

# Prague Barbarians Cricket Club

## Committee Minutes

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Date: 21/10/2014

Location: Cyril's Pub, Andel

Meeting scheduled to start at: 19:00

Meeting started at: 20:00

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Present: Gary Pettman, Nick Taylor, Allan Schoenherr, Ben Petter, and Terry O'Connor.

Apologies: Jon Hodgson

Absent: no one.

Approval of minutes: Previous minutes approved

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### Agenda

#### 1. Finance

Very little activity, a few outstanding debts have been recovered, but there are still a few members who owe match fees and some outstanding membership fees.

#### 2. Match fees/Nets fees

A couple of players have stated that they made deals during last summer, making them exempt from match fees for one or more games. Some deals have been confirmed. These were made without the knowledge of the committee and while the deals will be recognised, such deals will not be permitted in the future.

There also appears to be a misunderstanding with at least one player that winter league nets are covered by membership. The player in question will be written to and the situation shall be explained to them. It should be made clear to members that often the club loses money on these net sessions and also that unlike other clubs; we do not pass on all of the costs of playing cricket in the Czech Republic to members.

Action: Allan to write to the player concerned.

#### 3. Kit

The club kit is currently at Alan's, after it became mouldy at Hugo's. He has cleaned it up and all but some old pads are fine. Gary spoke to Hugo about it, apparently he had a leak and the storage room was flooded. Vinohrady's kit suffered far worse than ours.

Gary has brought back 2 pairs of pads and 2 pairs of gloves from the UK. They will be kept for the summer, with older kit from the main bag moved to Olsanske for use at nets.

#### 4. Winter League

11 in attendance for the first net session, it went well. Friendly trip to Ceske Budejovice, we will try to arrange it for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. And will try to have training at the school we will be playing the league at, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December.

## **5. Summer League**

Confirm that we are not in favour of changing the 40 over league to 50 overs, but are in favour of the SPL style league structure, where each team will play each other once, then the league will be split into two tiers and the teams in each tier will play each other.

## **6. Sub committees**

Sponsorship - Francis has confirmed that he will continue to be involved.

Social media – Higher than usual number of unique visitors to the website in August and September, with both months recording the highest number of users ever. October is on track to have the most hits of any month this year. We have already had more unique visitors to the page this year than in 2011 and 2012, we will pass 2013 this week and should easily pass the record for a year, of 2,964 which was set back in 2009. The most popular item on the website recently has been the scorecard against Ceske Budejovice.

## **7. Dinner**

Lots of positive feedback for the proposed venue, so we will go ahead with the booking.

Action: Alan to confirm booking, create event page on Facebook and send out an email to members for reservations.

## **8. Website**

Terry outlined a number of changes he will make to the website in the coming days. These are mostly regarding layout of the site.

- Introducing the club and Club info pages to be merged into one.
- Members section of the History page to be made separate.
- This will be split into multiple pages to make navigation easier.
- Fixtures and results page to be altered so that past years are visible again.
- Banners to be added to the front page highlighting upcoming events.
- Captains log to be removed and revamped at a later date

Meeting adjourned at: 20:45