

Minutes of the Eastbourne Martlets Annual General Meeting – 10/4/2003.

Start: 8.15

Those Present: Colin Southouse, Bob Mitchell, Ray Crane, Dave Knell, Brett Levit, Wendy Greenan, Julie Crane, Tony Sandalls, Ivor Vazquez, Bob (the dog), Ollie Land, Rob Williams, John Dedman.

Apologies: Paul Sandalls, Paul Giles, Tony Norman.

1) Minutes of AGM held 6/12/2000:

- The minutes were read and agreed as an accurate copy and signed by the treasurer.

2) Chairmans Report:

- The meeting was chaired by Colin Southouse (President) due to the absence of the current chairman.
- Colin thanked everyone who played over the last season and stated that he thought it was a very good season not necessarily because of the results but because of the very good team spirit and good humour that the games were played with.

3) Treasurers Report:

- The president thanked the treasurer (Bob Mitchell) for the good job that he has done so far.
- The treasurer reported that there was no money left in the club funds but it was ok as we didn't owe anything either.
- This year the club funding will start from scratch. It is up to players to decide how they want to finance the club but he thought that continuing with membership fees was a good way of getting the club funds up and running.
- The treasurer reported that we haven't yet paid for last years pre-season nets but we haven't received a bill. As it has been over a year it isn't likely that we are to get one.
- The club funds are still missing £200 from the previous treasurer. Ivor Vasquez said that he would speak to him but it was felt that the club needed to write a letter to the previous treasurer requesting this money.
- The treasurer closed by saying that the pitch fees may go up this year but this is dependent on the ground that we play at (see section 6) Westlords).

4) Trophies:

- The president suggested that it would be a good idea that a list was made of who is in possession of which club trophies after the recent end of season dinner in order to safeguard against lost or missing trophies.

5) Election of Officers:

President:

- Ray Crane nominated Colin Southhouse to continue as club president due to his good work over the year and this was seconded by Bob Mitchell.
- No one present opposed the motion.

Vice-President:

- It was decided that Mike Martin will continue.

Chairman:

- The president stated that through speaking to many club members that the current chairman (Paul Sandalls) had not had much contact with the club over the past year. Whilst this is understandable due to other commitments it was suggested by club members that the chairman needs to be someone who has more time/has more contact with the club.
- It was suggested that Paul Sandalls should step down from his position as chairman.
- This motion was not opposed by anyone present.
- The president then nominated Ivor Vasquez for the position. The motion was unanimously carried.

Club Captain:

- Ray Crane was asked to carry on as club captain due the brilliant work and time he has dedicated to the job thus far. The decision was unanimously carried.

Vice Captain:

- Due to the continuing absence of the current vice-captain it was decided by all those present that Andrew Burgess be removed as vice-captain.
- Brett Levit proposed Bob Mitchell for the position and this was seconded by John Dedman.

Secretary:

- Again Andrew Burgess was removed from this position due to his continuing absence and it was felt by all present that a secretary that was more involved in the club was needed in order to ensure the smooth running of the club events and contact.
- Ray Crane proposed Ollie Land for the position and this was seconded by Rob Williams.

Treasurer:

- Bob Mitchell has done a fantastic job thus far and was unanimously re-elected.

Fixture Secretary:

- Paul Giles sent notice that he would like to stand down as fixture secretary.
- Wendy Greenan volunteered for the position and everyone supported her. She needs to contact Paul and get all the necessary paperwork from him and there are also a few spare weekends that need filling for this season.

Team Secretary:

- Ray Crane will continue with this role.

Committee Members:

The current committee members will remain standing, with the following changes:

- Tony Hawkins will step down from the committee as he has moved away from the area.
- Julie Crane, David Knell and Rob Williams were all proposed as new Committee members due to their commitment to the club. This motion was proposed by Ray Crane and seconded by Bob Mitchell.

Life Members:

- The current Life Members were confirmed as John Dedman, Tony Norman and Colin Southhouse.
- The status of 'Life Member' was proposed to act as recognition of long service to the club. It was agreed that Life Members should continue to pay membership fees.
- Ivor Vasquez proposed that Tony Sandalls and Dave Knell should be elected Life Members. This motion was seconded by Ray Crane.

