

CHESHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of the 106th Annual General Meeting held via a scheduled Zoom Meeting

On 16th November 2020

Present : The President, AB Newton (in the Chair), D Bailey (Chair), JLPetch (Hon. Secretary), KS McGuffie (Hon. Treasurer), DW Sharp , R Sproston, FGS MacLeod, DE Hastings, JW Law, JB Pickup, DJ Leigh, I Brown, PAG Babbage and N.Anderson, (14)

A minute`s silence was observed in memory of those Club Members and Supporters who had died during in previous year including CP King, FD Dunkley, AM Holme & J.Silver together with former Captain and outstanding Cheshire cricketer Danny Woods and Hon. Life Vice President and former Hon. Treasurer Graham Hall.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from members :- Mrs EM Scrimgeour, Mrs S Ramsbottom, Mrs J Bailey, A.Percival, JRA Cragg, WJ Evans, RT Sehmi, P Davies and A.Melville (9)

2.MINUTES OF 105th A.G.M. HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER 2019

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

3.MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 30th NOVEMBER 2018

The Hon. Treasurer confirmed that the Examined Accounts to **30th November 2019** had been published on the website. The Accounts, which are 12 months out of date, showed an excess of expenditure over income of nearly £17000 for the year due to MCCA receipts being cut by nearly £40000 remembering that in 2018 we reached two finals at Wormsley and also that expenditure had decreased by almost £12500. The Balance sheet is reasonably strong and next year Treasury Stock is due to mature. This will need to be reviewed although the Treasurer`s recommendation would be to continue this investment. In the absence of any questions, the Accounts for the year ending **30th November 2019** were approved.

The President offered the Club`s thanks to the Hon. Treasurer for his arduous work in handling the finances of the club in such a thorough and transparent manner.

5. FIXING OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Chairman and the Hon. Treasurer had given consideration as to whether subs should be increased however due to a season of cricket it would be unfair to increase the rates paid. It was unanimously agreed that there would be no change in the Annual Subscriptions for the coming year.

6. CHAIRMAN`S REMARKS

“The end of the 2019 season was so positive that we all could hardly wait for the winter to pass and the summer of 2020 to begin along with all its new features, opposition and content.

And then came Covid-19! What an horrific pandemic which as I write still seems to be gaining strength and causing so many challenges around the world. I begin to worry for the beginning of Season 2021. Please stay safe everyone!

As the summer passed we had hopes of some cricket being played, then of a reduced competition and then finally no cricket at all. Fortunately for cricketers the clubs were able to get some cricket to keep their memories afloat and their bars active!

The NCCA (remember our new name?) tried hard to get some joy out of the season but it was not to be. No meetings permitted, no match planning to undertake, no showcase match to arrange. Whilst there was no need for committee meetings the opportunity to consider an overhaul to our own existence came to the fore. With this in mind it is hoped that at our first meeting after this AGM several new ideas will come forward which will give us a fresh approach to the cricketing supporters and players within the County. This could also lead to an improvement in the number of members which is far too low at present.

We have also inaugurated a review of the sponsorships available and made some changes to the approach to sponsors. We also welcome two new sponsor companies and are actively pursuing a title sponsor as well as other sponsors. It is now uncertain how the NCCA will fare with its income from the ECB due to the large losses they have incurred through Covid-19. This could reflect on a reduced income for each NCCA county by sharing a lower level of handout than anticipated.

I would like to thank all those committee members who despite the challenges have helped in their own ways to keep the cricketing dream alive - John Petch, Jim Law and David Leigh in particular. This winter should produce some new energy as our ideas start to bear fruit.

Finally, we have decided not to produce our normal annual handbook as there was nothing to go in it that was worthy of printing. Let us hope that 2021 will be a different story.

Take care, stay safe and have as good a winter as you can."

7.ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS :

Nominations for Hon. Officers had been duly proposed and seconded prior to the A.G.M. and all were elected unanimously.

Patron : TD Briggs MBE : President : AB Newton, Chair : D Bailey, Vice Chair: JW Law,

Hon. Secretary : JL Petch : Hon. Treasurer : KS McGuffie

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS :

Three positions on the Committee were available for election / re-election for a period of two years and all three nominations had been duly proposed and seconded. Accordingly Mrs EM Scrimgeour, DJ Leigh and R Sproston were elected unanimously.

9. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ACCOUNTS EXAMINERS

The Hon. Treasurer proposed that Messrs. Murray Smith should be re-appointed as they do an outstanding job for the Club. This was unanimously agreed.

10. ANY OTHER APPOINTMENTS

The Chair, with the unanimous support of those officers with whom he had discussed it, had sent a recent letter to Mrs Heather Woods inviting her, in Danny Woods` memory, to become an Honorary Life Member of the Club. Unfortunately as yet there had been no reply, however, as the letter had been sent by post, there was perhaps a need to check the address. It was unanimously agreed to appoint Heather Woods as an Honorary Life Member, subject to her acceptance.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

N Anderson, having spoken to the other two captains, enquired about the “Age criteria” which would have operated in 2020 and whether it would be reconsidered for 2021. This issue had been raised at the NCCA Members Forum on **10th November** however the NCCA Chair had been adamant that it would not be changed. For Cheshire it would make selection much harder and some players in their mid 20`s would miss out.

Note : the Hon. Secretary advised that the NCCA Minutes were silent on this matter.

There was no other business however the Chair thanked the President for his efficient handling of the Meeting and The President thanked all Committee members for their support in these trying conditions and in particular David Bailey, John Petch, Keith McGuffie, David Sharp and Peter Babbage.

The meeting closed at 7.58 p.m