

CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB
MINUTES OF THE 101st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET
CLUB HELD AT THE GOLDEN PHEASANT PLUMLEY ON
16TH NOVEMBER 2015

The meeting opened at 19:30 with the President, JB Pickup MBE in the Chair.

Also present were D Bailey (Chairman), DE Hastings (Hon. Secretary), P Davies, G Dixon, LF Dixon, JW Law, KS McGuffie, C Murphy, AB Percival, Mrs. S Percival, JL Petch, Mrs EM Scrimgeour and R Sproston.

The meeting commenced with a minute's silence in memory of ex-players GC (Gerry) Hardstaff, P (Phil) Hough, WHR (Bill) Jones, BM (Bryan) Lowe, DJ (Don) Smith and DSG (Derek) Swift who had died during the previous year.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from the Patron, TD Briggs MBE KStJ, Committee members PAG Babbage and A Newton, and from members A. Ashurst, Mrs. J Herbert, J Lofthouse and AJ Melville.

2. MINUTES OF 100th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 17th NOVEMBER 2014

These were approved and signed by the President as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2013

The Hon. Treasurer said that the Examined Accounts to 30th November 2014 had been published on the web site. The Accounts showed an excess of income over expenditure of £14,088 compared with a loss of £2,354 for the previous year.

Much of the improvement was due to the sponsorship by Chess Telecomms which had been arranged by David Bailey. In addition, cricket expenses had been about £5,000 less than in 2013.

£588 Corporation Tax had been paid on the profit shown on the maturing of the previous Treasury Stock Bond. This has now been re-invested in another seven year Bond.

The Accounts for the year ending November 30th, 2014 were approved.

The President wished to record the Club's thanks to the Hon. Treasurer who was in the unique position of overseeing the first excess of income over expenditure for many years.

5. FIXING OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was agreed that there would be no change in the Annual Subscription rates for the coming year.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman said that the Club had started the season full of hopes and with high expectations of continuing the success of the previous five years. Danny Woods, the new Captain, had

already been successful on a stand-in basis and was to lead the team for the Trophy and the Championship with Lee Dixon as Captain for the inaugural Twenty20 competition.

It was a shame that the inaugural competition would seem to be the only one. Certainly it was not going to be repeated in 2016. Cheshire had performed magnificently in this, hosting the preliminary group stage at a cold but extremely well organised Chester Boughton Hall venue. Cheshire won both of their games to progress to the Finals Day at Banbury where the team carried all before them and deservedly won the competition.

Things were not so rosy in the Trophy competition where Cheshire made a mess of the first game and bad weather led to the cancellation of a game which meant that a poorer run rate led to the team being unable to progress to the later stages.

The Championship was very difficult with problems of availability leading to many team changes. Lancashire took three or four players out of the reckoning and then there were conflicts between League Club and County Club fixtures. Cheshire finished second from bottom in the Western Division of the Championship. The Chairman hoped that these conflicts would be resolved in future.

With work commitments meaning that Danny Woods would not be available to act as Captain in 2016, a new one was to be appointed shortly after the AGM.

The Chairman went on to thank the Patron for his help in working towards attracting new sponsorship for the Club. He thanked the President for his attendance and help throughout the summer; the Hon. Secretary for his work not only as Secretary but also as Webmaster and as Yearbook producer where he had help from Peter Babbage; the Hon. Treasurer was praised for the quality of his reports which enabled the Club to know what was happening as well as having proper budgets available for 2016.

Peter Babbage was also thanked for his unstinting efforts along with those of Andy Newton in ensuring that teams were available for matches, with the Chairman pointing out that Peter had contacted 39 players for the last match of the season before a team was finally organised.

The Chairman thanked Elise Scrimgeour for her indefatigable work in handling all the administrative work for the matches and Jim Law for producing the reports for the website and handling press releases and the Club's Social Media presence.

In addition, the Chairman thanked the other members of the Committee who had not been mentioned specifically, but all of whom had contributed to the running of the Club.

He went on to say that the Club would be looking to attract some new members onto the Committee in 2016. In particular he hoped to appoint someone who would be prepared to handle the co-ordination of efforts to attract Corporate Members to the Club.

Summing up, the Chairman said that he hoped that, with a new Captain in place, the Club would be able to address some of the challenges it had faced and would be able to have another good season in 2016.

The President thanked the Chairman for all his work for the Club and then referred to the problem of the clash between First Class Counties' Academy requirements and those of the Minor Counties, which were not limited to Cheshire alone. He pointed out that he had raised the issue at the highest level within the ECB and that he had been promised that the matter would be looked into, although there was no real guarantee that anything would come of this.

7. ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS

The following candidates had been duly proposed and seconded before the meeting. As the posts were uncontested, all candidates were elected without the need for a vote.

Patron: TD Briggs MBE
President: JB Pickup MBE
Chairman: D Bailey
Vice Chairman: JW Law
Honorary Secretary: DE Hastings
Honorary Treasurer: KS McGuffie

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Three positions on the Committee were available for election or re-election for a two year period,

Only two candidates had been proposed so PAG Babbage and A Newton were therefore elected without the need for a vote.

9. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ACCOUNTS EXAMINERS

The Hon. Treasurer proposed that Messrs. Murray Smith should be re-appointed. This was agreed.

10. OTHER APPOINTMENTS

There were no other appointments.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The President thanked Peter Davies, the Chairman of the Cheshire County Cricket Board for attending the meeting and remarked that the excellent relationship between the Club and the Board was the envy of many other Counties.

The meeting closed at 19:50