ASTON MANOR CRICKET CLUB

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE Management Committee held on Sunday 18th November 2023

PRESENT H Panesar, T Habib, P Patel, S Thakor, A Chander, S Haider, V Thakur, M Prichard,

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1. NEW STRUCTURE

Hardeep outlined the new Structure, highlighting Transparency, Co-operation and Equal Opportunity. Sub-Committees to cover the differing aspects of the club, i.e. Senior, Youth, Finance, Ground etc.

1. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Everyone was handed details of their Role and responsibility, within the club, they were asked to read and come back to the Committee if they felt there were any additions or questions.

1. FINANCE

First of all we need to appoint a Treasurer The current situation is not clear as we are still in the process of handing over, there are some outstanding bills to be paid and it seems that when these have been paid there will be very little (if any) monies left.

As far as the future is concerned it was agreed that a strong youth section is required and a draft of a flyer to be distributed to schools etc had been passed to T for printing, it is hoped that these will be available shortly after half term.

Coaches would be paid expenses and need to log in each time they take a session,

Costs for winter nets must be covered by the weekly payment so we need to ensure that these sessions are well attended. Sessions for the youth have been booked at King Edward Girls School (Handsworth) from Saturday 13th January with sessions running with the Under 8’s from 11-12 noon and the over 8’s 12-2 pm.

We need Sponsors – If we are to push for promotion to the Birmingham League we need two pros funding is the key to this and we need to get sponsorship. Martin reported that someone had come on to the ground looking for parking spaces for cars whilst work is carried out on the roof of the flats next to the ground. They were prepared to pay for this and the suggestion was to use part of the old bowling green to accommodate them. This obviously needs to be looked at by the social committee, but it was suggested that at least part of this to come to the cricket club. Everyone was asked to try to obtain some sponsorship.

3rd XI to continue to use the Aston Hall ground with Shozi and Tee to share the use of the ground on Sundays, therefore using the ground every Sunday during the season. Phil to be asked to prepare new wickets and not keep using ones that had been used over and over again.

Pank and Sashi agreed to do an inventory of all the youth equipment – some new equipment will be needed but this will depend upon monies being available.

1. LEAGUE UPDATE

Martin reported that Graham Seal had retired and Adrian Maquire would be taking over. Season 2024 will run from 20th April to 13th September.

Club Umpires for teams in Division 5 and upwards 0 this will include our 2nd XI. If an umpire is provided for a 3rd XI game the club providing the Umpire will get an extra point for each occasion added to their total at the end of the season (maximum of 11 points?).

There will be new result forms for the end of games. All U18 must be noted by both umpires and the opposing team. Ball Orders will be needed by 24th February 2024.

The League AGM will be held on 28th November 2023. Each Club will be asked to vote on a proposal whereby teams who win a division by a large margin could be promoted further up the League (i..e. Pickwick won Division 6 easily and they are proposing that they be pronoted to a higher division than 5). However any promotion of this kind would have to be agreed by the League Committee.

1. SAFEGUARDING.

It was reported that Hardeep, Tee, Sashi, Arun, Martin and Andrea had attended the WCB Safeguarding course at Edgbaston and would therefore all be able to support Pank in his role of Safeguarding Officer. Safeguarding to cover everyone – all inclusive.

DBS checks – Andrea reported that there were several outstanding but it is hoped to be able to complete the ID checks soon. All players, volunteers, etc who take up any role within the club need to have a DBS.

1. POLICIES

We do have a Constitution which was agreed to at the last AGM and needs to be updated and signed by Chairman and Secretary at each AGM and then logged on Clubmark.

We need to work on:

1. Safeguarding Policy for Children and Adults
2. Grievance Policy (managing concerns)
3. Code of Conduct – Committee, players, spectators and parents.
4. Health and Safety Policy
5. Anti-Bullying Policy
6. Recruitment Policy
7. Social Media guidance
8. Privacy Policy
9. Travel and Transport Policy
10. Selection and Playing Policy
11. Inclusion and Diversity Policy
12. Disciplinary Policy.

We need a Registration document for all players – Shozi has one, but it does need updating. Andrea asked for Passport or Visa details to be added as this information is essential for registration with the League. Players need to be given terms and code of condut upon registration.

1. THINGS TO DO

Booking of Winter Nets for seniors

Ground update – meeting with Phil.

Update the Website

Registration online for all youth and senior players

Covers need repairing

All Players (including Youth) to have Club shirt.

New Wheels for the Sight Screen

Repair Nets

Do we have electricity at the top of the ground for the use of the bowling machine?

Wi-fi connection to Score Box.

Andrea asked if was possible to link the laptop to the scoreboard etc. Bedworth have this system in operation and it means that it is easily operated. Tee agreed to look into this>

1. PRESENTATION AND AGM – THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER

Martin reported that all Trophies were now at the shop for engraving etc.

Timings wee agreed at

6-6.45 Youth

7-7.30 Senior

7.30-8 Food

8pm AGM

Andrea agreed to produce the agenda for the AGM

Shozi sorting food.

Presentation to David – a trophy in appreciation of the contribution David had made 2to the club, together with a bottle of whiskey with a bouquet of flowers for Michelle. Andrea agreed to do a card for all to sign.