

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Of Chorleywood Cricket Club  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
at the Cricket Club Pavilion at 8.00pm**

**Present:** Tom Smithson, Lesley Neal, John Chadwick, Peter Smithson, Steve Dunning, Andrew Dunning, Brian Mulholland, Dave Harragin, Rick Harragin, Jeremy Hinds, Ryan Evans, Vikash Patel, Tim Pendered, Jonny Rice, Denys Downing, Peter Dunning, Andrew Neal, Rob Dunstone, Jonny Lyons, Jamie Smithson, Adrian Bryant, Mike Reeve, Helen Smithson, Nigel Rothband, Charles Hardcastle, Mike Rose

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Patrick Ryan, Lyndon Ryan, Josh Ryan, Callum Neal, Neil Ret, Chris Tweedie, Paul Bradley, John Watkiss, Owen Edis, Josh Bungard,

**2. Approval of Minutes from AGM held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

- No issues raised, proposed as an accurate record by J Hinds, seconded by H Smithson, signed by Chairman, S Dunning.

**3. Reports on the Club Year 2016**

**3.1 Chairman's report. Full report on website**

- Steve Dunning gave a brief resume of his report, specifically thanking Peter Smithson who is standing down after several years of valued service as Hon Treasurer.

**3.2 Hon Treasurer. Full details circulated at meeting**

- P Smithson reported that the clubs full accounts for last 4 years had been reviewed by an independent company and copies of the report were circulated for inspection. Proposed as an accurate record by J Smithson and seconded by V Patel and signed by Chairman, S Dunning.
- Treasurer gave an overview of annual finances, 1.10.15 to 30.9.16. Details circulated prior to meeting. Financially club in a solid position with reserves in bank as had no unexpected large expenditure this year. Colts membership still largely responsible for sound financial position.

**3.3 Cricket Managers Report. Full report on website**

- J Hinds highlighted main issues from club meeting 13.10.16 including procedure for selection of captains. Minutes from that meeting on website.
- **Reports from 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teams all on club website**
- **Colts Managers report. Full report on website**  
J Chadwick gave an overview of Colts report and their successful season making especial mention of the U11 team winning the tournament at Tring Park. Specific thanks to Sarah O'Dwyer for her support and assistance with the colts, and to all coaches who assisted at coaching sessions, specifically Mark Watkiss, Will Pendered, Ryan Evans, and to Mick Rose for pitches. It had been a good idea splitting the training sessions by ages and very successful having colts matches on the Common on Sunday afternoons.

**4. Election of Officers**

- Steve Dunning remains as Chairman, proposed by Peter Dunning and seconded by Tom Smithson
- John Chadwick remains as Hon Secretary, proposed by Jonny Rice and seconded by Lesley Neal
- Adrian Bryant was nominated as Hon Treasurer by Helen Smithson and seconded by John Chadwick
- All nominations carried unanimously

## 5. Amendment to Constitution

- Steve Dunning reported that the club needed an amendment to the Club Constitution to ensure we maintain our Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) status. The amendment needed is to Clause 3 Paragraph Membership which is now to read :-  
Application for membership, other than Honorary Members and Day Members, shall be by completion of a membership application form and by payment of the relevant subscription as determined by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of cricket on application regardless of sex, age disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Approval of all applications shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee who shall not withhold acceptance except on good grounds. In the event that the membership application is rejected, the applicant may appeal to the membership of the club.
- Changes proposed by Steve Dunning and seconded by Rob Dunstone, unanimously carried
- Discussion re membership not to exceed £512 per year ( including subs, match fees, kit etc) . Committee have power to financially assist members where necessary.
- Rick Harrigin asked why club had CASC status and not charitable status and P Smithson explained reasons why preferable at this stage.

## 6. 2017 Challenges

- S Dunning outlined some of the challenges facing the club. Extra support from members was crucial to survival of club. More members had to step forward and support in whatever way they could. Procedure for selecting Captains was outlined. Members had to nominate themselves or be nominated with their agreement. Democratic procedure, in the event that 2 people come forward then the players in the squad for that team will be asked to vote. If only 1 person wants to do it they will be appointed, if nobody wants to do it we will try to persuade someone and there will be no vote. Captain and vice captain for each team would be ideal leading to consistency and good standards
- Scorers would be needed for next year. Scoring course running Thursday evenings Feb- April 2017 at Chorleywood Club House led by Brian Mulholland and Helen Smithson. All to encourage people not now playing to consider attending.
- Discussion re actual number of people playing cricket making selection and fielding 4 teams such a challenge. Need to have a real push to increase membership Helen Smithson and Vikash Patel to lead on targeting local state secondary schools with visits, notices etc. Tom Smithson, Will Pendered and Ryan Evans to lead on working with older colts to encourage them to progress to adult longer game. To attend Friday coaching sessions and liaise with Colts manager and team coaches re identifying colts ready to start adult game. Discussion re national issue with colts progressing to 40 and 50 over game, and how difficult it is to engage with youngsters now and to get them to commit to all day cricket. Club to lobby league where and when appropriate re shortening longer games
- Suggestion of flyers for local shops, train stations etc
- Target the Club Community Day to encourage more of local community to get involved in cricket more often not just once a year.
- Clubhouse. New lease is needed in 4 years, been in discussion with Parish Council (PC) re new lease. Club looking for a more commercial use type of lease . PC not very favourable to commercial use but no issue with a new ordinary lease. Meeting needed to formalise everything.
- All were reminded of their obligations re setting an example to younger players and colts when playing and when in clubhouse. All rules re welfare matters to be fully implemented.
- Tim Pendered stated he would be putting forward a proposal for the role of a cricket director and he would nominate Chris Tweedie. TP is to outline role to see if any variation from role of cricket manager. That person should ideally be independent of all teams with an overview of all teams at the club including the progression from colts to senior cricket.
- Russell Hodgkinson was nominated by Denys Downing and seconded by Helen Smithson as a VP, Unanimously voted in.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10pm

