

ISIS CC AGM - 15th November August 2022

Attendees

Allan East
Rich Stephenson
Ollie Walter
Nick Wyatt
Keith Whiter
Keith Ponsford
Pete Wiblin
Ravi Kella
Matt Stanbury
Joe Walter
Harry Stoneman
Paul Jacobs
Jonathon Ponsford
Alex Beavan
Alf Symonds

1. Apologies for absence

Mo Naqvi
John Bishop

2. Approval of Minutes of the Last AGM (2021)

Recorded as a true record of the meeting

Proposed by	Keith Whiter
Seconded by	Keith Ponsford

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Matters arising from previous AGM

All outstanding actions reviewed (Grey: Completed; Amber: Carried Forward)

S.No	Action Items	Assignee	Status
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21AGM-01	DBS certification for members/committee	KP	Closed
21AGM-02	Purchase of cricket balls for 2022 season (both pink and red) based on what is already available	KW	Closed

Matters arising from this meetings

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22AGM-01	Christmas Drink Venue and Date	AB	Open
22AGM-02	Nets for 2023 -booking form sent to Larkmead School for 18-MAR/25-MAR/1-APR Easter is the weekend before the first match of the season, so we'll miss this one out.	AB	Open
22AGM-03	Date for first meeting of the new committee	AB	Open
22AGM-04	Investigate team availability and selection apps (e.g. Spond and Teamer	JW	Open
22AGM-05	Update constitution with changes from AGM	KW	Open
22AGM-06	Confirm agenda for first committee meeting of the year. Items under consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matters arising from AGM - January social activity - Selection policy discussion 	AE	Open

4. Chairman's Report

Welcome to the Isis Cricket Club AGM for 2022. As Chair of the club, it is my remit to report back to you all. The operating guide says, and I quote, 'comment on the season past and any notable events'. Well, sadly, one event this year overshadowed all else. The tragic death of Felix Roper came not just as a shock but as a terrible loss to all who knew him and, of course, to our cricket club. Felix played a handful of games each season and had become a regular on the Isis golf scene playing in the annual match against the FFMCC as well as the club events. Felix embodied the spirit of the club. He was easy going and generous but most of all he enjoyed playing with friends, happy with whatever role he was given and supportive of others, wanting them to succeed

His last match for us, away to Islip, saw him charging around the boundary prior to scoring a good 11 runs, and for those who know the Islip track you will realise that is no easy feat, before being bowled by a ball that barely reached shin height. A quick look down, gentle shrug of the shoulders and then the appearance of his gentle, loose smile. No histrionics, no cursing the unjust gods of cricket. Just pleased to be part of it all. We are so much less without him. Please raise your glasses to Felix.

Well, what of the rest of the year? I will leave the on-field exploits to the captain and instead focus on the club as a whole. Having only played two games in 2021 and my first year as Chairman in 2020 coinciding with the pandemic (a season where the initial twenty-five matches were cancelled) it is good to report that both myself and the club are in a very healthy place.

How do we know?

Well, if we look at this year, we had:

A full fixture list with only two games cancelled because of weather or getting a team together; plenty of home games played at Queens and Brasenose; Successful nets with new people attending (although we could always do with more coming along); A great tour – well subscribed; A successful season winning 51% of games played; A really good awards evening; Great social events from lunch after the final nets in March right through to conkers this month; The golf events; The Fantasy League. I could go on.

Alex will talk through the end of season questionnaire later. However, I would like to look at a few things in more detail as to how we are doing longer term. Two years ago, the committee spent some time debating how we could ensure the long term prosperity of Isis given the age profile of some players and the key positions they held in the running of the club. In May of 2021 we decided on three main objectives to ensure this was addressed.

