

Camden Cricket Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 23 Bancroft Close, 1 July 2009

Present: Kevin O'Grady, Will Sutton, Martin Baker, Alex Mutucumarana, David Owen, Michael Griggs, Margaret Batley, Steve Robinson, Brian Odell.

Apologies for absence: Alfie Dixon, Nigel Dixon, David Mitchell.

Financial situation: Martin Baker reported that, while the club remains solvent, projected financial forecasts will see the club with a significant deficit of £400-£500 at the end of the season. Of particular concern was the payment of £1370 to The Leys for net hire last season. This figure was not accounted for in last year's accounts and, due to the hire being agreed verbally, we have no written proof. **Action:** It was agreed that future bookings should be undertaken by one person and would need written confirmation.

Although an anonymous club member has generously offered an interest-free loan, a long-term strategy needs to be implemented with the aim of regaining a surplus of £3000. Four areas were suggested in which income could be increased:

1. Subscriptions

2. Match Fees

Martin Baker reported that he had predicted that the following increases in subscriptions would put the club back in the black next season: **Adults:** £80, **Associate:** £40, **Junior:** £30. **Action:** the committee would review subscriptions and match fees before the AGM.

Brian Odell questioned whether those playing members still owing from last season had paid, and the Treasurer reported that only Ian Haigh still owes money.

3. Sponsorship

David Owen reported that **Alex Raha** has stated his willingness to assist in any attempts to procure sponsorship as he has experience in the matter with other clubs. David also proposed contacting Paul Glasswell. Michael Griggs reported that he had sent letters to a number of companies in the hope of obtaining sponsorship for the Family Fun Day.

Action: David Owen would set up a meeting between the relevant parties, i.e. Alex Raha, Kevin O'Grady and Paul Glasswell.

4. Fundraising

Kevin O'Grady proposed that future social events should be run with the intention of raising money. **Action:** Will Sutton would email club members to request prizes be donated for the Family Fun Day raffle.

Selection: The First Team captain reported that relations with the Second Team captain were not ideal and selection was proving a difficult issue. The idea of a Chairman of Selectors was raised, but it was agreed that efforts should be made to get Nigel to cooperate with Alex.

Action: David Owen to talk to Nigel Dixon.

Other Business: Given that last year we made a loss, concerns were raised over Cricket Week. **Action:** It was agreed that **Kevin O’Grady** would contact Pembroke groundsman, Trevor Munns, to confirm the costs.

David Owen reported that there had been a difficulty in getting fixture cards out in time for the beginning of the season. **Action:** It was agreed that in future the secretary would ensure that David has all the necessary information by March 1st.

Brian Odell proposed that ‘Camden Cricket Club Management Committee will conduct the administration of its business within the framework and terms of reference set out in its constitution, which came into effect in December 2004.’ This was seconded by Alex Mutucumarana and adopted by the committee. A particular feature of the club constitution is the need to hold at least three Management Committee Meetings per year. **Action:** It was decided that the next Committee Meeting would be on **Wednesday, 16 September 2009.**

Will Sutton, Honorary Secretary, July 2009.