

24th Jan 08.00hrs

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CAVALIERS CRICKET CLUB 2001

Held at Colchester Rugby Club, 11th October 2001.

Chairman: Peter Braithwaite in the Chair.

Present: Peter Braithwaite, Tony Mayhew, Stuart Johnson, Mike Hooper, Neil Pawsey, Tom Prigmore, Martin Pawsey, Andrew Craig, Ray Smith, Peter Johnson, Steve Peeling, Dave Ely, Roy Paris, Ken Ashwell.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Carl White, Jack Kneeshaw, Christine Pawsey, Tim Berry, Trevor Walton, Jonathan Walton, Duncan Stonehouse, Jonathan Rawlings.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

Agreed and adopted nem con.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chairman. Peter Braithwaite presented his last report as Chairman, as he is to stand down.

The Second XI had not enjoyed as successful a year as previously. The season had seen a regular flow of players, if not paid up members, with the University proving a good source of new blood. For the future, therefore, there is the possibility of closer ties with the University, although this would be a matter for the membership to decide.

Treasurer. Dave Ely reported that he had been unable to bring the accounts fully up to date for the AGM. An apology was made to the membership for this and it was stated that something meaningful would be made available within the near future.

Dave stated that he was willing to stand as Treasurer again, unless there was anyone able to take over the role. The Club was, however, in robust financial health, with a credit balance at the Bank in the order of £900 anticipated as at the year-end.

The Chairman recorded a vote of thanks to Dave for his efforts.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman. Peter Braithwaite left the Chair. Peter Johnson was proposed as his successor by Neil Pawsey and seconded by Peter Braithwaite. Elected nem con.

Peter Johnson took the Chair.

A new position of Vice Chairman was proposed to the meeting and debated. The position was confirmed on a majority vote by 12 votes to 2.

Martin Pawsey was proposed for the position by Neil Peter Johnson and seconded by Tony Mayhew. Elected nem con.

Secretary. Neil Pawsey was proposed by Dave Ely and seconded by Ken Ashwell. Elected nem con.

Treasurer. Andrew Craig was proposed by Neil Pawsey and seconded by Martin Pawsey. Elected nem con.

Fixture Secretary. Tony Mayhew being willing to continue in the post, was re-elected

nem con. Neil Pawsey agreed to act as understudy.

League Representative. Tony Mayhew, being willing to continue in the post, was re-elected nem con. Martin Pawsey agreed to accompany Tony to the League Meeting on 31st October 2001.

Honorary Auditor. Dave Ely was proposed and elected nem con.

First Team Captain – Due to the low turn out at the AGM, this matter was deferred until a fuller debate could take place at a future meeting – see below.

First Team Vice Captain – as above.

Second Team Captain – as above.

Second Team Vice-Captain –as above.

There followed a lengthy discussion on the question of team selection and the possibility of either a "Selection Committee" or a "Selection Officer", this aspect being intrinsically linked to the appointment and role of Captains. It was decided and agreed by the meeting that the new Secretary would issue a letter to the membership asking, inter alia, for suggestion as to how the question of the role of Club Captains and selection issues could best be tackled, for discussion at the suggested future meeting.

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Peter Johnson for his captaincy and work throughout the 2001 season, which was noted.

Fixture Card Editor. Peter Johnson agreed to continue responsibility for the cards.

6. Code of Conduct. The Secretary raised the question of on and off field discipline, in the light of incidents over the last season. Members were reminded of their personal responsibilities in this regard and it was agreed that the Handbook would, again, include reference to required standards. Peter Johnson reminded the meeting that any breaches of discipline automatically implicated the Captain at the time, as he is considered responsible for all such matters.

7. MEMBERSHIP AND MATCH FEES 2001

Peter Braithwaite suggested increase of £1 to Match Fees to £5. Peter Johnson proposed the introduction of a £5 "signing on" fee for membership purposes, coupled with an increased Match Fee of £5 (concessions £2.50). The £5 registration fee would supersede the present subscription. The proposal was adopted nem con, with the Captains retaining discretion to apportion a first £5 match fee to membership payment.

It was agreed that we would look to collect the initial £5 fee as early as possible and the new Secretary will issue a pro forma as part of his communication on the EGM.

8. CRICKET TOUR TO DERBYSHIRE 2001

Roy Paris has offered to arrange the Tour. The dates to be from 31st May 2002 to 4th June inclusive. It was noted that both the 3rd and 4th are Bank Holidays.

The likely cost would be a maximum of £60 for the full tour, and payment will need to be made in advance.

It was agreed that we would look to replace the Sunday fixture against Winshill with one against Tudor.

9. NETS

It was agreed that we would aim to hold nets at St. Helena School from the start of February.

It was also suggested that we might look to play an internal game or two at the University, either on a Sunday afternoon or on a midweek evening by way of additional practice.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As before, the following future dates were agreed: -

Awards Evening 2001 16th November 2001, to be held at the Rugby Club.

EGM (Selection and Captaincy) 24th January 2002.

AGM 2002 10th October 2002.

Awards Evening 15th November 2002.

It was further agreed and suggested that these dates be incorporated in the Handbook.

Pitches. Martin Pawsey raised the issue of the deterioration in pitch quality. It was generally agreed that this was the case and that lack of rolling was a major factor. The new Secretary undertook to raise the matter with the Council.

New Kit. It was agreed that we did not need to make any urgent purchases. Items to conform to Law changes – wicket-keepers gloves – would be postponed until after the League Meeting, to ensure we are clear on the position.

Social Meetings. It was agreed that we should continue with social meetings on the first Monday of every month at the Dog and Pheasant.

Playing Area. After Stuart Johnson's suggestion at the last AGM, that we should look at reducing the playing area at Mill Road, Peter Braithwaite reported that the matter had been raised but that no progress had been forthcoming. The new Screens had seen the size of the boundary reduced marginally where they stand.

Peter Braithwaite raised the question of closer ties with the University and the possibility and desirability of building on the informal links that were increasing. PB agreed to report with his proposals at the forthcoming EGM.

Tony Mayhew suggested that players needed to be reminded of their responsibilities after the end of home matches in terms of clearing up. Peter Johnson agreed to include a note to this effect in the Handbook.

Stuart Johnson proposed a vote of thanks to all those involved in procuring the Container and arranging its transportation and installation at the ground. It is a valuable addition to the Club's assets.

Peter Johnson will be marketing red polo shirts for this year's tour.

The meeting closed at 22.05.

Andrew Craig
Hon Secretary