Worlingworth Cricket Club

Minutes for the 2023 AGM – Sunday 12 February 2023 at 5pm

Attendees: Rob Bensly (RB), Graham Mobbs (GM), Bruce Sears (BS), Dan Payne (DP), Sam Boynton (SB), Val Swallow (VS), Daniel Kiernan (DK), Chris Watson (CW), Bill Mugleston (BM).

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| Item | Title | Detail | Action |
| 1 | Apologies | * Jenny Holmes (JH), Mark Harding (MH), Harry Nesling (HN)
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| 2 | Minutes of 2022 AGM | * Agreed as a true record (Proposer:CW, Seconder:(VS).
* One outstanding action:
	+ Constitution had been posted on the website; however, trustees had not been informed.
 | RB – To contact the trustees.  |
| 3 | Treasurer’s Report | * GM presented the Club accounts as of 1 Jan 23.
* He highlighted a positive balance of £9,233.52, mainly from the grants received during the Covid period. However, his main concern was the shortcome of income (circa £10k) versus expenditure (circa £20k). While £5k of the expenditure can be attributed to one-off/last payment (shirts/loan), there was an underlying £5k deficit which would need to be addressed in future years.
* Account accepted as true record (P: SB, S:DP).
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| 4 | Chairman’s Report | * Huge thanks to the 3 main sponsors (J&G Maintenance, Ashtons Solicitors, Muddy Matches) whose contribution and the purchase of the new shirts had created a feel good vibe at the start of the season.
* Thanks to the 3 Captains who had not only ensured that sides were fielded but also the individuals all felt they were involved.
* Great end of season function which would hopefully be replicated in 2023.
* Table Tennis group were now signed up as social members of the Club and had made good use of the pavilion space.
* BM had suffered a serious bout of pneumonia over the New Year but was back to fighting fitness and all were pleased to see him at the meeting.
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| 5 | Welfare Officer’s Report | * With nobody coming forward to fill the role, RB had completed the training and would continue for the 2023 season.
* All background checks had been completed.
* A First Aid Course had been completed at the start of the 2022 season.
* The Defib was in place and fully functional.
* No incidents to report.
* A volunteer for the role would be sought during the Summer as Safeguarding is a key responsibility for all levels the Club, not just Juniors.
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| 6 | Club Constitution/Trustees | * CW outlined that there were no amendments to the 2022 document.
* The trustees of the Club remained: Rob Bensly, Graham Mobbs, Ian Absolon, Dave Courteen and Rob Nesling.
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| 7 | Election of Officers | * Chairman – Rob Bensly (P:DP, S:SB)
* Club Captain – Chris Watson (P:RB, S:VS)
* Welfare Officer – Rob Bensly (P:DP, S:GM)
* 1st XI Captain – Dan Payne (P:SB, S:GM)
* Sunday T30 Manager – Sam Boynton (P:CW, S:BS)
* Ladies Captain – to be split as follows:
	+ Manager – Jenny Holmes (P:BS, S:RB)
	+ On-field Captain – Kate Hind (P:SB, S:DK)
	+ Coach – Bruce Sears
* Petanque/Table Tennis Coordinator – Val Swallow (P:RB, S:BS)
* Groundsman – Bill Mugleston (P:CW, S:DK)
* Secretary – Vacant
* Treasurer – Graham Mobbs (P:DP, S:SB)
* Website Manager – See fundraising
* Management Committee – Officers plus Bruce Sears, Harry Nesling and Eric Davy (P:CW, S:VS)
* Sub Committee – Events Committee, see fundraising.
* Vice-captain posts were not elected at the meeting and each captain should appoint a vice-captain at the start of each game or over a period.
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| 8 | Fixtures 2023 | * The Two Counties and Suffolk Alliance fixtures had been received and are posted on the Club website.
* It was agreed that, after a period in Div 6, the Club’s drive for 2023 should be promotion to Div 5.
* It was decided that the Club would look to fulfil the fixture on 6 May (Coronation Day) and VS kindly offered to donate the tea on that day.
* Suffolk Cup – The Club had entered the Cup for 2023 season and DK offered to captain and coordinate the fixtures. This was agreed with Dk to deconflict fixtures with SB.
* Teas – It was agreed that the Club would continue to offer teas, hopefully on a reciprocal basis. If an opponent doesn’t offer teas it was agreed that DP would offer them the choice of not having a Worlingworth tea or pay £25. If they choose the former a half tea would be produced for the home team with the saved money going to offset the away fixture match fees. If the latter, the money would be used to reduce the away match fee by £2 per person.
 | RB – To contact Suffolk Cricket to obtain full details of Suffolk Cup and pass to DK. |
| 9 | Ladies Update | * In JH’s absence, DP reported on her behalf that the Ladies had enjoyed a successful season with improved results and new members while still having fun.
* Special mention to Chloe Williams and Kate Hind as leading run-scorer/wicket-taker respectively.
* The team would be entering a new softball league for 2023 as well as the usual Two Counties T20 league.
