

## **2013 AGM - MINUTES (NICK WYATT)**

Date: 8th November 2013 – The Mason's Arms

Present:

- Dave Penhallurick, Keith Ponsford, Lester Whitby, Joe Walter, Paul Jacobs, Olly Walter, Nick Wyatt, Keith Whiter, Seamus Gregan, Harry Stoneman, David Lawrence, Peter Wiblin.

### **1) Apologies for Absence**

- Roy Blatchford, Luke Blatchford, Richard Stoneman, Nick Hardy, Ravi Kella, Ged Barker, Jonathan Ponsford, Jonny Gifford.

### **2) Minutes of the 2012 AGM**

- It was agreed that the minutes as represented on the club website was a true record of the 2012 AGM.

### **2) Matters arising from the 2012 AGM**

- Details of the recovery of financial control of the club accounts, better membership procedures and the introduction of an Isis Operating Guide would be reported on later in the meeting. These responded to many of the matters arising from the AGM, and there was no further discussion at this time.

### **3) Chairman's report**

- See Keith Whiter's chairman's report on the club website

### **4) Captain's report**

- Dave Penhallurick said that the 2013 season had been strange on a personal level (and he thanked everyone for their support). He also thanked the vice-captains for their support on the pitch and for their help with selection duties.
- He said that having been away for a while, it was been interesting to see the changes to the club. He felt there was good progress but that issues remain: -
- Late arrivals cause problems (impact of declining light, disrespectful, affects on decisions at the toss, lack of help with setting up the pitch etc.). He would also like to see more consistency in supporting other duties; for example, who keeps the scoreboard updates, the next batsman in? Timely arrival also allows at least 10 minutes to warm up before the game starts (important, particularly in 20-20 games).
- He would like to see more thoughtful selection. For example, in the Infosys game we had 7/8 bowlers only a couple of recognised batsmen, and no wicketkeeper—we lacked team balance). He suggests selection should be done several games ahead to help achieve the right balance.
- He also feels that more than two vice-captains are too many to achieve a consistent approach to selection.
- Dave talked in detail about two games. Infosys at Queens was a cracker. Seven bowlers were used, and all bowled well on a flat wicket. NW and JG opened well. KW, RB, NH bowled tightly too. KP and JW mopped up the tail. It was a hard game to get everyone involved, but it worked out well. We stumbled over the line

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with the bat. Ipsden awat at the end of the season was also very good, and he felt the highlight was HS's innings, with some exceptional straight drives.

- Dave said it was nice to see young players (Luke and Harry) making a difference. It was good to have Joe and Olly battling for the catching title, but felt that sometimes this year we were out-fielded. Some great batting and bowling contributions this season, from new, old and improved players!

### 5) Treasurer's report

<b>BROUGHT FORWARD BANK BALANCE (2011 AGM)</b>		<b>£1,942.45</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Post-2012-AGM	£96.57	
Membership	£705.00	
Nets	£773.00	
Teas	£510.00	
Tour deposits	£1,200.00	
Match Fees	£2,476.00	<b>£5,760.57</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Website hosting	£69.60	
Kit	£176.25	
Nets	£392.00	
Tour	£1,345.00	
Teas	£1,768.70	
Ground Rent	£1,215.00	<b>£4,966.55</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE (2012 AGM)</b>		<b>£2,736.47</b>

This represented a £697.45 gain during the season, attributed to profits from nets, diligence in collecting fees and an increase in fee-levels (that was subsequently reversed by the committee).

### 6) Fixture Secretary's report (Keith Whiter)

- See Keith Whiter's fixture secretary's report on the club website

### 7) Proposals to change the constitution

- A proposal to amend clause 3 (RS/HS) was rejected
  - It was proposed that this clause should be amended to add a sentence "An additional membership category exists for non-playing members (subscription fee to be decided at the AGM each year)". The meeting felt it difficult to define age and distance qualifications for such a membership category, and given the low membership fee could not justify a separate category. PW turned the topic to a life membership category. It was agreed that the discussion would be referred to the new committee, and they would formulate a revised proposal if they could find merit. **Action: 2014 committee.**

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- Proposals to amend clause 5 (JW), 6 (KW) and clause 9 (KW) were accepted
- The revised constitution is posted to the website

### 8) Awards

- Player of the Season: Nick Wyatt (Ballot)
- Clubman of the Year: Joe Walter (Ballot)
- Wicket Taker: Nick Wyatt (51)
- Run Scorer: Olly Walter (834)
- Most Catches: Olly and Joe Walter (13 each)
- Best all round fielder: Luke Blatchford (Ballot)
- Most Improved Player: Harry Stoneman (Ballot)
- Big Hit: Kannan Bhaskaran (Ballot)
- Duck Award: Harry Stoneman (tour: "where the f\*\*k is my room-key" at breakfast".)

### 12) Election of Committee:

- The meeting elected the following committee for the 2014 season: -
- President: Pete Wiblin
- Chairman: Keith Whiter
- Captain: Dave Penhallurick
- Vice Captains:
  - Paul Jacobs
  - Harry Stoneman
- Treasurer: Joe Walter
- Fixture Secretary: Keith Whiter
- Secretary: Harry Stoneman

### 13) Club Membership/Match Fees

- Match fees and club membership were adjusted as follows: -
  - Membership: £30, Concessions (unemployed, junior, student) £15
  - Match Fees: Weekend £6, Concessions £4
  - Match Fees: Midweek £4, Concessions £3

### 14) AOB

- **Drivers:** OW said that drivers should receive a petrol fee for longer journeys. The meeting understood the rationale, but felt it something that could only be informally agreed in the car, and no actions arose.
- **Fixtures:** OW proposed that there should be no double-headers in the list (consecutive fixtures on Saturdays and Sundays). It was felt that the quality of the fixture list would be impacted and we would find it harder to cover ground rents (less fixtures). The proposal was defeated in a vote.
- **Kit:** OW said that the kit bag should be tidied up, and a maximum of two of each item should be retained. Harry Stoneman volunteered to tidy the bag and manage kit through 2014. **Action:** Harry Stoneman
- **Statistics:** KW requested that life-time appearances and catches be recorded on

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the website. KW said he would investigate if the statistic could be administered easily, but said that pre-2000 stats could not be accumulated for these measures.

**Action:** Keith Whiter

- **Social:** It was agreed that the traditional Christmas social be deferred to January. **Action:** Harry Stoneman to organise.
- **Tour:** It was agreed that the club supports the Friendly Cup 25th anniversary and plays in a six-a-side at Aldworth on 26th May. Tour will go ahead on 24th May with a fixture against Kempford on 25th May and a West Country fixture 24th May.

**The meeting closed at 21:42.**

**Nick Wyatt**