

**Cobham Avorians Cricket Club Committee Meeting**  
**3 July 2007 at 8.00 pm**

**Present:**

M Jacobs  
C Hill  
S Lewis  
J Lane  
A Bell  
D Miller  
P Ruddy

**Ground**

John Lane reports that there are problems with nets for the First XI. The basic problem is that The Colts are miles behind with fixtures and need games on Friday nights and Sunday mornings to bring them up to date. During the meeting John Lane undertook to provide 7 net wickets for the First and Second XI until the end of the season. The question of permanent nets was raised, and an artificial wicket, and costs looked to be circa £35,000 which, in the current climate having just built an extension on the property, is possibly prohibitive. Finally, John Lane confirmed that he will be retiring at the end of the season. However, he will help with the recruitment process of a replacement and will obviously continue to oversee the ground, although the manual work is now not practical. John undertook to draw up a job specification for the interviews to take place as soon as possible, but definitely by the end of the season.

**Cricket**

There have been some disappointing results from the First XI and feel unless they win the toss, they cannot win; this is obviously negative. However, the general atmosphere is good. There has been a problem with the umpires noting the behaviour of Umpleby and Naylor against Normandy. We advised the League that have fined Andy Umpleby and will have a word with Naylor, and also the rest of the team to get the atmosphere back to what you would expect from the Avorians.

**Webmaster**

David was pleased to report that he is getting reports in time. However, he needs some news items. We are still receiving comments on how wonderful our website is. Well done, David.

**Marketing**

There are still some sponsors outstanding and Steve Lewis will chase Skandia specifically.

## **Treasurer**

Currently there is £10,000 in the building fund. We have received an invoice which totals £28,000, which includes VAT. It would appear that, when the quote was given to us at around £25,000 this was ex-VAT! We can, at this stage, pay an on-account payment of £15,000 and Andy Bell was to speak to the builders with a view to some form of payment for the balance sum.

General comments from the Treasurer:

The cash flow is OK but not outstanding. We have only had 3 socials to date, whereas last year by this time we had had 5. The bar takings are difficult to identify and it was requested that Alison lets us have statements on Fridays and Saturdays noting the take for each session.

Another point which needs attention is that only 6 subs have been collected to date!

Getting back to the pavilion extension, Darren Talbot is in the process of looking to funding, and the chairman was asked to contact him with a view to pressing on with the donations which, hopefully, will arrive as earlier than possible loans.

## **Clubmark**

Attached is an e-mail from Darren Talbot dated 25 June identifying the outstanding points.

## **Socials**

The following Socials will be on the calendar in the near future. Matt Jacobs will run the Golf Day and Stag Dinner, Andy Bell and the players will run the Mid Season Summer Party, and Emma Bell will run the Ball which is set for 1 September 2007.

## **Secretary**

Due to pressure of work Nick Banks has had to stand down, we have been fortunate, Mrs Julia Tribe has agreed to take over – no doubt she will "knock" us into shape.

The meeting ended at 10.30 pm.