



## Minutes of AGM held on-line via Microsoft Teams on 7th December 2020

### Present:

Jonathan Last, Chairman; Gary Ford, President; Carol O'Shea, Treasurer; Grant Whelan; Lawrence Cummings – Secretary; Alan Budge; Kevin Manning – Fixtures Secretary; Robin Brooks; John Ellis – Club Welfare Officer; Dave Howorth – Head of Colts Cricket; Joe Howorth – Publicity and Sponsorship Officer; Graeme Ellis; Martin Perkin; Scott Sharp – Director of Cricket; Tony Critchley; Tom Howarth – 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain; Sue Howorth; Sam Kennett; Paul Ager; Byron Hickman; Mike Judd; Robert Margel; Bill Burnett; Jeremy Hammond.

Total attendance: 23

### Apologies:

Lewis Sharp; Nigel Cresswell; Mike Tresise

#### 1 Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes

1.1 Minutes proposed by Scott Sharp, seconded by Robin Brooks.

#### 2 Chairman's report

1. Chairman's report delivered by Jonny Last. See Appendix 1.
2. ESA report – Martin Perkin explained the resurfacing work being carried out on the Fox Lane drives and car parks. The Cross Green drive will also be repaired.

#### 3 Treasurers report

3.1 Approval of the ECC accounts for 2018/19

- Summary of the year was provided in the Report delivered by Treasurer Carol O'Shea. See Appendix 2. Key points regarding the position of the club are as follows:
  - This year was overall a profit of £2,254. The cash level is over £45k.
  - Overall this was a pretty good outcome given the challenges presented by 2020.
  - The use of an app for collecting fees in future will greatly assist.
- The accounts have not yet been audited; Brian Wilson has been unwell and was not able to perform the audit; Brian is stepping down as an auditor. Approval of the minutes was requested based on satisfactory audit – proposed Tom Howorth, seconded Byron Hickman; approved nem con.
- 2021 has started well with the obtaining of grants from Hart BC (£10K) and ECB Return to Cricket (£3k); thanks to Sue Howorth and Lawrence Cummings for obtaining these.

3.2 Approval of Membership subscriptions and match fees for 2020

- Membership – the committee proposes a restructuring of junior fees and a small increase – Adult and Colts' Memberships to increase to £130. All post-Colt junior cricketers will pay £65. Match fees will stay the same as 2019.
- Proposed by the committee and approved nem con by those attending.

3.3 Approval of Honorary Auditors

- Brian Wilson is unfortunately obliged to step down through ill health. Brian was thanked in absentia for his many years of service. Jeremy Hammond is willing to stand again, and was appointed nem con. A replacement auditor will be sought – Jonny Last and Carol O'Shea will work on this

#### 4 Cricket

4.1 Colts report

- Dave Howorth provided a report as per Appendix 3.

4.2 Adults report

- Scott Sharp presented his report.
- The resumption of cricket after lockdown had seen huge numbers training and the regular fielding of five teams on Saturdays. It had therefore been decided to enter a 5<sup>th</sup> XI into the TVCL for next season, playing at Eagle House which has recently been approved for use by the TVCL.

- Whilst there was no formal league cricket with promotion and relegation, the Adult teams finished as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> XI, finished 2nd in Div2
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, consolidated their position after their promotion in 2019.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> XI finished top – again!!!!
  - 4<sup>th</sup> XI consolidated their position after their promotion in 2019.
- Indoor training is currently looking problematic for adults – basically, according to ECB guidelines, juniors can and adults can't train indoors. Developments and guidelines will be closely monitored over the coming weeks.
- Scott Sharp advised that the intended 2020 overseas player had agreed to come over in 2021. Accommodation will be required but employment prospects are good.
- Tom Howorth thanks Scott for his efforts, especially with the 5<sup>th</sup> XI, and Tony Critchley for all his hard work on teams and fixtures.

#### 5 Election of club officers for 2020

- JL suggested the names in place on the election form be proposed en-bloc. Those are:
  - Jon Last – Chairman
  - Vice-Chairman – Open, given GF's appointment as President.
  - Treasurer – Carol O'Shea
  - Director of Cricket – Scott Sharp
  - Grounds Manager – Chris Last
  - Membership Secretary – James Forsyth
  - Publicity Manager – Joe Howorth
  - Sponsorship Secretary – Joe Howorth
  - Club Welfare Officer – John Ellis
  - Secretary – Lawrence Cummings
  - Colts Co-ordinator – Dave Howorth
  - Fixture Secretary – Kevin Manning
- Proposed by the Committee. Approved nem con.

#### 6 Election of ESA representatives

Jon Last, Gary Ford, Martin Perkin and John Ellis were elected en bloc with nem con.

#### 7 Life Member proposal

- Nil.

#### 8 Proposed Rule Changes

LC explained the background to the proposed rule changes which had been requested by the ECB as part of our "Return to Cricket" grant application. JL showed the meeting the proposed wording. On this basis the amendments were approved nem con by the meeting.

#### 9 Next meeting

- Next committee meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

#### 10 AOB

LC updated the meeting re the PCA game. Nirvana had paid the PCA invoice as part of their sponsorship and PCA were holding these funds. ECC would need to find another £2,500. Kingfisher is a possibility, tanks to Martin Perkin. The question of a later date had been discussed with the PCA and 27/08/2021 had been offered. Reaction to this was generally favourable. LC to discuss with Nirvana and the PCA.