



Norwich Icení Baseball Club
Committee Meeting #1 Minutes

Date: 6 December 2021

Location: Zoom

Start time: 7:30PM

1.1. Attendees

1.1.1. Present: Tom Thornhill (TT), Chairman; Ashley Waller (AW), Warriors Captain; Rachael Burrough (RB), Queens Captain; Nichole Lim (NL) Interim Treasurer

1.1.2. Absent: Phill Walmsley (PW), Vice Chair

1.2. Welcome and Introductions

1.2.1. TT thanked attendees for joining and welcomed new committee members.

1.3. Interim Treasurer Vote

1.3.1. TT and AW vote to elect Nichole Lim as interim treasurer. (RB joined the meeting after the vote).

1.4. Hewett Update

1.4.1. Hewett SLA allows for unlimited use of the field for £1360 for the full year. The field may be used for trainings and fixtures as the club pleases.

1.4.2. **Action item #1:** PW (with Jim Hudson) to discuss plans for ground maintenance, winter storage and a new tarp for the mound/home plate area.

1.4.3. **Action item #2:** AW to obtain spare key from Paul, Hewett groundskeeper, as soon as possible.

1.5. Finances

1.5.1. Review of 2021 finances: The club turned an operating surplus of £2146.26. In round figures, the club spent £1000 on upgrades to the field. At the start of the 2022 financial year, the club has £6,836.35 in total assets.

1.5.2. 2022 budget: The majority of expenses in 2022 are budgeted for the construction of a permanent backstop, to be led by PW with supporting funds from BSUK.

1.5.3. Treasurer handover from Ted Turocy to NL has been completed.

1.6. Spring Local League

- 1.6.1. Sign-up procedure has been established with the creation of a *new* Spond group. The old Spond group will be used to re-engage fall 2021 participants.
- 1.6.2. Schedule and administration: NL has created a provisional 5-week schedule running from early March to early April to include the UEA Blue Sox as the fifth addition to the League, as well as an updated rule book.
- 1.6.3. Infrastructure: All enquiries into the club (e.g., Facebook messages) shall be funneled into Local League (e.g., beginners' sessions). Roderick Van Doorn has been appointed as the new captain of the Bucks team. Fall 2021 members may still participate in beginners' sessions if applicable.

1.6.4. **Action item #3:** TT to purchase 2 spare jerseys for each team. (Players forcibly moved to a new team will be given a free jersey).

1.7. EEBL Update

- 1.7.1. League changes: EEBL committee to decide how to proceed with BBF affiliation (TT will not partake in discussions). Two divisions will likely be established with separate rules, including roster rules, for each division.
- 1.7.2. Icení and Warriors structure: The provisional set-up envisions core players for each team with a third group of 'floaters' who may play for *either* team depending on need week-to-week. The members of these groups will be decided closer to the start of the season. One Spond group will be used for both teams, and only one event will be published for each game weekend for all roster members to indicate availability.

1.7.3. **Action item #4:** A new team name will potentially be decided on for the former Icení Double-A side to avoid future confusion and encourage club unity (TT & AW). This would be done with input from members.

1.7.4. **Action item #5:** A formal procedure needs to be determined to decide which fixture is forfeited in the case of insufficient numbers on a weekend when both teams are playing. One proposed procedure is that the team with fewer available 'core players' (i.e., not floaters) forfeits.

1.8. Club Memberships

- 1.8.1. Membership changes: Student membership price has been lowered from £90 to £75 per year. Social memberships remain £90, and a new partial membership has been created for £30 for members who only commit to/participate for a very short amount of time.

1.8.2. **Action item #6:** NL to set up forms and logistics on Spond for payment and create a spreadsheet to keep track of members.

1.9. Safeguarding

- 1.9.1. **Action item #7:** NL (as Safeguarding Officer) will distribute DBS forms to all coaches and captains to be completed, communicate with AW on relevant safeguarding training (BSUK

'Time to Tell' training) once more information is available, and obtain parental consent forms from all U18 players.

1.10. First Aid Training

1.10.1. Sport-specific first aid training is needed for core players/captains.

1.10.2. **Action item #8:** NL and Andreas Fopp will look into UEA+sport first aid training. AW will look into non-UEA alternatives for captains and other key members.

1.11. Umpiring

1.11.1. The BFF is planning to organize localized courses; however, there are no reasonable options currently available for club members.

1.11.2. **Action item #9:** AW and TT to put together a social media/PPC campaign to find interested potential umpires. Training can be offered to interested individuals, and spring Local League can be used as a trial ground.

1.12. Concluding remarks

1.12.1. TT thanked all attendees for joining and closed the meeting.

End time: 8:29PM