



## Minutes of Sussex Association of Cricket Groundsmen – Monday 7th January 2020

Blackstone Academy Ground, 4pm

**Attendees:** Nigel Reid, Gary Wallis-Taylor, Andy Mackay, Mick Waghorn, Brian Sandalls, Chris Geere, Brian Fletcher, Stuart Hellier

**Apologies:** Steve Pickup

### **1. Chairman Opening**

Nigel Reid welcomed everyone to the meeting. New to the role, Nigel shared his plans on how he wants to build better relationships with clubs, officials and the Sussex Cricket League.

### **2. Matters Arising**

BF reported that the use of association aerator only used by 11 clubs, due to wet weather. Options were discussed regarding funding for a second spiker, **GWT to discuss with Chris Coleman**

### **3. Finances**

Association currently not making any money to go into capital funds and association looking into sponsorship options, as in part 7 below. GWT added that £20 from every club that affiliates to Sussex Cricket Foundation enables them to become a member of the SACG.

Sussex Cricket Foundation have requested that grounds equipment costs to be submitted more regularly to help create an audit trail, **GWT/Nigel Reid to meet with Richard at Dial Services with BF**

### **4. Trailer and Booking System**

A new online booking system will be created to assist with the booking of the scarifier and aerator. The committee felt that the booking system should go live on 1<sup>st</sup> June with a deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June which would give Richard (Dial Services) time to arrange visits with clubs. **GWT to arrange a meeting ASAP with Steve Pickup & Nigel Reid.**

There was a discussion regarding rain delay and effect on customers when delivering the scarifier/aerator. No forward change of process.

## 5. SACG newsletter

Introduction of a newsletter was discussed in quarterly editions, this was viewed as a positive move. **GWT to discuss with SP regarding 1<sup>st</sup> edition, committee to provide content.**

## 6. SACG Survey

NR felt it would be a good time to survey the association members to find out what services they would like to receive from the association. **GWT to talk to Steve Pickup** regarding creating a survey for the benefit of SACG members with a view to sending this out mid-Feb.

## 7. Training

Spring Mini Clinic has been booked for Saturday 7th March at Preston Nomads CC. BS to approach Jan Smith regarding food, cost to remain at £50. **BS/BF to provide GWT with content for a flyer to promote.**

Details/dates of future courses will be organised following results of members survey.

## 8. Sponsorship

BS has 4/5 companies interested in sponsoring the association for £250 each. **BS** to offer the companies a package of benefits, as agreed. **GWT** to discuss sponsorship of the association/benefits with Mark Judges.

## 9. A.O.B

BS – Spen Cama funding requests from clubs to SCF are low, **GWT** to send out another email to all clubs to promote as there is funding available for pitch reports.

AM - Website needs updating and was suggested that minutes of meetings should be uploaded – agreed, **GWT to follow up with SP**

GWT – asked the committee if Nick Blake has been formally asked to join the committee following the proposal at the AGM, committee **agreed** to Nick becoming a part of the committee. **GWT to contact Nick to advise on next meeting.**

## 10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at Blackstone, 4pm

Brian Sandalls

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