1. Solid membership base and recruit ten (younger) new members over three years.

Whilst there is always a turnover of players at any club as people move or commitments change (think Damo and Brad this year) we had a very healthy membership of 27. We had five new members, and special thanks to Luke Bowles, Matt and KP for their efforts there. Four of the five were considerably younger than the average age, and they played a total of 31 games. This would have been more if not for injury and marriage. Of this group, four are very keen to play next season and hope to play more frequently. They all wrote extremely complimentary letters about how they have been welcomed into the club and how much they enjoyed playing. I will share this information in more detail at the first committee meeting, but examples include:

I really enjoyed playing for ISIS last season and thought the team were a great bunch of guys who were easy to get on with. I felt comfortable in getting to know everyone and looked forward to playing each week. The games were played in good spirit with everyone getting behind each other, even if someone made a mistake.

Being completely honest with you – I am happy I came to play with you guys. I found everyone so approachable, friendly, kind, but also had a good balance of being competitive. I always felt like we were playing as a team and encouraging one another, but still playing tough cricket and wanting to win.

One of the reasons I never continued playing cricket after I left school was because Uni was so overly competitive with a toxic masculinity, playing for Isis has reminded me why I have always loved cricket and how it can be played! I didn't think I would get back into playing, but now look forward to (hopefully) many more years of playing for the club. Might sound a bit over the top, but I mean it and would echo Rich's comments from the end of season dinner about how playing for Isis got him wanting to play cricket again.

I thought that you all took a lot of time and made a lot of effort to help me fit in and learn the game. I know how hard it is to manage a team, and that we want to win, but have to find a balance to keep all involved - it's not always possible. However, I always felt included and supported on the pitch, even if not batting or when bowling poorly. I always felt that you all tried to lift my spirits (even through clenched teeth after a no-ball boundary) and kept me positive.

In addition, we had 5 players who helped out but played only 1 or 2 games. Again, we are hopeful that one will join as a member next year and Mr W. Wyatt junior will become more of a regular fixture in the team.

On the downside we will lose Luke Blatchford, at least temporarily, as he galivants yet again.

2. Target existing and ex-members to re-join.

Two players re-joined this year playing 30 games between them and making a significant contribution to the club. There are high hopes that both will play more in the coming season. We also have several established players who will hopefully play a little more as their circumstances change.

3. Retain and develop an active committee (new members)

If numbers tell a story, then this year has been a resounding success. The committee has been expanded and now includes an additional three members who have all played an active role in the development of the club. It is great to see so many willing to take on the tasks associated with running a successful club as well as reducing the average age by about twenty years.

No club is perfect, and Isis is not about to buck that trend, but I believe we are a vibrant and successful club that maintains a desire to be inclusive of all and thankfully, in my case, irrespective of ability and age. As one member put it:

A team that wants to win but recognises that in friendly cricket it's about people playing cricket for a love of the game and socialising. By far and away the friendliest team I have played in.

And so, some thanks to those who do so much behind the scenes to keep the club on the road.

Firstly, to the vice-captains, Olly, Matt and Luke for stepping in and running the show when needed, to those members of the committee – Jakey, Ravi and Jon for their help and advice during the year and especially to Jon for sorting the awards evening and Ravi for the fabulous Fantasy League, and to Matt for his work in the first half of the season as Safeguarding Officer.

I would also like to say a special thanks to Nick for sorting out the fixtures, the tour and the grounds and best of all just doing it without fuss or moan; to KP for being the soul of Isis CC, for all the golf events, for stepping in when Matt was unable to continue with the Safeguarding role and just doing it all without fuss or moan; to Alex for the minutes, the meetings, the correspondence, the social organising and doing it without fuss or moan; and last but by no means least to Keith Whiter for being the collector of subs and membership, sorter of finances, payer of debts, data protector, kit bag counter, buyer of balls, sorter of stats, website wonder and writer of reports and doing it all without... well no-one is perfect!

I do also want to say 'thank you' to Keith for his year as captain. This is a poisoned chalice. Attempting to balance the need and desire to win that still burns in all of us with the need to ensure everyone gets a go and to bat or bowl in a game is an impossibility (ask Phil Salt or me 18 overs in 9 games – sorry for my outburst). Add on the pressure each game to get the bowling changes right, the batting order correct and the field placings as they should be and you have an arduous task that everyone else believes they could do better. I know at different times of the season we have debated whether the balance was right and I am grateful that the captain was open to criticism and attempted to change things to get things right for everyone. The fact that we won half of the games we played is a sign you were never too far away from marrying those different pressures.

And so, finally... what does next year hold?

Hopefully you all playing a full part again. The return of some stalwarts of many years – Ravi free of childcare, Olly free of moving house?

And, will we see:

Whiter 900 wickets, Joe 500 wickets and Roy 200? Jon 5000 runs, Ravi 3000 runs, maybe Olly 16000?

5. Captain's Report

2022 Season – Captain's Report – 15th November 2022

I am very pleased to report that Isis C.C. enjoyed a full and successful season in 2022. Not since 2009 have we completed as many as 42 fixtures, and I cannot find a season among my records in which we only lost 2 games to cancellations. We won 51% of the games we completed and lost only 41%, with three games ending drawn or tied. Of course, regardless of the pleasure I take from our cricket, the season was marred by the tragic loss of one of our members, Felix Roper, who suddenly and unexpectedly passed on 31st August. We knew Felix for many years as a Wytham player, but after he introduced his nephew Hamish to Isis C.C. in 2018, he too joined and has been a member ever since. He was a kind and decent bloke and we will miss him both on the cricket field and the golf course. His loss is sad indeed.

For some of us, statistics are important so I thought I would start my report by comparing this season to that of 2019, which was the last season unaffected by the pandemic and one in which we also completed 42 games. In that season we only won 38% of matches, so what was the difference? In 2019 we scored 4,619 runs for the loss of 242 wickets. In 2022 we scored 5,509 runs for the loss of 209 wickets. So, was batting the key? Looking at the bowling, we took 256 wickets for 5,542 runs in 2019, whereas in 2022 we took 5 less wickets for 6,145 runs. So what about fielding? In 2022 (despite £81 being collected as dropped catch fines) we took 7 more catches, 2 more run outs and the same number of stumpings as we did in 2019. So it looks like our 2022 batting was the key, with the top 5 batsmen scoring nearly 600 more runs in 2022 than their counterparts in 2019. There were 3 more centuries and 8 more individual half-centuries in 2022 too. So well done to Rich Stephenson, Jon Ponsford, Luke Bowles, Olly Walter and Alex Beavan, who all scored more than 500 runs in the season, Rich winning the long-handle award with 781 runs at an average of just over 43 in 20 innings. The bowling award in 2022 was keenly contested, with five of us taking more than 30 wickets, compared to three of us in 2019. That I was able to lift that particular trophy is nothing short of miraculous, given I started the season not expecting to bowl at all. So congratulations to Keith Ponsford, Nick Wyatt, Jon Ponsford and Allan East for their worthy contributions. And special congratulations to Jon Ponsford for featuring in both of those analysis, the worthy winner of his player of the season award.

Another pleasing aspect of 2022 was the intake of new players and we welcomed Tom Hornsey, Suk Pehley, Luke Hames-Brown, Jon Bishop and Josh Rose to the Isis ranks in 2022. But at the same time it was a shame that as many past-stalwarts of the club played only 2 or fewer matches in 2022. Nevertheless, there were only a handful of occasions when we struggled to raise eleven men from our 28 members and only 9 places were filled by guests throughout the season. I would also like to mention William Wyatt here, who made his first full appearance as a 13-year-old as a guest in a difficult match against Swindon Nomads, and fielded and bowled very well; I am sure it was the first appearance of many to come. 17 of our 28 members played more than 10 games for the club during the season, which was especially fantastic to see, and made selection all the more easy. So my thanks go out to both Matt Stanbury and Keith Ponsford, who both helped to introduce new members and fill some of those guest spots when we needed them. And of course my thanks to the three vice captains, Olly, Luke Blatchford and Matt, who all stepped up when I was unavailable. And well done too to Joe Walter and Allan East who both joined me at the top of the appearances table, playing 34 out of our 42 matches.

Traditionally in his report, the captain comments on some of his favourite games of the season. Selecting specific games was not easy, but I will at least comment on a draw, a tie and three wins.

- The first game at Greys Green was memorable for a beautiful setting, our first time at this ground which is near to Henley-on-Thames. A beautiful early-May afternoon saw us contest a timed game for the first time in ages and after good top-order batting from Luke Bowles, Olly, Alex and Matt we put on 205 in 2.5 hours. As it turned out we took 7 wickets in reply, with Jonners taking a very economical 4-for. But a resolute performance from their best all-rounder left us 3 wickets short of a win and the game concluded in a draw.
- The tie against St Clements Strollers was memorable for a topsy-turvy affair in which we saved defeat in the final over. Setting 148 for the loss of 1 wicket, Alex playing a lovely attacking innings and carrying his bat for an unbeaten 78. Strollers are a nomadic outfit and there were plenty of Oxford C.C. shirts on display, and it was no surprise that they went after our total hard. But after some economical bowling from Jonners and Nick and a couple of important wickets from yours truly it came down to Strollers needing 11 to win from the last Ravi Kella over. The first three balls went for 2 each, one of which would have been a four but for a diving stop from Joe. Paul Jacobs then took a very good stumping off of the fourth ball to bring back hope for Isis. Then Ravi, under pressure, bowled a horrible ball that gifted Strollers 4 extras, so that they needed 1 to win from the last ball. He redeemed himself by fielding a straight shot, juggling a bit before knocking over the stumps to secure a run out and leave the scores tied. A brilliant evening.

My favourite wins included two games in July played on the Brasenose pitch against Bartlemas and Appleton, and the penultimate game of the season against Ipsden.

- We played Bartlemas on one of the hottest evenings of the year, and after winning the toss we batted first and put on 148 for 3, with Alex, Olly and Rich all batting nicely and forcing Bartlemas to resort to 8 men on the boundary. Temperatures dropped to about 28° when we took the field, and an unlikely attack of myself, Pete Wiblin, Jon Ponsford, John Bishop and Easty restricted their reply to 124 for 7, with a great all-round fielding display. A pop-up bar was set up which saw us celebrate late into the evening.
- The Appleton game played later that month saw the visitors put on 149 in the first innings, largely thanks to a quick-fire half-century from Ed Gilkes that nearly took the game away. But Rich, Tom Hornsey and Jon Ponsford batted brilliantly, the latter passing his half-century when scoring the winning runs after only 17 overs.

I think those two stand out for me because our midweek form wasn't so good having won only 7 out of 17 of those matches that we completed. But, for me the icing on the cake for the season was our weekend match in September against Ipsden.

- This one stands out for me not only because we won, but because the outcome looked uncertain until the end of the game. Plus it was Ipsden, right, and we always have good games against them. Isis had been in the box seat with Rich and Olly putting on a hundred for the first wicket, until Dan Houseman's spell saw the run rate slow, before Jonners contributed 40 runs and helped us to put on 181 from our 35 overs. All was looking good in our defence with Roy, KP, Nick and Jonners all bowling well, but that man Houseman then came in and pounded me and Alf into near-submission and the writing was on the wall. But then Jonners was brought back into the attack, and he picked up Houseman to a Keith Ponsford catch at deep gully and we went on to take the final two wickets with Ipsden 16 runs short. There was a sombre start as we stood in silence after the passing of the Queen, but the game was then played in a lovely spirit and, like I said, it was Ipsden, right?

I could go on from here and talk about the great tour we had, the number of catches dropped in the first half of the season, the embarrassing defeat by Wytham early doors, in which I re-discovered bowling, leaked 87 runs from 8 overs and saw 7 catches go down along the way, our midweek form in which we won 7 but lost 9, the lovely charity match against Clapham, Joe dropping a simple catch to deny me a 5-for against Eynsham, Nick's fits of pique one or two (or more) times (earning him this season's duck award), and of course my magnanimous gesture in putting Easty above me in the order only for him to run me out without facing a ball in the last game of the season. But, I guess I have already gone on long enough now, besides which some of those things are now club lore anyway, which we will remember fondly in the future while enjoying a beer or two together.

In my honorary position as captain of the golf society, I can't leave this report without mentioning the brilliant efforts of our team in the annual match with FFTMCC, rebranded the Felix Roper Memorial Trophy. The platform for an emphatic victory was set in the pairs, where we took 3^{1/2} points out of 4, but then followed that up with another strong showing over the back-9 singles, winning another 5 points out of 8. All in all, a very satisfying victory of which I am very proud.

And so, it only leaves me to thank all of you, the members of Isis Cricket Club, for your support and contribution to a great season, which I hope you enjoyed as much as I did. And finally, assuming the members attending the AGM are happy for me to continue to serve as the club captain, I am just letting you know here that I am willing to stand for another term of office (especially as I have one or two scores to settle).

6. Treasurer's Report

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2022 Season - Treasurer's Report – 15th November 2022

The club accounts for 2022 reflect a near-brake-even position with a favourable close of £63.20. Twenty-eight members paid the annual fee of £40 (£1,120) and match fees of £2,168 were collected over 39 games. Membership and match fees are set to cover the cost of ground hire, teas and ancillary costs; the 2022 accounts therefore vindicates our decision to increase membership fees to £40 in 2022. Ancillary income and expenditure are all detailed in the accounts below: -

2021 B/F bank balance		£ 2,141.07	Last Statement Balance	£ 3,354.56
2021 B/F cash in hand		£ 50.47	Bank Balance	£ 3,354.56
2022 Opening Balance		£ 2,191.54		
			Expenditure labelled "Other"	
Income		£ 5,912.97	First Aid, Safeguarding - M. Stanbury	£ 65.00
Membership Fees	£ 1,120.00		Public Liability Insurance	£ 47.90
Match Fees	£ 2,168.00		Guide Dogs (Felix Roper)	£ 100.00
Nets Fees	£ 210.00		Sobell House	£ 500.00
Tour	£ 1,211.50			
Teas (income from opposition)	£ 517.50		Income labelled "Other"	
Awards Dinner	£ -		Cash in hand (from 2021)	£ 50.47
Other	£ 685.97		Fantasy League	£ 80.00
			Ground rent (from opposition)	£ 245.00
Expenditure		£ 4,699.48	Charity Dropped Catches	£ 81.00
Kit	£ 373.72		Charity match donations	£ 229.50
Nets Hire	£ 240.00			
Ground Rent	£ 750.00		Tour Accounts	
Website	£ 95.99		Income	£ 1,211.50
Teas	£ 1,430.00		Outgoings	£ 1,053.50
Trophies	£ 43.37		Less (To Charity)	£ 209.50
Tour	£ 1,053.50		Balance	-£ 51.50
Awards Dinner	£ -			
Other	£ 712.90		Charity	
			Tour	£ 209.50
Bank Balance	£ 3,354.56		Fantasy League	£ 80.00
Less Queens ground hire	-£ 1,100.00		Dropped Catches	£ 81.00
Less opening balance	-£ 2,191.54		Charity Match / Donations	£ 229.50
Net gain/loss		£ 63.02	Total	£ 600.00
2022 Closing Balance		£ 2,254.56		

Notes: -

1. The brought forward balance from 2021 was £2,191.54, comprised of £2141.07 in the bank and a cash float of £50.47, the latter being shown above under "other income".
2. Queens has not yet invoiced us for ground hire in 2022. An accruals for £1,100 respectively is included in the final calculation of our closing balance and net gain.
3. The opening balance for the 2023 season will be £2,254.56 (bank balance less Queens hire).
4. Small losses were made on nets and the tour, the latter due to single-occupancy of one room, and we were able to cover those losses and also pay for match balls, SSJ and Eynsham pitch hire, insurance, web-site hosting, trophies, county-run courses and other sundry charges with our residual cash.

Isis C.C. can be proud of the £600 we collected for charity this year. This was dispersed in the amounts of £100 to Guide Dogs, in memory of Felix Roper, and £500 to Sobell House Hospice. The fund came from tour fines and donations, the fantasy league, dropped catch fines and the charity match. Note that several members made additional donations unrelated to the charity match, which have been included with the donations taken on that day. Thanks to Joe Walter for administering (and contributing to) dropped catch fines for the season, Keith Ponsford for his draconian administration of tour fines, Ravi for setting up and managing the Fantasy League and our Chairman for his special generosity in helping us to reach that £600 total, which we achieved without the aid of a walk, a run or a cycle. We just had to open our mouths at the wrong time on tour, miss a catch in a game or watch enviously as Easty romped home in the fantasy league.

Given that our 2022 accounts finished just about flat for the season, I would like to conclude by proposing to the AGM that membership fees remain at £40 and match fees yet again remain unchanged for the 2023 season. That is:-

Membership Fees: £40, Concessions (unemployed, junior and student): £20

Match Fees: Weekend £6, Concessions £4
Midweek £4, Concessions £3

And finally, assuming the AGM finds these accounts are in order and are happy for me to continue to serve as the club treasurer, I am willing to stand for another term of office.

7. Fixture Secretary's Report

This summer we completed 39 games, winning 20. Which suggests we are playing against the right teams.

Similar amount of games planned for next summer

17 at queens
4 at SSJ
2 at Eynsham
21 away games

Tour to Weston-Super-mare - 2 games of cricket and 1 round of golf

2023 fixtures are almost complete (18 games at Queens, 3 at SSJ or Eynsham and 24 away games). 3 or 4 new opponents.

2023 tour 14-16 July to Weston-super-mare

1st game Sunday 16th April at Aston Tirrold

Question from OW: How many Queen's games on weekends - NW: It is complicated, Friendly Cup fixtures have to be organised according to the draw. Queen's have not given us any assurances for how many games we are allowed to have at the ground

8. Safeguarding Report

KP: Report has been circulated

9. Proposal for amendment to the constitution (Article 13/14 see below)

KW: Committee felt that there was a flaw in the current constitution - although we have never had any disciplinary cases or grounds for refusal or revocation of club membership

JW: What would happen in the case of an external complaint. AE: The assumption is that any complaint that is serious enough would still be bought by a club member

JW/NW/OW/HS: A larger quorum (possibly the whole committee) would be preferred

JW: Should there be other outcomes e.g. suspension KW: This would still be an option for individual case.

AE: The Chair *may* convene a meeting i.e. the Chair is empowered to make a considered judgement. We should elect people who we trust to make wise decisions, and the Chair would choose the format and size of meeting

KW: For reference, the quorum is 8 for an AGM and 5 for a committee meeting

NW: For clarity the wording is that the whole committee would be invited, but the quorum is a minimum of 4, not a maximum

JW: The meeting should be impartial, what if the complaint was against the Chair. AE: Our constitution would mean that the President would stand-in

OW: What happens when the committee makes a decision that future committees might wish to change in the future KP+KW: The committee would be assumed to make an impartial decision in the interested of the club

HS: Club members don't sign a copy of the constitution when they become members, perhaps they should? KW: We probably don't need to be that officious, but by paying their membership they have implicitly agreed to abide by the constitution.

AE: The rule is there to protect the best interests of protecting the ethics of the club

Proposer: KW

Secunder: KP

Vote carried 8 to 4

10. Club Questionnaire Report

Awards

This year ISIS continued with the online voting system, adopted in 2017. Below are the winners for 2022 season.

Awards	Winner
Player of the Season (Ballot)	Jonathan Ponsford

Club man of the Year (Ballot)	Nick Wyatt
Bowling Award (Most Wickets)	Keith Whiter
Batting Award (Most Runs)	Rich Stephenson
Catching Award (Most Catches)	Rich Stephenson
Fielding Award (Best Fielder) (Ballot)	Rich Stephenson
Most Improved Player (Ballot)	Luke Bowles
Most Sixes (Most Sixes)	Jonathan Ponsford
Duck Award (Ballot)	Nick Wyatt
Lead Fantasist	Allan East
Best Fantasy Purchase (L.Bowles)	Ollie Walter