* Thanks in particular to Guy Wood (unfortunately away for 2023 season) and Bruce Sears for all their support plus those who gave up their time to assist on match days.
* Looking forward to a successful 2023.
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| 10 | Junior Update | * The Club had run a Sat morning session for 11 year olds and below with the older children on a Tuesday evening in 2022.
* However, this was not sustainable as the Club lacked an admin team, a head coach, qualified hard ball coaches, team managers and enough children to run a schedule of matches.
* Patrick Goymer had offered to continue to run the All Stars session on Sat mornings with potential to extend into a Dynamo softball session.
* It was agreed that work would continue to explore the full extent of softball training for 11 year olds and under on a Sat morning supported by PG/RB but all hardball training will be suspended until the necessary helpers and coaches become available.
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| 11 | Fundraising | * Following on from the Treasurer’s report, it was agreed that an Events committee would be established to run events from start to finish (ideas, implementation, support, social messaging, etc).
* This would include looking at additional sponsors and expanding the membership of the Club’s 100 Club.
 | RB - To propose committee content and first meeting by 7 Mar 23. |
| 12 | Pavilion and Ground Maintenance | * The pavilion far end wall was cause for concern with local builders contacted by CW to provide quotes for repair of the wall to a point where the Club can repair the home showers on an ad hoc basis. CW was investigating the opportunities for council grant support. Once the repairs were complete and the cost known, the Management Committee would meet to discuss the refurbishment of the main area of the Pavilion and agree a budget.
* The main carpet had been waterlogged following a service valve failure in the bar before Christmas, GM would discuss with the insurers but given the likely excess and the general state of the carpet after drying, it was felt that claiming was an unlikely path.
* The ground maintenance was on schedule with the only support from the wider Club being for volunteers to help BM with the heavy rolling before the start of the season. The Club is very grateful to Richard Nesling for cutting the outfield on a regular basis.
 | GM – To discuss main carpet with the Club’s insurers.CW/BM – To provide dates once it is known when the rolling will take place. |
| 13 | Subs and Match Fees | * It was agreed that:
	+ Annual subs would stay at the 2022 level (ie Adult £60, Student £50, Ladies £35) with new arrivals entitled to a free ‘3 sponsors’ shirt.
	+ A social sub of £25 for anyone wishing to use the Club facilities – other than for cricket – to include Pétanque and Table Tennis members.
	+ Match fees would be held at 2022 levels but this year there will be a charge for friendlies. Fees as follows:
		- Two Counties Div 6 Games – Adults £10, Students £5
		- All other games – Adults £5, Students £3
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| 14 | Spring Nets | * Thomas Mills High School
* Tuesdays from 7 Mar 23
* 6-8pm
* Cost of sessions to be covered at the end by dividing overall cost between the attendees.
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| 15 | Policies  | * The ECB Anti-Discrimination Code was discussed and formally adopted at the meeting (P:RB, S:CW).
* Drafts of all the Club’s policies had been displayed on the Club’s website for 4 weeks. There were no points arising from the meeting; therefore, it was agreed that the policies were adopted formally by the meeting (P:CW, S:SB). A grace period to 28 Feb 23 would allow for any final comment after which RB would update the documents to final from draft.
 | All – Any comments on policies to RB by 28 Feb 23.RB – If no comments, to update documents to final. |
| 16 | AOB | * RB – Formal confirmation had been received for the 2023 Clubmark process. Given only minor changes from 2022, RB agreed to lead the Club’s response.
* RB - Suffolk Cricket Grant – The Club had missed the chance of the 2022 Grant but it was agreed that as part of the Events Committee work they would look at costed options ahead of a likely 2023 Grant submission.
* DK – Vice-captains were not being created putting pressure on the Captains. It was agreed that vice-captains were an important asset for each game and would be assigned for each game.
* SB – Raised the option of buying a pool table and joining the local pool league. To be considered by Events Committee.
* SB – Would potentially source Window frosting to replace the current ‘clear frosting’ on the changing room outside door.
* DK – While WhatsApp had proved to be a useful tool for match availability, it should not be used for selection on ‘1st come’ basis.
* VS – Thanked the Club for allowing the High Suffolk Community Bus to be parked in the Club’s car park.
* SB – Fixtures/Stats. While the Club website held fixtures, results and stats, there were other portals holding similar information, in a less ‘clunky’ format. The Club should look at consolidating information into one easy to use place. To be discussed ex-committee.
 | RB – To complete the Clubmark return for 2023 |

Meeting closed at 7.25pm