

GAG Meeting

on Tuesday 19 May 2009 at the offices of Canterbury Cricket

Present: Mike Johnston, Paul Case, John Thompson, Nook Ebert, Mike Robins, Mike Fisher (Canterbury Cricket-Chair)

Apologies: Mandie Godliman. Danny Timpson

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Moved-Paul Case; seconded-Mike Johnston

Matters Arising:

1. **Soil:** New Zealand Cricket and Canterbury Cricket have employed Mike Robins to source clay-based soils, including Heathcote and Waikari, in and around the greater Christchurch area. MR spoke to this. NE and JT spoke of soil that BWU had procured from near Wigram as being very stoney. Mangers had soil of good quality at present with a supply for about 12 months.
2. **Outfield Watering:** MF had met with CCC (John Revell, Martin McGregor) on this matter. NE reported that this had been much improved in the 2008-09 season.
3. **CJCA and pitch measurements:** MF reported on this with reference to CJCA time frames. Given that the vast majority of change would impact on Junior 1 Day and below (who played on artificials), this wouldn't have a major impact. It would be phased in during the 2009-10 season with 18 metre lengths after Christmas 2009 at Senior 1 Day grades. At this stage, Senior Premier Boys would remain at full length measurements.

General:

1. **CCC:** BWU reported that Tania Moohan had been "brilliant", with spiking having already taken place. Marist Harwood supported this comment. NE stated that the entire playing field of Burnside Oval be spiked and not just the soccer fields. As well, CCC should consider renovating in April with a good rye grass as those areas seeded "disappeared" in about two weeks of soccer training. Recommended that soccer teams think in terms of summer sport when warming up (rather than keeping off the winter playing fields only).
2. **Vandalism:** This was painted as a *massive* problem and the meeting felt that the CCC had to support clubs in this matter. BWU had listed 6 incidents where cars had entered the playing areas of Burnside Oval. Poor examples from City Care vehicles didn't help the situation.
3. **Elmwood:** MJ reported that the club was disappointed with the work provided on this park by CCC. As well, the club's grass maintenance in the pitch preparation fell behind, and it was only a truly good playing surface towards the end of March
4. **Pitch Reports from Premier Captains:** NE felt these to be a waste of time as they generally offered little constructive comment, and were too infrequent. MF stated that over the 2008-09 season there had been almost 100% returns, that they contained more useful comment than in previous seasons, and that they provided useful information for CCC, club committees, club grounds staff and Canterbury Cricket. The captains would continue to be encouraged to report in a constructive manner.
5. **Conclusion:** Canterbury Cricket offered thanks to all the grounds staff of clubs and schools for their expertise and knowledge, and efforts during another busy season. The next meeting in August would probably take the form of a seminar.

Meeting ended: 6.20pm