

Newton Poppleford Cricket Club

AGM Minutes 2020

Held at the Cannon Inn Public House

Sunday 23rd February 2020 from 6.00pm

Attendance: Chris Davis, Sonya Adey, Ken Clay, Richard Coombs, Antony Cox, Matthew Raistrick, Colin Whitehall.

Welcome from the Chairman & report

As acting Chairman Matthew welcomed all those that had managed to attend but noted that it was a particularly disappointing turn out.

Apologies

I Thomas, L Raistrick, P Hunter, Matt Sach, Ashley Perram, Leigh Adey, Louis Adey, Ed Thomas, Tom Clay.

Election of officers

As is normal practice all officers of the club resigned their positions and members were requested to propose and second individuals for office in 2020. The following were elected by unanimous vote of all those present.

Chairman	Matthew Raistrick	Proposed: R Coombs	2 nd : A Cox
Club Secretary	Antony Cox	Proposed: K Clay	2 nd : R Coombs
Treasurer	Ed Thomas	Proposed: A Cox	2 nd : M Raistrick
Fixture secretary	R Coombs	Proposed: K Clay	2 nd : K Clay
Club Captain (Sundays)	K Clay	Proposed: C Davis	2 nd : A Cox
20/20 Team Manager	Sonya Adey	Proposed: A Cox	2 nd : K CLay
Welfare Officer	Antony Cox	Proposed: M Raistrick	2 nd : R Coombs

Appointment of vice captains

Members in attendance agreed that Vice Captains for Sundays and Mid-week games were not required. K. Clay as club captain would remain responsible for selecting teams for Sundays and mid-week games based on players availability. Playing members are responsible for ensuring that their availability (or Unavailability) are kept up to date on the club website in order to assist in team selection. Captains for mid-week matches will be selected based on those available and Sonya as team manager will be informed.

Confirmation of grounds man contact info.

Groundsman: Colin Whitehall 07828 873792.

Minutes of 2019 AGM

The minutes of the 2019 AGM were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record. There were no actions to be followed up.

NPCC Constitution

The club's constitution was reviewed, and no changes were felt necessary.

Captain's reports

There was no formal report offered but K. Clay indicated that he hoped there would be more players available for the 2020 season.

Treasurer's report

Chairman M Raistrick requested that special thanks be passed to Ed Thomas for his continuing support to the club as Treasurer. It should be noted that Ed has made the club aware (on several occasions) that he would be happy to stand down should there be another individual willing to act as Club Treasurer. Unfortunately given the poor attendance to the meeting those present had taken up his offer to stand again for 2020. There was a brief discussion on this subject and the meeting felt that Ed should be approached in order discuss with him ways that a hand over might be achieved for next years AGM. Both

Sonya Adey and Antony Cox both indicated that they would consider the role but that it would be useful to have more information and to meet with Ed to look at the current records.

In Ed's absence, A Cox then presented the supplied summary of the club's financial position.

- There is £700 in the acc.
- Insurance has been paid.
- Other outgoings: £350 for pitch (unless it goes up) £175 x 2 payments.
- £75 for website*
- There are 8 white balls and 6 red left over, so you will need some red balls. That will be over £100 as they are £13 each.
- You might need some white - you'll have to let me know how many homes 20/20 games there are.
- So, taking that out leaves about £175.

*R Coombs made the meeting aware that the Club website fee was £125 as of 2019. Meaning that the revised account total was £125.

Ed also offered the meeting his recommendation that all club fees should remain at 2019 levels.

Antony Cox raised the observation that club funds held seemed down compared to this time last year. This seemed surprising given the extra ball sponsor money and fundraising income from 2019. Following a brief discussion and review of fixtures played verses cancelled it was established that there were 10 home matches that did not take place in 2019 and that this accounted for the drop in income. Despite some concern on the clubs funding position the meeting voted unanimously to keep all fees at 2019 levels as follows:

- Senior membership subscription = **£25**
- Junior membership subscription = **£15**

Sunday match fees

- Senior fee = **£5**
- Junior & concessions playing fee = **£3**

20/20 match fees

- Senior fee = **£3**
- Junior & concessions playing fee = **£2**

Sunday tea fee for away team = £33

Although the meeting voted unanimously to retain fees at current levels there was also a consensus that the funds held were a concern and that the club needed to consider carefully if additional fundraising would be necessary in 2020. A Cox observed that the current balance meant that there were limited funds for additional unforeseen costs and that the club should consider increasing the held balance.

Action: A Cox to contact Ed Thomas and:

- a) Formally pass on clubs' thanks for his work.**
- b) Request further information on income verses expenditure for 2019 and 2018 to judge potential need for fundraising.**
- c) Open discussions with Ed about hand over of Treasure role to another individual and how best to facilitate.**

Fixture Secretary's report

Richard Coombs presented the following:

Season start date: Sunday 19th April 2020

End date: Sunday 13th September 2020

19 Sunday fixtures confirmed with 2 free dates still available 21/6 & 28/6

Sundays: 8 away matches and 11 home.

