

GREAT CHART CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of AGM held at the Swaffer Pavilion on Friday 6th March 2020 commencing 7.40 pm.

PRESENT

James Ainsley, Hannah Arnup, Paul Arnup, Graham Brown, Neil Burgess, Tony Cadd, Nigel Champion, Geoff Davis, Paul Davis, Richard Doyle, Ray Jones, Darren Laker, Darren McGoldrick, Ian McClintock, Patrick Leo, Aaron Thomson, Dave Daniels, Eddi Wicken, Kyran Wilford (Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council – Observer) (19)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Will Ainsley, Tim Barton, Jamie Williams, Phil Edwards, Sam Quigley, Jez Sharp, Mark Whiting, Paul Ticehurst, Lesley Davis, Chris Taylor (10)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

With Paul Arnup in the Chair and asking for nominations for Chairman for the year, Nigel Champion was the only nomination. Nigel was proposed by Paul Arnup, seconded by James Ainsley and was duly elected.

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM 1st March 2019

Graham Brown proposed that the minutes were accepted and this was seconded by Tony Cadd. The minutes were duly approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (NOT INCLUDED ON AGENDA)

Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT

It is clear from Graham's usual comprehensive report that the financial situation at the club is very tight at the moment. A review of finances was carried out by Paul Arnup and it is apparent that the situation is due to a reduction in income (versus any increase in expenditure). In fact, expenditure has been consistent across all categories for the past 5-6 years (with the exception of the electricity bill which has increased consistently with market prices). The drop in income can be attributed to the loss of both senior and colts' teams and the subsequent reduction in match/membership fees and bar takings. We also lost the fireworks evening last year and one of the boot fairs and consequently have a large amount of money tied up in bar stock. The Management committee will be working to increase income in the coming months and further details of this will be covered under Future Developments.

Graham mentioned that the books have not yet been formally approved by the accountant but this should be completed soon and no issues are anticipated.

Nigel thanked Graham for his continued hard work in this direction.

Bar Report

The bar report is largely incorporated within the Treasurer's report and it was agreed by all present that this item will be removed from future AGM agendas.

APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT

Tony Cadd proposed that Bernard Symonds was reappointed as accountant. Neil Burgess seconded and this was approved by the membership.

Proposed Rule Change

1. Allocation of Specific tasks to members (Teas etc)

The proposal is that a new rule is introduced, in effect expanding on the existing requirement for members to participate in groundwork to also cover the preparation of teas (or other work as designated by the Management Committee)

In general, those present thought that this was a good idea. Eddi Wicken suggested that the rule be modified slightly to request volunteers first and then allocate members to fill any gaps. Dave Daniels suggested that the wording includes 'where required' in line with the above suggestion.

The rule (with amendments as above) was proposed by Geoff Davis, Seconded by Tony Cadd and duly approved.

2. Proposed Membership Cards

A suggestion to produce membership cards (exact details to be confirmed) so that we can introduce split pricing on bar prices and discounts on any future sponsorship deals (See Future Developments).

Those present felt that the positives here outweigh any negatives. The suggestion was proposed by Richard Doyle, seconded by Ian McClintock and duly carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Ray Jones indicated that he was willing to continue as President (this is a non-elected post)

Vice Presidents: Sadly, we lost both Joyce Williamson and Peter Jones as Life Members/Vice Presidents last year and Nigel recorded thanks for their contribution to the club over many years. There were no additional proposals for new VPs. James Ainsley proposed that the Vice Presidents were re-elected en block. This was seconded by Paul Arnup and duly approved by the membership.

Vice Chairman: Chris Taylor had indicated that he would be standing down as Vice Chairman as he no longer lives in the area. Nigel thanked Chris for his enormous contribution to the club. Ian McClintock had indicated that he was willing to stand as Vice Chairman and Nigel noted that Ian had been associated with the club longer than almost anyone present. With no other nominations, Ian was proposed by Geoff Davis, seconded by Eddi Wicken and duly appointed.

Hon. Secretary: Paul Arnup had indicated that he would be prepared to stand again and there were no other nominations. Paul was proposed by Darren McGoldrick, seconded by Aaron Thomson and duly re-elected.

Hon. Treasurer: Graham Brown had indicated that he would be prepared to stand again and there were no other nominations. Graham was proposed by Tony Cadd, seconded by Dave Daniels and was duly re-elected.

Hon. Fixture Secretary: Graham Brown indicated that he was prepared to stand again and there were no other nominations. Graham was proposed by James Ainsley, seconded by Darren McGoldrick was duly re-elected.

Bar Secretary: Lesley had indicated that she would be standing down as Bar Secretary and Nigel thanked her for a fantastic job over many years. Geoff Davis had indicated that he was prepared to stand and there were no other nominations. Geoff was proposed by Darren McGoldrick seconded by Neil Burgess and was duly elected.

