

Grindleford Cricket Club

Action notes of the Committee Meeting held at the Sir William on 14 October 2025

Present

Heather Arnold, John Bailey, Ed Buchan, Simon Buchan, Phil Haywood, Alastair Hill, Mike Nolan, Mike Read and Dave Stewart

Key points discussed and actions agreed

Matters arising from the last meeting	• HA DBS check still to be completed – HA/MR to action. • End-of-season ground work completed satisfactorily. SB to pay invoice.
Review of 2025 season	• General view – a very positive season, with a record number of teams and matches, and with EB winning an award from the DCF for championing girls' cricket. • The square had coped well with the additional games. JB suggested that we might shift the junior pitch half a strip towards the bank for 2026 – to be considered further.
Club finances	• SB reported on the club financial position, which was healthy. Bank balance £6,200, but with £1800 to be paid still for end-of-season ground work. • Roller repair work still to be undertaken, cost as yet unknown – PH to arrange this. • Maynard sponsorship for 2025 had now expired – SB to discuss with them further payment for 2026.
Plans for 2026 - DCCL	• Everything on track for GCC men's team to join DCCL. Initial DCCL meeting on 19 November – EB to attend. • We expect to be placed in Division 9 North, but still TBC. • DCCL offers a choice of balls for league matches. Some discussion about which to use – possible approach could be to order mostly the cheapest variant, but with one box of more expensive ones to try out. To be considered further. • Question raised about what happens if we lose balls early in the season and don't yet have any approved DCCL spares – AH to check with DCCL.
Plans for 2026	• Ladies' team likely to continue playing friendlies only. HA to confirm after ladies' dinner. • EB aiming to retain existing U11 and girls' softball teams, but add new U9 softball and U11 hardball teams, subject to having enough support with umpiring

	/ scoring etc. To be discussed further before decisions made and teams entered in March 2026. • Sundays and midweek – EB/AH to arrange a similar range of fixtures for 2026 as in 2025. Possibly explore earlier start time of 1pm (especially April / August) and confirm overs to be played in advance. • However, JB noted that football bookings in April and September (both Sat and Sun) mean GCC only has access to pavilion to start setting up at 1pm. AH to check re DCCL start times and any flexibility. • There would be a DCCL fixture on the Saturday of tour weekend in 2026. Agreed to await publication of DCCL fixtures and then attempt to reschedule that fixture, so that tour can proceed on the normal weekend – AH to action in due course. • All Stars / Dynamos – plan to continue as in 2025, with All Star numbers capped at 8. EB to action in due course.
Fundraising / investment	• There was discussion about raising funds towards the purchase (in the medium term!) of roll-on covers – potential cost about £5k. SB felt that the club could potentially fund about half of that amount at this moment. AH/SB/EB to discuss further and explore potential sources of grant funding. • Covers could be kept (chained up) near the shed, with cover material removed and stored in the shed over winter.
Safeguarding	MR confirmed that GCC remained compliant. DBS check for HA to be completed as per above.
Membership forms	AH/MR to review the membership form, with a view to reissuing ahead of the 2026 season, including to ladies – and potentially designing a separate form for juniors not covered by All Stars / Dynamos.