

## **BOARD MEETING 02**

## Meeting of the Board of the Norwich ICENI Baseball Club

5th November 2020 | 11.08 am - 12.30 pm | MAIDS HEAD HOTEL

**ATTENDEES:** Chair: *Tom Thornhill (TT)*, Vice-Chair: *Phil Walmsley (PW)*, Secretary: *Ara Gumban (AG)*, Communication

s Officer: *Ana Coutinho (AC)*, Treasurer: *Denis Morales (DM)*, Grounds Officer: *Brad Mclean*, Warriors Team Manager: *Sim Ralph (SR)*, Social Secretary: *Gabi Balt (GB)*Apologies: Norfolk Baseball League Commissioner: Andreas Fopp (AF)

Observers: Matt Bone

2.1. Chair's Welcome, Introductions & Apologies	<ul> <li>TT welcomed GB to the Board and thanked everyone for stepping up to their positions and explained the new constitution (voted at the AGM prior to this meeting).</li> </ul>
2.2. Declaration of Interests	TT declared that he is President of the British Baseball Federation & Chair of the East of England Baseball league No other interests were declared
2.3. Consideration of Co- Option of 2.3.1. Ara Gumban (AG) as ICENI Queens Team Manager	<ul> <li>AG was co-opted unanimously by the Board as Iceni Queens Team Manager</li> </ul>



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ACTION POINT 2.3.1 QUEEN'S PROPOSAL	• AG to write a proposal to submit to AF about 2022-2023 ICENI Queens Plan — increase female players and training opportunities for female members of Norwich ICENI through more exposure to baseball using various strategies
2.3.2. Tom Thornhill (TT) as ICENI Team Manager	Vice-Chair Phils Walmsley (PW) became chair of the meeting <ul> <li>TT was co-opted unanimously by the Board as ICENI Team Manager</li> </ul>
2.4. Expectations of 2023 Board 2.4.1. Confidentiality 2.4.2. Board expectations relating to meeting preparation	<ul> <li>TT became chair of the meeting</li> <li>TT explained importance of confidentiality</li> <li>Board agreed to hold confidentiality within the Board about sensitive information</li> <li>TT explained the importance of delegation to the Board as well as to their respective committees.</li> <li>TT outlined the expectations of Board members relating to meeting preparations and preparedness.</li> <li>BM proposed that we plan in and host the next three Board meetings in person now.</li> </ul>
ACTION POINT 2.4.2 MEETING SCHEDULE	• <b>AG to schedule</b> the next three Board Meetings: Proposed on Monday evenings at 6 PM on January, March, & May of 2023.
Personal Notes of the Secretary	Proposed Venue: <i>Bond No.28</i> Proposed Dates are: • 9th of January • 6th of March • 8th of May



2.5. Nomination of Safeguarding Officer	<ul> <li>TT proposed that SR should be appointed as Safeguarding Officer</li> <li>The Board voted unanimously for the motion</li> <li>The Board also agreed that it would be prudent to create a specific safeguarding email</li> </ul>
ACTION POINT 2.5 SAFEGUARDING INFOS	• <b>TT to create</b> a Safeguarding email and to forward on any relating documentation and emails.
2.6. Establishment of 2023 Committees	<ul> <li>The Board voted to approve the following ad hoc committees and their chairs:</li> <li>Committee Chairs <ol> <li>GROUNDS - Brad Mclean (BM)</li> <li>TEAMS, COACHING, &amp; DEVELOPMENT - Sim Ralph (SR)</li> <li>MARKETING &amp; COMMS - Ana Coutinho (AC)</li> <li>NORFOLK BASEBALL LEAGUE - Andreas Fopp (AF)</li> </ol> </li> <li>The Board agreed that it would like clarity over the role of coaches and training plans from the Teams Coaching and Development committee.</li> <li>BM proposed that the committee should consider creating training plans and train up 8-9 individuals to be able to deliver these plans.</li> <li>Discussion to invest in training specifically in coaching, umpiring, and game development (clinics)</li> </ul>
ACTION POINT 2.6.1 BATTING CAGE	• <b>BM to arrange</b> for the deconstruction of the Batting cage in Early December for the winter and to arrange for items in the lockup to go into TT's garage



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ACTION POINT 2.6.2 TRAINING 'COACHES'	<ul> <li>SR and Teams Committee to appoint 2023 Head Coach</li> <li>Teams Committee to discuss the creation of training plans and training of additional coaches (Session Leaders)</li> </ul>
ACTION POINT 2.6.2a CLINICS	• Teams, Coaching and Development Committee to arrange for Coaching Pitching and Catching Clinics with Will Lintern or a suitable alternative)
ACTION POINT 2.6.2b	• Teams, coaching and development committee to also
UMPIRE TRAINING	consider the training of umpires.
ACTION POINT 2.6.3	• AC to meet with Comms Committee to plan marketing
COMMS BUDGET	strategy and budget for marketing tools
2.7. Review of Board Brief Document	The Board reviewed TT's document. There were no questions.
2.8. Any Other Business (AOB)	
2.8.1 PW Marketing proposal for Iceni at 2023 Fair	<ul> <li>PW outlined to the group about the possibility of utilising the batting cage at a fair around July 4th weekend. The Board agreed to postpone this decision until a date closer to the time of the event.</li> </ul>
2.8.2 BM Health and Safety and	<ul> <li>As a result of a line of questioning from the Annual General Meeting, BM proposed that this Board verifies it's indemnity</li> </ul>



2.8.2 BM Health and Safety and Insurance	<ul> <li>BM also proposed that the Board obtain more Hewett Academy keys. PW outlined there may be some restrictions relating to creating multiple keys for the school. BM outlined a proposal that allocates responsibility to Board members.</li> </ul>
2.8.3 Treasury	<ul> <li>Treasurer DM stated that he will set up the 2023 ledger and log into the bank account</li> <li>The Board agreed that DM should remove Jonny Benton as the account holder name and put the name of the account into the name of the Club if possible</li> </ul>
ACTION POINT 2.8.2 INSURANCE and HEALTH & SAFETY	<ul> <li>O TT to send BM insurance details.</li> <li>O BM &amp; AG to draft and review health and safety policy</li> <li>O BM to inquire w/ Hewett Academy about having more keys <ul> <li>assignment of "Key Holders" with a list of names to give to the school</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
ACTION POINT 2.8.3 TREASURER (DM)	<ul> <li>DM to setup Ledger</li> <li>DM to update bank account name</li> </ul>
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