

GREAT CHART CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of AGM held at the Swaffer Pavilion on Friday 1st March 2019 commencing 7.40 pm.

PRESENT

James Ainsley, Paul Arnup, Graham Brown, Nigel Champion, Geoff, Lesley and Paul Davis, Darren Laker, Darren McGoldrick, Chris Taylor, Paul Ticehurst, Mark Whiting, Ben Moyle, Will Ainsley, Dave Woolaston, Aaron Thomson, Ian McClintock, Ray Jones, Paul Parkinson, Neil Picton, Neil Burgess, Jason Oldrey, Tony Cadd, Dave Daniels, Eddi Wicken, Dan Rolfe, Joe Cunningham, Jack Oldrey, Melvyn Ainsley (29)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Michelle Picton, Phil Edwards, Colin Mercer, Martin Baker, Sam Quigley, Jamie Williams, Howard Baker, Jane and Hannah Arnup, Jez Sharp, Ivan Baker, Anup Sen, Dan Davis (13)

Special Items

Nigel thanked the members for attending and opened the meeting with two Special items.

There have been a few suggestions from the membership that given the current difficulties in recruiting new players (not exclusive to Great Chart CC), we should consider the possibility of merging with another club. Nigel emphasised that we have NOT approached any other club or been approached ourselves. Comments from the floor of the meeting agreed that village cricket is struggling with at least one club in the local area apparently on the verge of folding. The number of league teams has also reduced in recent years. Nigel stated that the committee currently feels that whilst it does not wish to be proactive in terms of merging, we should keep a 'watching brief'. The meeting agreed that this is a sound approach for the time being.

The second item was related to the general management of the club by the Management Committee, specifically around the content of the website, communication and actions taken. Nigel stressed that the committee does not get everything right in terms of decision making but neither does it get too much wrong. Everyone on the committee is a volunteer who gives up valuable free time to help the club. There was some discussion about the use of social media in general and the content of the website in particular. It was mentioned that Michelle Picton has kindly agreed to report back to the Management Committee regarding a membership tool called Teamo. This tool can potentially help us with many aspects of membership renewals and selection. Paul Arnup reiterated that few of the current committee regularly uses social media and are therefore limited in what they are able to do. However, Jack Oldrey kindly offered to help in this respect. Chris Taylor pointed out that the feedback on WhatsApp has generally been good and we have also used the Great Chart/Singleton Facebook page to good effect with many members of the public actively notifying us about suspicious activity at the club. Paul Ticehurst raised concerns about the content of the website and it is accepted that it has recently not been as up-to-date as we would have hoped. However, Paul Arnup pointed out that the club is doing its best in terms of the media available and that communication has to be a two way activity with feedback from members always welcome (and indeed, necessary).

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 Chris Taylor and was duly elected.

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM 8th March 2018

Approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES (NOT INCLUDED ON AGENDA)

Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nigel thanked Graham for his usual highly comprehensive report and accounts. It was emphasised by both Nigel and Graham that the club has struggled with the funding of general bills over the last year and we have ended the year with considerably less funds than in the previous year. It was pointed out that whilst the bar account has subsidised the general running of the club for a number of years, we have now been forced to dip into both the Colts and Project accounts for general funds which. Whilst the club is not 'in trouble' in this respect, it is a worrying trend that will need to be monitored very closely. Neil Picton proposed that we should accept the accounts as a true record. This was seconded by Neil Burgess and duly approved by those present. Nigel again thanked Graham for the considerable effort throughout the year with respect to the accounts.

Bar Report

As noted above, the bar continues to be a valuable source of income for the club. There were no questions and Chris Taylor proposed that the report was approved and this was seconded by Tony Cadd and duly approved.

APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT

Nigel Champion proposed that Bernard Symonds was reappointed as accountant. Ian McClintock seconded and this was approved by the membership.

Proposed Rule Change

1. New rule – DBS (formerly CRB) checks – proposed by Paul Ticehurst

All members who require DBS checks in team or training are checked each year by the end of May. Should they not have a current DBS in force by that time they must stand down from their role until they comply with the DBS procedure.

This proposal arose from the fact that there has been a constant struggle in recent years with arranging DBS checks for those members who require it. Whilst it was accepted that the Welfare Officer has made great progress with this recently, those present agreed that the introduction of this rule would help members to focus on completing the checks. The proposal was therefore accepted.

2. New rule – Committee Meeting Minutes – proposed by Paul Ticehurst

All matters discussed by the Club Management Committee must be minuted so that all members are aware of ongoing issues being dealt with by said Committee. Minutes do not need to include members names, but they need to include all business conducted by the Management committee. It should be a rule that minutes of said meetings are available on the website within three weeks of the meeting.

