

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASTON MANOR CRICKET CLUB COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2025.

PRESENT: H PANESAR (CHAIRMAN)
S ALI, A CHANDER, W DAD, T HSBIB, S HAIDER, A IMBER, A KHAN,
M LOONAT, P PANESAR, P PATEL, AM PRICHARD, AR PRIICHARD,
M PRICHARD V THAKUR

YOUTH SECTION

Indoor Update

Baby batters numbers are quite low in comparison with the outdoor sessions, but Abbey reported that a lot of the regulars found Saturdays difficult as the youngsters belonged to different clubs (dance and football etc). Abbey suggested we look at Friday nights next year. The older section there were 15/16 regulars. When we go outdoors the numbers will be better. Again there are other commitments on Saturdays.

Future plans

Abbey suggested that we produce a mini questionnaire whereby the youngsters can give their feedback to the coaches, with headings of – Are you happy, is there something you don't like, how can we improve. This was agreed.

Coaches - Hardep reported that there were 5 on the Coaching Course (Abbey, Mo, Hardep, Toqir and Waqar) and this is going well – this does mean that with the existing coaches we will be covered in the future. With regard to plans for the summer Shozair reported that the coaches will be meeting to discuss the group structure with lead coaches for each group.

League update – Andrea reported that teams had been entered for U10 Softball (pairs), U11 Hardball (pairs), U13, U15 and U17 Leagues. Mo questioned whether we had sufficient numbers to cover all these age groups as last year we had struggled to get teams out. It was felt that with a lead coach for each team this will be easier. Leagues, with the exception of U17 start mid May with the U17 starting in July. Mo suggested a Trials concept for teams and again this was agreed to be discussed by the coaches at a separate meeting.

Girls Cricket

Abbey reported that Girls sessions would be held on Monday evenings – Dynamos for Aston Manor have already been registered with the Warwickshire Cricket Foundation Sessions would initially be 6-7pm starting on Monday 28th April.

Finance

Indoor nets for the youth were running at a small loss, we could do with increasing the numbers.

Safeguarding update

Pankaj reported that all coaches should take the e-learning course on line to cover safeguarding within our youth section. Andrea to pass on necessary information.

Marketing – to help increase our numbers Waqar to advertise the virtues of Aston Manor Cricket Club and the Youth Section via social media.

SENIOR SECTION

Indoor Update

Indoor sessions were going well with good numbers attending. A good net practice. We will as usual lose some players (Andrea confirmed that no one would be transferred out of Aston Manor without first referring this to Toqir). There have already been a few new registrations (there is one still outstanding) and there is room for a couple more. Obviously with both the 2nd XI and the 3rd XI gaining promotion we need to ensure that the teams are strengthened to maintain their position in the new divisions.

Captains – 1st XI Shozair Ali – 2nd XI Zahoor Azam – 3rd XI Vinay Thakur – 4th XI Austen Imber. All Captains and Vice-Captains need to do the Safeguarding online training. Andrea asked if we could extend the DBS checks to all players especially with the numbers of our youth section playing for the 4th XI. Also players are going to be asked to come along on Fridays (a rota to be planned). This will help to link the Youth with the Seniors.

With regard to the 4th XI Austen reported that at least 6 youth players is an ideal mix for this team.

The Over 40's entry into the League will be known next week, but Austen suggested that games with some local sides and against some of our youth players could help the youngsters.

Finance

It was reported that all teams will pay match subs and this includes all Captains. An initial forecast of approximately £7,800 expenditure has been made. So we need to try to obtain as many sponsors as we can to meet all necessary expenses.

Portacabin

The portacabin is now here on the edge of the old bowling green. There will be an office/umpires room, storage room. Changing area for Girls and a female toilet. At present it is a basic shell and plans have been drawn up for the partitions for the various rooms to be put in place.

Black Sabbath

On Saturday 5th July there will be an all day Heavy Metal Concert featuring Black Sabbath at Villa Park. This will affect the 3rd XI who are that day at home to Streetly. Andrea reported that she had spoken with the League who have suggested various steps which need to be taken. First of all Birmingham City Council have been approached to find out about whether Aston Hall Park will be closed, whether there will be any road closures etc. Streetly have been warned that there may be a problem. There is nothing more to be done until we have a reply from the Council.

MINUTES OF AN EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF ASTON MANOR CRICKET CLUB
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The Extra Ordinary General Meeting has been called to approve the updated Constitution for Aston Manor Cricket Club.

The proposed Constitution has been circulated to all members and the general consensus of opinion was in favour of accepting the new Constitution.

AR Prichard proposed that the new Constition be accepted, this was seconded by W Dad with all present in favour.

The new Constitution, as attached to these Minutes was accepted and signed and dated by the Chairman and Head of Administration.

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting.