

Dodgers Committee Meeting

Thursday 8 January 2004

Great Minster House

Those present:

John Adey
Andrew Crawford
Kim Matthews
Neil Benn
John Cooper

Apologies

1. John Carr had given his apologies before the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting

2. Most of the actions from the previous committee meeting were dealt with under specific headings on the agenda or AOB. The AGM was held on 7 November 2003 as planned. The trophies were not in the end recycled as it proved cheaper to buy new ones. Neil Priest kept the old trophies.

Finance

3. Andrew presented the final accounts for 2003. There had been sufficient cash in the account to increase the subsidy of the AGM and Social by an extra £60. There were 21 members who paid their £5 fee. The unusually fine weather had seen a record number of games played and an extra £260 of match fees received. The Dodgers match fee for the away fixture with New Barbarian Weasels at Berrylands (King's College Sports Ground) was £80.

Match fees

4. There was some discussion about levels of match fees for the 2003 season and for next season. Some evening games had been charged at £3.50 and others (generally later in the season) had been charged at £3.00. **ACTION:** JRC to check the last formally agreed position on match fees. It was recorded in the minutes of the 2002 AGM that match / membership fees should remain for the 2003 season as:

- Evening game: £3.50
- Afternoon game: £4.00
- Afternoon game (with tea): £5.00
- Membership £5.00

5. Andrew confirmed that it was within the constitution of Dodgers Cricket Club for the Committee to change the levels of match fees outside of an Annual General Meeting.

Expenditure / General

6. Expenditure on cricket balls was high at £162. The need to keep track of match balls and make sure they were returned to the kit bag was highlighted. The number of net practice sessions for 2004 had been cut after we struggled to fill places in 2003. There were two AGM/Socials in 2003 as the 2002 one was postponed until February 2003.
7. The accounts were formally adopted for forwarding to the Honorary Auditor.

8. New signatories were required for the Dodgers bank account. It was agreed that upon receipt of the minutes, that Andrew would make the necessary changes to the account. John Cooper as new Secretary would replace Neil Priest and John Carr would replace Phil McBarron. John Adey and Andrew Crawford would remain on the list.

'Marketing strategy' for Dodgers recruitment

9. It was agreed that a Dodgers marketing strategy was needed to attract new players to the club. An original poster by Matt Leach had been retrieved by John Cooper but this needed updating. **ACTION:** JRC to obtain original poster from Matt and/or to update the poster to include the website address.
10. Kim, as Fixtures Secretary, would include the website address on all correspondence with potential opponents.
11. **ACTION:** All committee members to enquire about the rules for putting up posters in their respective buildings (Neil Benn whilst still in Eland House, JRC for Riverwalk House and Andrew/John Adey for GMH).
12. John had already put a mention of Dodgers on the GOL intranet in the Sports and Social section. This included a direct link to the website. **ACTION:** All to investigate the possibilities for similar postings on other Government intranets. **ACTION:** JRC to send text from GOL intranet to the Committee.
13. A volunteer was required to co-ordinate match availability as Neil Benn is stepping down. JRC had invited Tawhid Qureshi to fill this role. Since the meeting, Tawhid has expressed a reasonable interest in helping out but warned that he had accepted a similar role within his other team, The Warwick Castle. JRC offered to take on the role in partnership with Tawhid.
14. A similar co-ordinator was required for nets. Andrew would take bids for places and Neil Priest would handle on-the-day duties including filling spots when people drop out at short notice.

Website

15. The website was successfully launched at the end of 2003 by JRC and Matt Leach. It was agreed that formal club papers should be posted on the site including the constitution, minutes of meetings, etc. The match report archive was quite substantial but some reports were still missing. Either they had not been written or electronic versions were not available or JRC did not have access to them. **ACTION:** JRC to create new section for formal Dodgers papers.
16. It was agreed that rights for posting on the website should be expanded to cover all committee members, ex-members Neil Priest and Phil McBarron, plus anyone who seemed keen to contribute and who made a specific request to the Committee/JRC. **ACTION:** JRC to (re)issue Blogger invitations to those above.

Dodgers' eligibility for a SPARTA grant

17. This was an outstanding task from the previous meeting. It was agreed that John Adey should speak to Neil Priest about the conditions associated with applying for a SPARTA grant for the club.
18. On a related note, Neil Benn, who is shortly leaving the Civil Service, would need to apply for associate membership of the CSSC and/or SPARTA.

AOB

Kit

19. It was agreed that an inventory of kit was required. The bags were currently in Phil McBarron's garage. It was suggested that a laminated checklist should be kept in the kit bag so that those packing it up know what should be in there. **ACTION:** Andrew to ask Phil to take an inventory.

Date of next meetings

20. **ACTION:** JRC would set up a rolling programme of meeting dates for the year at the following approximate times: mid-April, Jun/July, Sept/Oct and the AGM.

John Cooper
Secretary