Paul Ticehurst outlined some recent events whereby issues relating to a specific member were discussed at committee but not minuted for confidentiality reasons. There was some discussion around the rights and obligations of the committee to withhold certain details that it felt should not be made public. Those present agreed that there will be circumstances from time-to-time where the committee should have the right, at its discretion, not to disclose specific details related to matters under discussion. The proposal was therefore NOT accepted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Vice Presidents: Nigel reported that none of the existing Vice-President has indicated that they wish to step down. There were no additional proposals for new VPs. Tony Cadd proposed that the Vice Presidents were re-elected en block. This was seconded by Aaron Thomson and duly approved by the membership.

Vice Chairman: Chris Taylor had indicated that he would be prepared to stand again and there were no other nominations Chris was proposed by Geoff Davis, seconded by Neil Burgess and duly elected.

Hon. Secretary: Paul Arnup had indicated that he would be prepared to stand again and there were no other nominations. Paul was proposed by Chris Taylor, seconded by Graham Brown 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 Joe Cunningham, seconded by Dave Woolaston 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 Chris Taylor, seconded by Aaron Thomson was duly re-elected.

Bar Secretary: Lesley had indicated that she was prepared to stand again and there were no other nominations. Lesley was proposed by Tony Cadd seconded by Geoff Davis and were duly elected.

Sunday 1st XI Captain: Ben Moyle had indicated that after 4 years in the role, he would be stepping down due to a change in his personal circumstances. Nigel thanked Ben for the fantastic work during this time which culminated in the 1st team narrowly missing out on promotion last season. Neil Picton had indicated that he was prepared to stand as Captain. Neil was proposed by James Ainsley, seconded by Aaron Thomson and duly elected.

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

Saturday XI Captain. Last season started with Graham Brown in the position of Saturday Team Captain. Unfortunately, due to injury, Graham was forced to step down and was replaced by Darren McGoldrick for the remainder of the season. Graham had indicated that he would not be standing again and Darren McGoldrick had indicated that he would be prepared to stand. Darren was proposed by Graham Brown, seconded by Aaron Thomson and duly elected.

Sunday 1st XI Vice Captain: With Neil Picton taking over as Captain, this position became vacant and James Ainsley had indicated that he would be prepared to take on the role. James was proposed by Paul Parkinson, seconded by Chris Taylor and duly elected.

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Saturday XI Vice Captain: With Darren McGoldrick taking over as Captain, this position became vacant and Paul Davis had indicated that he would be prepared to take on the role. Paul was proposed by Paul Parkinson, seconded by Neil Picton and duly elected.

Colts Manager: James Burgess had indicated that he would not be standing again. Jack Oldrey had indicated that he would be prepared to take on the role. Jack was proposed by Will Ainsley, seconded by Geoff Davis and duly elected. Nigel also thanked Tony Cadd for all of his help again last year. It was agreed that Tony is possibly the greatest non-Colts manager in the history of the world....ever !!

Grounds Committee Chairman: This position remains vacant and there were no nominations forthcoming. Nigel noted that Brian Edwards has indicated that he will be able to help with the grounds this season and the club has already arranged for Brian to attend a groundsman course. The WhatsApp Group continued to work well last year and we will continue in the same way for next season.

Social Secretary: Geoff Davis had originally indicated that he would be standing down. However, in the absence of any other nominations, Geoff agreed to stand again! Geoff was proposed by Tony Cadd, seconded by Neil Burgess and duly elected.

Club Welfare Officer: Hannah Arnup indicated that she would be prepared to stand again. Hannah was nominated by Tony Cadd, seconded by James Ainsley and was duly elected.

Players' Representative: Dan Davis had indicated that he would be stepping down due to personal commitments and Nigel thanked him for taking on the role last year. James Ainsley was proposed by Geoff Davis, seconded by Chris Taylor and duly elected.

Colts' Parents representative: Jason Oldrey had indicated that he was prepared to stand again. Jason was proposed by James Ainsley, seconded by Chris Taylor and duly elected.

Hon Life Members: Paul Ticehurst made a number of proposals for new Life Members. Paul's citations for each nomination were as follows:

1. Paul Arnup

Paul has been a valuable member of the Club for many years now. Apart from his important role as Secretary he has helped, organised and assisted at nearly every event since he joined the Club. The role of secretary is pivotal in the efficient running of the Club and Paul has done that now for a long time.

Whilst not being the best player, he has always supported the teams and has on many occasions filled in when teams were short. Without his organisation many boot fairs would not have been successful. He is one of the few members you can call on when needed to sort out any Club problems. As such he is a worthy candidate for Life Membership.

Paul Arnup thanked Paul Ticehurst for the nomination. However, Paul A believes that Life Membership should be an honour awarded to those who have made an outstanding contribution to the club and for a number of reasons as stated at the meeting, does not think he is worthy of such an honour at this time. Paul therefore respectfully declined the nomination.

