Minutes of Ropley Cricket Club meeting, 23rd September, 2024

Present: Quentin Sandell, Julia Phillips, Lucas Moran, Adam Wheeler, Karen Burnett, Sarah Harry, Ben Matthews, Andy Erskine, Tim Phillips, Will Wharfe

1. Minutes of meeting 29th July, 2024: approved.
2. Treasurer’s Report (Nerys Wheeler): approved.
3. Juniors update (Adam)
   * Meeting of coaches held on Thurs 19th September
   * Main points from the meeting:
     1. Good season, league generally well organised. Some gaps re coaches.
     2. Coaches for next year
        1. U11s need more coaches: lots of both girls and boys
        2. 4 coaches needed for U13s (2 teams)
        3. Under 9s: training by Andy Erskine, Andrew Robson… but need coaches for matches. Coaches at matches need to be accredited coach level 1
     3. Sarah Harry wants to stand down as All Stars activator and coordinator.
     4. Andy Erskine will step back from Dynamos.
     5. Finding more coaches: Some people have been sounded out. Sarah will put a piece in Ropley Primary Newsletter – emphasise that if no support from parents then Dynamos at risk
     6. Ben M offered to be lead activator for Dynamos.
     7. Lucas M offered to put posters up asking for coaches for U9s, U11s, making it clear that RCC will cover the cost of courses.
   * Nets: 2 nets are not sufficient for the number of RCC players and teams who want to practice. BM: there are bursaries for new nets.
   * Need new scoreboard for games played on Adam’s pitch.
   * Proposal to use former bowls club building for loos and drinks where games played on Adam’s pitch.
   * Space between Muga and hedge… use Flicx matt and mobile Net to set up and additional net.
   * AW: we need a new, bigger shed for cricket equipment. Note: committee unanimously agreed in principle

1. Membership & Teamo update   
   Andy E: chasing some subs still outstanding.   
   Next year we should make the point that you cannot play (insurance) if you have not paid up
2. .  
   Agreed that we need to find someone to help with site migration to Teamo. Discuss next committee meeting.
3. Lucas M: membership recruitment campaign:
   * Word of mouth: membership discount if you refer a friend
   * Posters to be printed and put up
   * Raise social media profile of the club.
   * Make sure bar is open after training
   * Be consistent with messaging across channels
   * Consider working with estate agent to get signs up
4. Grounds Manager update (Quentin Sandell)  
   Thanks to Tim P for help with scarification  
   Roller serviced  
   Pitch mower is at Scotts for servicing.  
   Ride -on needs a service. To be done by January  
   Site screens need repair/replace  
   Q has been on course at Utilita Bowl: valuable.  
   Suggestion (agreed) that we should set up an equipment sub-committee.. a lot to sort out.
5. Vice Chair update (Quentin Sandell)  
   Midweek… need to join a new league. The midweek league we played in this year has been disbanded.  
   For new equipment: we should start with equipment that we can get grants for.
6. Ropley CC Rep on Ropley Sports Club Committee (Julia Phillips)  
   Sports Club: new rules. From 1st Sep 2025 membership benefits are being uplevelled by the Sports Club.  The Sports Club are working to include more membership benefits for all members both those as part of the cricket and football club and the social members. Fee structure – next meeting. Juniors £10 donation per family. Parent are NOT then members (unless join separately).  
   We will share email addresses for RCC seniors with the Sports Club.
7. Welfare update: from Female Welfare officer (Karen Bennett) and Male Welfare officer (Tim Phillips)  
   In Sept 2024 – Safeguarding concern was raised regarding junior player which occurred outside of the blub setting. Club safeguarding officers liaised with Hampshire Cricket and Hampshire MASH: no further action required, situation to be monitored.
8. Social Media Coordinator (Rachel King)  
   No update.
9. Women & Girls update (Sarah Harry)  
   Women won Div 2!  
   And in Slam final  
   16 girls won league & county cup  
   U13 girls 2nd in tier 1 north  
   29th Oct end of Season.. meeting  
   22nd Nov: presentation at Utilita – fee from Club acct.
10. Chair’s update (Ben Matthews)  
    Awards night fabulous. Great club experience… similar to season opener.  
    Suggestion to consider having an RCC Club Event Coordinator.   
    Great season: one of the most successful for RCC in years.   
    Women & Girls: best season to date (see Sarah’s report above). GU16 won every match.

Open Seniors: 1st XI best in 6 years, 2nd XI best in 4 years. Fewest games conceded. More women playing Open Seniors and very few people played just the one game in the season.

1. Secretary update (Will Wharfe)  
   Secured the 20% discount from Perins MAT for Nets hire.
2. Club mark update (Alex Minett)  
   No update.
3. Insurance update (Alex Minett)  
   No update.
4. Next meeting date tbc – will be after AGM, which will be mid Nov.