

British Officers' Cricket Club

Club Committee Meeting held on February 6, 2016

Location: CC Morris Cricket Library, Haverford College

Attendees: T Maqsood, S Gaikwad, V Cooblall, A Bukhari, C Lawrence, K Bondar, E Precious

Apologies: Z Abdullah, I Turner, K Singh

Meeting opened at 2.05 pm

Minutes of the prior meeting: approved unanimously

President's Remarks: Let's look ahead to a good and successful season

Treasurer's Report: balance is as stated earlier less two payments (\$250 ACF, \$500 GPCL). We will reserve ECG all weekends from April 2 to October 30 and all Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (both fields). Fees for ground use will be: \$90 + \$10 trash collection charge for 40 Over and \$45 + \$5 for T20.

Festival costs were discussed and the need to get players in to pay and play. Total cost to participate for BOCC is \$3,000.

Membership dues for 2016 will remain unchanged.

Club Captain's Report: we expect to have a lot of new talent in 2016.

GPCL has 20 teams and is looking to add one more. There will be one division. T20 will be played during Ramadan and possibly three games per day by using 10 Over rule which saves up to 30 minutes per match.

PICF: hope to have minimum 12 paid up players and higher attendance at the Dinner. We will bring in outside players as necessary and hope to have two ICC members as guests.

Toronto tour: 9 sign-ups already. 2017 will be tour to England.

Practices: attendance in 2015 was worst ever. Other teams practice 2 – 3 times per week. Consider obligating skippers to attend. Players who don't attend practice should not be given priority in team selection.

Philadelphia Youth Cricket Academy Proposal: the sub-committee proposal had been distributed prior to the meeting. It was endorsed by the Club Committee

(with a few minor edits) and will be presented to the AGM for approval. Constitutional changes brought on by this proposal will also be presented at the AGM. Sunil Gaikwad will be nominated to serve as Youth Cricket Director. Background checks and waiver forms will be used for all support staff (parents) for the PYCA and for the PYCF (Memorial Day weekend). Treasurer to investigate insurance options for youth cricketers. Budget for PYCA and PYCF still to be established and approved by Club Committee. All payments from sponsors and players should be made to BOCC for now (arrangements will be made to pass them through CC Morris for charity status purposes). Target membership: 36 youth cricket players (boys and girls). Current number is 24 (includes 6 girls). Two local schools have been approached to include cricket in their curriculum.

Philadelphia Youth Cricket Festival: this event is sponsored and run by the BOCC. As of now, ACF money has not been requested. (There is an allocation from CC Morris of \$3,000 available). Target number of teams: 12. We have 16 applications as of now. We will use ECG (2 fields on all three days) and Knights and Titans' fields Saturday and Sunday only. Team dues and sponsor payments will be passed through GPCL to achieve 501c3 status treatment. Date of tournament: May 28 – 30, 2016. All offers of help will be very welcome.

New Membership Status: 5 of the 6 names given at the prior meeting are expected to join, including Triple X. Ali B also reported two more (Indian) candidates and three others (no names or nationality given). Target of 10 new members is expected to be achieved.

Annual General Meeting: date is confirmed as Saturday, March 5 at 10 am at Cynwyd Club, Bala Cynwyd, Pa. Klaus B stated that he will not stand for re-election and all other members present confirmed their intention to serve a further one year if elected. (ZA and IT to confirm their intent). The Club Committee will, therefore, be looking for nominations for Grounds Manager and for Secretary since R Arora has not been present all year (and because the President is tired of writing all of the minutes, AGM notices etc!). Notices about the AGM and nomination process will be distributed this week.

Social Secretary Report: due to the late apology for absence due to a family emergency from the Social Secretary, his report was read out to the meeting.

The meeting agreed the following: Curry Party to be held on March 5 at Kenny's house. Intra-club season opener match will be a one-day 40 over format. All other proposals will be discussed at the next Club Committee meeting.

Grounds Manager Report: a discussion followed around the need for higher fencing (similar to new type used in some parts last year), turf replacement at run ups of #2, dirt/soil around the mats especially # 1, need for a roller to help create a youth practice wicket. Further discussion and decisions will be made after new Grounds Manager is elected at AGM.

Website Report: No issues. Further discussion to follow.

#538 Skippack Creek Road (ECG): this house which is habitable and stands opposite the fields may become available for rent if/when Pete (current tenant) relocates. Monthly rental is \$1,050. It was agreed that we could only consider taking this on if we had a full-time tenant to help cover the rental cost. Any names of possible candidates would be welcome.

AOB None

The meeting closed at 4.10 pm

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