

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011, 8-0pm at the**  
**Club Pavilion**

**Present:** B.Blundell, S.Chapman, P.Church, D.Cooke, J.Cooke, M.Cooke, N.Iverson, M.Johnston, N.Macdonald, A.Parker, D.Shankland, Raj Sharma, B.Stilwell, A.Watson, T.Watters, J.Wellman (16)

**Apologies for absence:** R. Holliday, M.Horton, A.Parry Rob Sharma. (4)

**Minutes of 2010 AGM** - had been circulated. Agreed and signed by Chairman. There were no matters arising.

**1. Chairman's Report:** It has been a very good year for the Club, on and off the field of play, with a great deal of hard work. The ground-works and building of the new pavilion have transformed the Club, and the teams have been very successful. Thanks are due to a very large number of people; not just the Committee. There have been some very generous and significant donations of time and money. An official Opening has yet to be arranged to recognise all these people. It is still necessary for us to raise funds to pay for the new facilities, and it is essential we have the full support of the entire membership by making use of the facilities and supporting events.

**2. Captains' Reports:**

1st XI: Raj Sharma reported a successful season, losing only one match, winning Division 4 and promotion to Division 3.

2nd XI: Neil Macdonald reported similar success, losing only two games, both to Linden Park, but winning Division 11 and gaining promotion to Division 10.

3rd XI: Andrew Watson's team also won its league, Division 13, losing only two games, and now promoted to Division 12. A full side was turned out on almost all occasions - an overall excellent achievement in the first year of a third team.

All three captains reported promising performances by colts brought into adult league cricket.

**3. Colts Report:**

The under-11's could not be maintained as too many dropped out. The Under-13's and Under-15's however completed a successful season. Some good junior players emerged to play in adult cricket and performed well in the senior sides. However our aim is to double the number of junior players. It is hoped proposed winter nets and nets at the ground will help. It is essential that senior players step forward to help with the juniors. Neil thanked Andrew Watson and Andy Parker for their efforts. The policy is to try as far as is reasonably practical to spread junior involvement in the senior teams, for those who are good enough, including the Sunday side, so that all the inexperience is not loaded into the 3rd XI.

**4. Club Welfare Officer's Report:**

Neil completed the CWO courses. There have been no incidents requiring CWO involvement. A Health & Safety audit of the new facilities is to be carried out before the start of the 2012 season.

## **5. Treasurer's Report:**

Brian Stilwell had produced provisional figures. These were presented, for the benefit of those present, by the Chairman Douglas Shankland who has been dealing with accounts and projections for the major project of the year - the Ground and Clubhouse Development Finances.

He is in the process of feeding our accounts into the specialist accounting software - Sage. As it is not yet completed, the meeting agreed that the accounts can be dealt with at the next Committee meeting, by which time the exercise should be complete, and the audited accounts, with projections, can be sent to the membership with these Minutes, which will be delayed for that purpose. The auditor Martin Johnston agreed. The membership will then be free to raise queries if necessary.

To get where we are now, we have done rather more work than was originally projected. Income from annual subscriptions is up but match fee income is down, owing to the number of junior players (concession fees) and cancelled games. It is hoped £1000 raised by the "200 Club" this year will be increased next year. There have been some very generous donations in terms of capital, interest-free loans, and essential ground equipment, for which we are extremely grateful. Brewers Shepherd Neame made a significant donation, our VAT registration has shown a good return, and there is income from advertising boards, which we continue to sell, and hiring out of the pavilion facilities.

We have to service our loans, including a facility from our bank, and a private interest-free loan to be repaid after three years. Douglas estimates the pavilion and other income generated should be sufficient to service our loans and liabilities. The new pavilion, which we own, is of course a huge asset. We also have some Gift Aid and VAT money due to us. Future development of facilities will depend on our success in accumulating funds, and meeting priorities.

**6. Appoint Auditor:** Martin Johnston agreed to continue as Club Auditor. His appointment was proposed by Brian Stilwell, seconded by John Cooke and agreed unanimously.

## **7. Membership Categories, Annual Subs and Match fees:**

The committee proposed four senior membership categories, namely:-  
**Senior Player** - £75 per year (with concession for those in full time education only);  
**Senior Non-player** - £50 per year; **Social Member** - £36 per year; **Family Membership** - £100 per year.

The meeting agreed, and that the committee should define and clarify these categories as soon as possible. Colts membership will remain at £30.

Match fees were discussed in view of 3rd XI not being able to enjoy the facilities of the Wellbrook ground. However we have to pay for use of a second ground, and teas still have to be paid for. It was agreed therefore that match fees will be £10 per match in all teams, with usual concessions, and £5 for colts playing in senior sides.

## **8. Election of Captains:**

The three Saturday captains all agreed to stand again. In the absence of other proposals Raj Sharma, Neil Macdonald and Andrew Watson were agreed as 1st, 2nd,

and 3rd XI captains respectively - proposed by Bryan Blundell, seconded by Dan Cooke and agreed unanimously.

It was agreed the respective captains should appoint their Vice-captains but that it should actually be done, as last year no vice-captains were in fact nominated.

Rob Sharma has stood down from being Sunday XI captain. The post does not now entail arranging the Sunday fixtures. In the absence of a volunteer, it was suggested that when the fixture list has been completed, and before the season starts, so that there is adequate notice, the committee endeavours to allocate matches throughout the season, each to a different volunteer for one match. It may be that thereby a regular captain will emerge

### **9."200 Club" Administrator:**

Brian Stilwell has agreed to take this on - proposed by D.Shankland, seconded by P.Church and agree unanimously.

### **10. Election of Officers and Committee:**

President: Robin Holliday - proposed by Nigel Iverson; seconded by Raj Sharma.

Chairman: Douglas Shankland - proposed by P. Church; seconded by Brian Stilwell.

Hon.Treasurer: Douglas Shankland also to take on this post. Proposed by Brian Stilwell; seconded by John Cooke.

Hon.Secretary: Peter Church - proposed by D. Shankland, seconded by Raj Sharma.

Fixture Secretary: Rob Sharma - proposed by Dan Cooke; seconded by Jim Wellman.

Club Welfare Officer: Neil Macdonald - proposed by D.Cooke; seconded by Andrew Watson.

Colts Manager: Andrew Watson - proposed by Neil Macdonald; seconded by Andy Parker.

Groundsman: Bryan Blundell - proposed by Raj Sharma; seconded by Tom Watters. All were agreed unanimously.

It was suggested that officers of the committee (ie excluding team captains) be elected for two year periods to promote continuity, and to adjust it so that half are up for election each year. This will entail alteration to Paragraph 6 (a) of the Club Constitution. The meeting agreed that the adjustments and alteration to the Constitution may be dealt with in Committee.

The meeting also agreed that social, events, and bookings will be run by a sub-committee comprising Andrew Watson (Chair), Bryan Blundell, Raj Sharma and Neil Macdonald, answerable to the Management Committee at each monthly meeting.

### **11. Other Business:**

Life Membership: It was proposed by Peter Church and seconded by Robin Holliday that Peter d'Aguilar be elected a Life Member. The meeting agreed unanimously.

Vice-President: It was proposed by Peter Church and seconded by Brian Stilwell that Alan Parry be appointed a Club Vice President. The meeting agreed unanimously.

The Club Chairman will send appropriate letters to Peter and Alan.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed soon after 9-30pm.