Sunday 1st XI Captain: Neil Picton had indicated that he would be stepping down due to a perfectly understandable desire to play at a higher level with Ashford CC. Nigel thanked Neil for the fantastic work not only as 1st Team Captain but also in many other areas of the club. James Ainsley had indicated that he was prepared to stand as Captain and there were no other nominations. James was proposed by Darren McGoldrick, seconded by Aaron Thomson and duly elected.

Sunday 2nd XI Captain. The 2nd XI remains suspended at this time and therefore no captain or vice-captain was appointed.

Saturday XI Captain. Darren McGoldrick had indicated that he would be prepared to stand again and there were no other nominations. Darren was proposed by James Ainsley, seconded by Richard Doyle and duly elected.

Sunday 1st XI Vice Captain: With James Ainsley taking over as Captain, this position became vacant and Will Ainsley had indicated that he would be prepared to take on the role. With no other nominations, Will was proposed by Aaron Thomson, seconded by Darren Laker and duly elected.

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Saturday XI Vice Captain: Paul Davis has indicated that he would be standing down as Saturday XI Vice Captain, due to family commitments (Congratulations to Paul and Nicola on the new addition to the family!). Nigel thanked Paul for his contribution as Vice-Captain last year. Unfortunately, there were no nominations for this role and so it will remain vacant with Vice Captains being appointed on a match by match basis.

Colts Manager: Jack Oldrey had indicated that he would be happy to continue as Colts Manager. Jack was proposed by Tony Cadd, seconded by Neil Burgess and duly elected.

Grounds Committee Chairman: This position remains vacant and there were no nominations forthcoming. However, Darren Laker has offered to act as co-ordinator for weekly ground work, albeit not in a formal role.

Social Secretary: Geoff Davis had indicated that he would be standing down and Nigel thanked him for the enormous amount of work, especially at boot fairs etc, over the years. There were no other nominations so this position will remain vacant.

Club Welfare Officer: Hannah Arnup indicated that she would be prepared to stand again. Nigel commended Hannah for maintaining a very visible presence at colts' events. Hannah was nominated by Darren McGoldrick, seconded by Tony Cadd and was duly elected.

Players' Representative: With James Ainsley moving to 1st XI Captain, this role becomes vacant. Aaron Thomson and Richard Doyle agreed to take on the role in a joint capacity. Both were proposed by Neil Burgess, seconded by Darren McGoldrick and duly elected.

Colts' Parents representative: Nigel believed that Jason Oldrey would continue as Colts' Representative but at the time of the AGM, this had not been confirmed. It was agreed that we will leave this position 'as is' for the time being.

Hon Life Members: There were no additional nominations for Life Membership.

Future Developments

Nigel emphasised the comments made above with respect to financing and stated that club is effectively in 'survival mode' at the moment. There could therefore be no update in terms of development.

That said, the two major priorities at the moment are a) finance and b) new players.

With respect to the former, the Parish Council has recently approved (subject to confirmation at the time of the AGM) a number of grants for the club. These include provision for:

- Replacement cooker/dishwasher/glass washer
- Replacement heaters
- Installation of wifi
- Repairs to fittings (photos etc) damaged in recent incident.
- Provision for some agreed running costs

In addition to this, Councillor Wilford (in attendance) has some ideas around social media exposure and sponsorship and the club will be working with him and Pilgrims FC to discuss how to make this work .

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MATCH LEVIES

The Management Committee has suggested that Playing subs and Match Fees will remain unchanged at £60/£30 for this year. Match levies will also remain unchanged at £10 (£5 juniors/colt) This suggestion was proposed by Darren McGoldrick, seconded by Eddi Wicken and was duly approved by the membership.

Members Bar Prices

This was covered under the rule changes for membership cards and no further discussion was required. Bar prices will remain 'as is' until confirmation of the proposed cards.

Health & Safety.

The current policy was proposed by Eddi Wicken, seconded by Paul Arnup and duly re-approved

Safeguarding policies

The existing policies were proposed by Tony Cadd, seconded by Eddi Wicken and duly re-approved

A.O.B

Nigel reminded the meeting that Colts nets have started and Adult nets start on Monday 9th March.

Geoff stated that the proposed Sausage and Cider night would not now go ahead, However, we will be selling the excess stock of cider at £18 for a case of 24.

The meeting was reminded of Pre-Season groundwork on 4th April

It was agreed that we will change the dates of Cricket Week so that the matches are played across a weekend. This is to make it easier for members who would usually need to take time off work. The new dates are 23rd-26th July 2020.

GB advised that where possible, Saturday games have been scheduled with a start time of 1.00pm or 1.30pm. All Sunday friendlies will start at 1.30pm

The league format this year will be 6 divisions of 12 with Divisions 3 and 4 being split geographically between east and west. We are in Division 3 East.

GB will speak to Chris Taylor about the fixture card for 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm