January 2024 @ 6.30pm

Attendees: Callum Mealing, Jay Penfold, Cat, Debbie, Steve, Sourish, Jim, Jay Rendall, Clive, Rob, Jamie, David, Malcom and Sue

Apologies: Andy shield, Andy, Jim Davies, Stuart Wells and Naomi.

Amendments to the constitution wording has now been completed.

Finance:

Total loss of £14,000 this year, this has been £10,000 that has been carried over from the refurb the previous year- however the bar did take £64,000 this is very positive.

There will be no increase in subs and we are not set to make a profit this year, there is around £6,000 in the bank and a strict budget needs to be upheld- if something is not in the budget then 2 out of 4 finance officers need to sign off and discussed with chair (Jim)

Daryl Sullivan has now been employed as head groundsman and he will be supported by Damion, who will be overseeing the boundaries and outfield are in order, also with the support of Ollie Louch.

Match day hospitality for companies is an option for more revenue.

Membership:

256 members this is created by 163 male, 31 female, 121 under 16. there are 39 full sub (some are sponsored) 39 social members, 16 life members and 37 100 club members.

Jim looking into joining up with some businesses in the high street that will offer discount to cricket club members.

Club need a push on sponsorships, for individuals that mange this, an incentive is being considered of a £50 bar voucher.

Bar and Club house:

The club is available for hire, Weddings, Funerals, parties and any other celebrations.

Club needs a social secretary to plan party nights etc, this will be added to the AGM meeting in January for a volunteer.

Possibility of a semi- permanent Marquee- if can get a sponsor.

Ground hire to Uni's and colleges has been successful- Look into contract for South Glos cricket regarding ground use- also ask if they have their own insurance to cover any personal liabilities.

Steve has encountered some problems with nets being booked via the online site, however when they have arrived, they are being used by south Glos cricket without prior booking- new system to be discussed. Uni's and colleges currently pay £100 for all 3 nets for an hour. Individuals can pay £60 for a social membership for the year or have to pay £25ph for the use of a net.

A baby sensory group will be hiring the hall from January until August for once a week, it will be essential the club is left in good presentation after each day, particularly after matches.

Funding:

Current funding is being sought from the Town's trust for £26,000 this will be to improve the grounds, storage units and fencing around the ground.

Malcom mentioned Sodbury Lions also make donations to local youth groups this can be around £100 a year.

A suggestion of having separate banking for youth cricket and the cricket club, however this can be quite tricky and time consuming.

Conversations are still being had with the Peter Harrison Trust around funding for a Development officer for the Woman and Girls section.

Cricket:

- All leagues have been confirmed. Changes have been made to the Bristol and District league and it has now been regionalised. The 3rd team will be in division 8 and the 4th's in division 9
- 1st team captain- Jay Rendall. 2nd team captain- Jim. 3rd team captain James Millett 4th team captain Jay Penfold.
- Woman's and Girls cricket teams are struggling for players- looking for a team manager- organisation of grounds and fixtures and the need for skilled coaches. There will be an U13 North Bristol hub and a U15's North Bristol hub for all clubs that are struggling to form teams. There will also be a woman's league 35 overs with Sodbury and Coalpit Heath and a 20 over league with Sodbury and Winterbourne combined. Woman's and Girls training will also be joint with Winterbourne with the option for all to attend the mixed training sessions.
- WEPL league to start with pink balls, Start time is now 12pm and the decision has been made to keep the white's instead of coloured clothing.
- Teas to be provided in every WEPL match, however in all other leagues teas are optional and decided between captains, only hot and cold drinks to be provided as standard.
- Nets- Steve is looking into making these more secure and how to manage the code on gates. Looking at booking the winter nets more in advance rather than September so we have more options of days and times.
- Scorers- Malcom- 1st team. Rich Febry 2nd team (home games 3rd-4th). Steve 3rd- 4ths Sam vile- midweek fixtures.
- Youth to be educated on ground maintenance. A rota to be used for youth attending games early to help set up the ground and helping to keep the club changing rooms tidy as part of their cricketing journey.

Dates for the Diary

- 2nd March -Rugby club are having a charity day, cycle challenge for Doddy Weir foundation- Volunteers needed to collect money in buckets.
- 15th March Gold cup day.
- 6th May Paul Reynolds memorial match – Details TBC
- 4th June- Golf Day (part of Chris Dents Benefit) 12 teams will play, including Bristol rovers players, Bristol city, Bristol bears etc.
- 6th July Ladies Day
- 4th -11th August Cricket festival at the club including Tenty- Tenty, Gypsy's match on 9th and finishing week on 11th with Gloucestershire 1st team playing Chipping Sodbury also part of the Chris Dent benefit.
- 31st August End of season party.
- 7th September Club presentation evening.

General business:

Wickwar have been approached for the use of their ground by us for the potential of a 5th team and youth games, negotiations are continuing- confirmation TBC.

Cotswold homes will oversee the maintenance of the fixed net.

Ground force day TBC

David Payne has agreed to attend some of the winter youth and Senior nets.