

Minutes of Seniors Meeting 1st September 2020

Apologies: Keith Hitchcock

Captain Ron started with a brief eulogy for former secretary Peter Kirton who would be fondly remembered by many.

Ron then warmly welcomed Club Captain, Andrew Longley, who responded appropriately.

Item one of the agenda was a proposal for a designated playing time for Seniors which had followed support from the Club Captain and others at both a New Member-Recruitment- and Integration committee meeting chaired by Pete Basten and at a recent H&C meeting. The suggestion led to a request by H&C for a detailed proposal as to how the designated time period would be administered by the Senior Committee.

Andrew Longley was asked to comment during which he stated that The Worcestershire was perceived by members to be a welcoming club and he along with his Vice Captain, Ladies Captain and her vice Captain had been looking for new opportunities to extend even further the welcome experience for new members of all ages and categories. For that reason he supported a time slot for seniors to integrate/welcome new members as part of a general welcome improvement plan.

There followed a lengthy discussion on the merits and demerits during which the possibility of unintended consequences arising from those who would not be happy if the proposal were to impinge on their normal playing arrangements were formalised.

Eventually Captain Ron asked if there were any detractors to the principle of a dedicated slot for Seniors. There were

NONE. It was agreed that Monday morning would be the best day but exact timing of the two hour period was left to be determined. Captain Ron paid tribute to Robin Marling for the work that he had put in over the 8 years that Robin had run roll-ups for the Seniors and he acknowledged that Robin had indicated that he was not prepared to continue. Finally it was agreed that a detailed proposal would be put to H&C which if then approved would be presented to the board. In the meantime Ron agreed with Gordon Herbert that communication within the section and club was vital and necessary to win hearts and minds.

There followed a reasonably short discussion of the current booking system where inadequacies of a competition booking system and a general booking system were highlighted but not explained fully (at least not to the minute secretary). The club employs a competition booking system and that is what we will have to live with for now as the cost of changing was quoted as £7000.

Gordon Herbert and Les Facer both stated that having got used to the booking system their minds had changed favourably. The general view was that the booking system was here to stay at least whilst Covid was around.

Item 4 covered the proposed alignment of Club, Ladies and Senior Captains period of office. It was noted that the club virtual AGM had an item proposing that because of Covid 19 restrictions the Club Captain's year should be extended to end of October 2021 and thus brought into alignment with the Ladies Captain year. It was expected that the proposal would be approved. Tony Pawson pointed out that for the seniors to follow suit both the timing of their year-end accounts, AGM and Annual dinner would need to change. Neither change was considered insurmountable. Proposal was approved.

Item 5 Reports: Mike Travis commented on recent H&C meeting that he had attended and re-affirmed the support that was apparent for the Seniors time slot. Mike also commented on the tremendous uptake for the Seniors International where the comp had been filled within hours of publication with a number of seniors willing to be reserves should the need arise. Mike enquired whether he should run the Corless Goblets competition this winter and after a few comments it was decided that he should not.

There were no other reports from Officers.

AOB Captain Ron mentioned that some members of the committee had received correspondence from Richard Kay regarding the possible sale of land for building - ref Lazy Assets but a number had felt that the issue was for the board to determine and not for the Seniors to be involved. Gordon Herbert gave a board perspective of the issue that would be presented in a resolution at the AGM and which is explained on the Club website in the Document library and Board minutes.

Meeting closed at 11.45