One Saturday match scheduled verses Sidmouth on 5/9/20

Broadclyst CC – away, returns to the playing schedule.

Clyst St George – away, is a new addition.

Long Compton and Old Leightonians return for 2020.

There will be no Marldon away fixture.

T20's: 13 confirmed – 10 home, 3 away with 4 dates TBC.

Ottery Gents and Clyst St George are both new fixtures scheduled for Wednesday evenings.

Pre-season groundwork

Colin Whitehall as Groundman addressed the meeting:

Colin requested confirmation of when football would stop being played on the Playing Field for him to plan ground preparation for the season.

He also observed that the club mower for preparing the strip is reaching the end of its serviceable life and we should be considering a replacement.

This led to a brief return to the previous discussion on club funding and underlined the need to look at current income verses expenditure and plan fundraising to build up club funds to support an investment in new equipment.

Preseason ground was then discussed.

Sunday 5th April from 10am was set as groundwork day. Thursday 9th from 5pm was set as the reserve.

Work required:

- Scorebox clean out
- Sightcreens erection. (It was noted that new bolts might be required).
- Tidy up of main shed.
- Square post holes need attention

Action: A Cox to:

- Contact Parish Council and Chris Burhop to establish the date when junior football ends on the playing field.
- Forward email to all members to announce the date of the groundwork day.

Social activities

The discussion on the need for further fundraising was had.

A Cox stated that he intended to request ball sponsorship for 2020 from those local businesses that had supported the club in 2019.

He requested members come forward with any other potential sponsors.

The meeting agreed that another Tip Run day should be publicised and after some debate it was agreed to promote the free fixture dates of 21/6 and 28/6 for this event.

It was also suggested that better use of the fundraising 'pick the winning team' sheets was made. C Davis suggested that it might be better to use purchased scratch cards for this purpose. He also stated he would be happy to organise sales on match days. Sonya Adey agreed to look at costs and organise purchase of cards for the 2020 season.

Action: A Cox to:

- Email all members and highlight the need for more fundraising and inform everyone of the intended tip run days.
- Contact 2019 ball sponsors and request support for 2020.

Sonya Adey to look at costs for scratch cards and liaise with A Cox regarding purchase for 2020.

Any other business

Members are advised that there are new kit options available for 2020 via the club shop. Members considering kit for 2020 are advised to use the club FB page to let everyone know so that postage can be shared if possible.

Teas

K Clay then raised the issue of teas for 2020. At the beginning of the 2019 season the club was informed by the Playing Field Committee that the Dog Club would be using the Pavilion on Sunday afternoons. A Cox observed that this was despite the club requesting to pay for the use of the Pavilion for tea use. This essentially meant that for 2019 the club was unable to provide an indoor space for cricket teas at the change of innings as would be normal for Sunday cricket matches. It also meant that the kitchen space at the Pavilion was shared with the Dog Club on home matches. Alternatives were tried by the club over the season including sharing the space, eating outside, and having teas at the Cannon after the match. The consensus of the meeting was that none of these proved very satisfactory to the cricket club and led to increased costs. Fixture secretary, Richard Coombs also informed the club that several away teams had commented on the 'tea situation' indicating that they too had been disappointed in not being able to have teams between innings and/or with inside space.

Antony Cox informed the meeting that he had already raised the issue with Hazel Jeffery before she stood down from her role as Pavilion Manager and that it had been suggested that the club approach the Dog Club to see if they could accommodate adjusting the timing of their session.

There was then a brief discussion about what time periods would be needed to create enough time for teas between innings including set up and clean up. The meeting agreed that a window of 1 hour between 3-4pm would create a workable time period.

The meeting agreed that the Dog Club should be approached to see if they could accommodate such a proposal for the 11 home Sunday fixtures in 2020.

Preseason Nets

Richard Coombs raised the idea of preseason nets to get club members together and as a way to build club spirit. It would also be a great way to introduce any new members. It was suggested that as Sidmouth had booked Bicton College that this might be a venue worth considering.

Action: A Cox and R Coombs to look at costs, timings and gauge member interest.

Chairman's Statement

Chairman, Matthew Raistrick then addressed the meeting stating that some match day behaviors and attitudes witnessed in 2020 were a concern. He felt that some had forgotten the ethos of the club, which is to promote the involvement of all to be involved in matches. This is the reason that mid-week games involve everyone bowling 2 overs and retiring at 25. While it was sometimes more difficult to achieve the same balance at Sunday fixtures K Clay reminded the meeting that this was also his main objective when captaining the side. Matthew felt it was important that all existing and any new members embraced this philosophy fully. All members in attendance expressed full support of these views. A Cox added that he felt it was also important to remind members that the clubs funding structure aims to keep playing costs at a minimum. This is done with an expectation that all members understand this and look to contribute as much as possible off the field in getting ready for matches, clearing up after and in supporting or generating fundraising.

Meeting Closed 7.15pm