2. Michelle Picton

Michelle has covered many roles in her time at the Club, from being the daughter of a player and our forever remembered Colts Secretary and Fixture Secretary, to supporting her husband on the playing field. She has also been a stalwart supporter of many aspects of Club work. She has been Social Secretary and was on the General Committee for several years. She assists at all major fund raisers and makes one of our best teas, she is also the main Scorer for the first team. In the last season she also was seen assisting several times with ground work, and is already training her children, hopefully, to assist as well. A valuable asset, and also a worthy recipient of Life Membership.

Michelle was seconded by Dave Woolaston and duly elected.

3. Keith Hillyard

Although not currently a member. Keith was a very important part of the Club history and is more than deserving of a life membership. His many roles included Acting Captain, Vice Captain, Committee Member, Groundsman, Fun Day organiser, Roof Repairer and probably our best Wicketkeeper in recent years. He was also very much part of the Social Scene and supported all Club events and assisted in organising major events also. He spent much of his own time in compiling the history of the Cricket Club which was displayed at the Old England game and is still on the Club website. He ensured not only the Club had access to a marquee for Club events but ensured it was erected and dismantled correctly. Keith was a huge loss when he moved on, but if correctly awarded Club life membership we will hopefully see him again.

The Management committee had indicated that whilst it fully agreed with the details of Keith's contribution to the club as cited above, as a current non-member, it did not feel that it could support this nomination. Nevertheless, Keith nomination was seconded by James Ainsley and duly approved.

4. Martin Baker

Martin has been a member now for over 35 years. He is one of the Clubs top run scorers and wicket takers. Apart from this he has been a Captain, a Vice Captain, an Assistant Treasurer and a member of the General Committee. He has also been invaluable in assisting with ground work and the Club machinery. He has also assisted and attended the majority of Club events over the year's, and is regularly seen supporting the teams when he is not playing. His family have a long history at the Club and he is due a life membership.

Martin was seconded by Joe Cunningham and duly elected.

5. Ivan Baker

Ivan has been involved with the Club for 40 years, having played as a youngster. He was a Captain in 1982 and since then has been a Vice Captain and a Committee member. He has been a valuable player for all three teams over the years. He has supported Club functions, has assisted at fund raising events and been instrumental in giving expert advice on all aspects of building work and regulations at the Club, particularly in any improvements undertaken after fund raising. He has been a great help to many members over the years. He too is deserving of a life membership.

Ivan was seconded by Will Ainsley and duly elected.

6. Stuart Young

Stuart is also not currently a member of the Cricket Club. This is a sad loss to the running of the Club. Stuart has been at the Club over 20 years and has played as a colt and senior member. He has been a valuable player for our League and friendly teams. Stuart has been a Captain and Vice Captain and also made telling contributions whilst on the Club committee. He assists at the majority of Club functions and fund raisers, and is also part of a family that has helped at the Club for a long time. Deserving of a life membership.

The Management committee had indicated that whilst it fully agreed with the details of Stuart's contribution to the club as cited above, as a current non-member, it did not feel that it could support this nomination. The nomination was NOT supported by those present.

7. And 8. Eddi Wicken and Mark Whiting

Both these Gentleman have been involved in the cricket club for over 20 years. Neither have served on the general committee or been Captains or Vice Captains. However, both have made huge contributions to Great Chart Cricket Club, not only on the playing field. They have been the men to go to, the strong helpers at the Club. Whether it be groundwork, physical work or assistance in any labouring roles, they have been there.

Eddi supports and helps not only Neil and Michelle with their family to ensure they both can play on Sundays, but he helped Bev with all her duties, and since then has continued to support the Club in all it's activities.

Mark has done lots of the dirty work apart from assisting at all the Club fund raising activities. He has painted, scraped and supplied a great deal for the Club.

Both these men are justified nominees for Life memberships.

Eddi was seconded by Ray Jones and duly elected.

Mark was seconded by James Ainsley and duly elected.

Future Developments

Nigel emphasised the comments made above with respect to funding of the club and indicated that future development of the club is necessarily on hold until we are in a position to allocate sufficient funds.

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) Any adult playing 2 games in a weekend will continue to pay £5 for the second game. This suggestion was proposed by James Ainsley, seconded by Aaron Thomson and was duly approved by the membership.

Health & Safety.

The current policy, as distributed before the meeting was proposed by Ben Moyle, seconded by Chris Taylor and duly re-approved

Safeguarding policies

Nigel stated that the 20 policies that were distributed with the AGM pack are consistent with ECB guidelines and are therefore essential if we are to attain Clubmark status. Nigel emphasised the truly unbelievable amount of work that Hannah Arnup had made in creating the documents and this drew agreement and a round of applause for Hannah from those present. Tony Cadd proposed that we approve the policies and this was seconded by Lesley Davis and duly approved.

A.O.B

Nigel reminded the meeting that Colts nets start on Wednesday 6th March and Adult nets on Monday 11th March.

The meeting closed a 10.05pm