6) West Lords

Ray Crane brought the club members up to speed on the current position regarding use of West Lords as follows:

- West Lords has been put up for offer by the council for local clubs to lease.
- Two football clubs have made bids for the lease
- However it has been stipulated that cricket must still be accommodated at the ground, therefore club representatives should contact the prevailing football club that wins the lease.
- Ray Crane agreed to take on the role of mediator with the successful football club administration.
- Club members voiced concerns that the club should explore the feasibility of alternative venues, in the event that West Lords no longer becomes a viable option.
- David Knell agreed to contact Saffrons to explore the possibility of using Larkins Field over the weekend of 12/04/03, and would contact Ray Crane to discuss potential.
- It was decided that it would be preferable to remain at West Lords.

ACTION: Ray Crane would still meet with the successful football club to discuss terms.

7) Match Fees and Teas:

- It was decided to keep the contribution to tea fees at £30 for the opposition. Currently £25 is spent on match teas per week.
- Match fees may need to change, pending the result of a new pitch allocation.
- Standard membership fees will remain at £10 per person per year.
- Playing committee members will pay £15 per person per year. It was raised that if any non-committee members felt able and willing to pay £15 per year it would be gratefully received. It was emphasised that any additional monies coming into the club could only benefit the clubs interests and enable the provision of more opportunities being opened up to club members..
- Oliver Land and Rob Williams proposed that they would pay £20 each if Julie Crane, Wendy Greenan and Rachel Pascoe agreed to play in a match this season.
- Nets on Easter Sunday (20th April, 2003) will be cancelled.

8) Fixtures:

- All club members present were provided with a draft fixtures list.
- It was highlighted that there were three or four weekends for which no fixture had been arranged.
- It was proposed that weekends without fixtures, on one or both days, should be utilised for organising social events on the 'dormant' day (s).

ACTION: Ray Crane to pass on website address to Wendy Greenan

9) Tour:

- There is one weekend in the 2003 season for which no fixture has been arranged in August. This would be the most viable time to organise a tour.

- Wendy Greenan agreed to explore options for a tour this year. She will approach club members for assistance as necessary.
- A tour to the Netherlands or another foreign destination was proposed for 2004.
- Ray Crane and Oliver Land volunteered to investigate different alternatives for the proposed tour to the Netherlands. It was specified that any club members wishing to join the tour would need to place a deposit by the end of the 2003 season.

10) Presentation Meal:

- This will be organised by the secretary and club members notified in due course.

11) Social Events:

- Ray Crane proposed that Wendy Greenan, Julie Crane and Rachel Pascoe should form a social committee that would organise non-cricket events throughout the year. The motion was seconded by Oliver Land.

12) Kit:

- It was aired that the task of packing the kit bag was often left to the same few members each week. It was felt that this was unfair as whilst some members were able to make a 'quick get-away' after matches, some members were delayed by having to clear the kit and the ground prior to leaving.
- It was decided that the lowest scoring player for each match would have the responsibility of packing the kit bag, and the 2nd and 3rd lowest scorers would be responsible for clearing the ground (boundary markers, rubbish etc).
- New kit will need to be purchased this year including:
 - New balls
 - New wicket-keeping gloves (Bob Mitchell agreed to purchase on behalf of club)
 - New Helmet (Ivor Vasquez agreed to purchase on behalf of club)

13) Fines:

- Ivor Vasquez will continue to be responsible for allocation and collection of fines following matches
- The rules regarding fine awards will remain the same as last season (jug avoidance etc...)
- Ivor Vasquez will nominate a 'chief sneak' for each match to ensure all mistakes are punished!!

14) Insurance:

- Investigation into the cost of insuring the club against theft, injury etc sustained at the home ground concluded that the insurance premiums would be too high for the club to afford.
- It was agreed that a notice should be erected at the ground to notify members and visiting players/clubs that no responsibility would be accepted for any accidental loss/damage/theft/injury sustained whilst at the Marlets Cricket Club ground.

15) Any other Business:

- The issue of club sponsorship was raised as an effective fund-raising measure. It was agreed that club members should investigate the potential for sponsorship from local pubs, companies, or organisations.
- Rob Williams agreed to take the lead on the search for sponsorship.
- It was suggested that the club should wait until confirmation of the location of the 'home' ground was received before investigating 'local' pub options.

ACTION: Rob Williams to explore potential sponsorship opportunities

The Martlets Cricket Club AGM 2002/2003 terminated at 21:55.