Election of Committee

Office	Officer	Proposed	Seconded
President	Keith Ponsford	AE	PJ
Chairman	Allan East	KP	RK
Captain	KW JW Joe Walter voted as captain by a majority	AE NW	JP PJ
Vice Captains	Ollie Walter Harry Stoneman Rich Stephenson	AE KP KW	RK JW PJ
Treasurer	Keith Whiter	AE	HS
Fixture Secretary	Nick Wyatt	AE	OW
Secretary	Alex Beavan	AE	KW
Safe Guarding Officer	Keith Ponsford	AE	HS

Co-Opted Committee	Ravi Kella	AE	JW
	Paul Jacobs	AE	OW
	Jonathon Ponsford	AE	OW

11. Set the rate for annual club membership fees and match fees

Proposal from the Treasurer that fees should stay the same as 2022

HS: Are we protected from fewer members or an increase in costs

KW: The constitution allows us to increase fees mid-season if required

Proposed: KW

Seconded: OW

Voted for unanimously

12. AOB

JW: A whimsical AOB; a new dropped catches collector is invited. OW is willing to do this on the games he plays in

OW: Scorers could be encouraged to note balls faced for batsmen. Chief Scorer NW: It would be hard to be consistent, but we can try. HS: Could we use a scoring computer program application. AE: probably too much hassle for our club

MS: Would recommend the use of an availability app (e.g. Teamer or Spond) rather than an email trail. AE: recommends that the captain and VCs should investigate taking advantage of such modern wonders. JW: will consider it. JP: we should consider some of the finer points, for example visibility of availability to all club members

Agenda for 1st committee meeting:

Investigate on suitability of Teamer/Spond and other similar tools
questionnaire results
Matt's concerns on selection

Article 13 Proposed Amendment (KW)

13. The chairman may convene a disciplinary committee from the members of The Committee in the event of a complaint against a member.
 - a. Such complaints can only be in relation to contravention of the articles of the constitution and must be made in writing to the Chairman., signed and dated
 - b. The quorum required for business to be agreed at a disciplinary meeting will be three, which must include the Chairman.

I propose a change to article 13 be made and a further article be added as follows: -

13. The chairman may convene a disciplinary committee from the officers of the club in the event that a complaint is raised by any member of the club against another member of the club.
 1. Such complaints can only be in relation to contravention of the club rules as set out in the articles of the constitution and club operating guide and must be made in writing to the Chairman, signed and dated by the member raising the complaint.
 2. The member who is the subject of the complaint will be invited to attend the disciplinary meeting to represent their case. So long as that subject is present at the meeting, they may also bring one other member of the club to the meeting to provide support to them or their case.
 3. The quorum required for business to be agreed at a disciplinary meeting will be four, which must include the Chairman.
 4. Decisions regarding any sanctions imposed by the disciplinary committee against the subject of a disciplinary meeting are final and there will be no further right of appeal by the subject or any other member of the club.

14. The elected committee may refuse or revoke membership of Isis Cricket Club, only on non-discriminatory grounds, if the membership or continued membership of the person concerned is determined not to be in the best interests of the sport, the club or the person concerned. To invoke a decision to remove or revoke membership, a proposal must be raised in writing and a special meeting of the committee must be convened by The Chairman to consider that proposal. Here, discriminatory grounds are considered to be disability, gender reassignment, ethnic or national origins, colour and nationality, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation. If refusing or revoking membership, the disciplinary committee will also decide if any membership fees paid should be refunded to the subject of the meeting.
 - a. The quorum required for business to be agreed at such a special meeting will be four, which must include the Chairman.
 - b. In the case of a proposal to revoke membership, the Chairman may choose to call a disciplinary meeting, to be conducted in line with article 13 of The Constitution.
 - c. Decisions regarding any sanctions imposed by the committee against the subject of a disciplinary meeting are final and there will be no further right of appeal by the subject or any other member of the club.

The proposed changes add further clarity to the formal disciplinary process, ensures that the subject and a representative can defend themselves at the meeting and increases the quorum to ensure any conclusions are reached in a fair and balanced way. The additional clause then effectively provides a means for membership applications to be reviewed via ad-hoc meetings (the committee currently have no forum/process to review

membership applications and reject them on non-discriminatory grounds as they arrive, or indeed later revoke membership in the best interests of the club).