



## MINUTES of Resumed Annual General Meeting Held in the Pavilion on Friday 23 January 2009

**Present:** S Greaves (Chairman), M Witney (President), Mrs R Witney, J Bushby, Mrs J Greaves, Mrs J Bee, Mrs K Byerly, R Nunn, P Green, F Spencer, N Thomas, A Dell, D Wallace, M Fields, A Hitchcock, G Pitt, K Dodds, P Bhattacharya & P Daly.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** J Weston, J Witney, C Williams, G Evans, A Sheldon, G Bushby, A Pitt, D Pitt, Mrs M Spencer

### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings on 26 October & 16 November 2007 and the (adjourned) Annual General Meeting held 31 October 2008 were confirmed and signed.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. Executive Committee Report**

The report which had been circulated was adopted

### **5. Hon. Treasurer's Report**

The accounts to 30 September 2008, which had been audited and are attached to these minutes, were presented and approved.

The Chairman made the following explanatory comments:

- *Balance Sheet:*

- Although satisfactory, cash at bank and in hand (£2939 and £100 respectively) were significantly lower than in 2007, partly owing to the general economic climate.

- Bar stock was high owing to adverse weather at the end of season.

- Ground equipment reflected the cost of a replacement outfield mower which had been paid for out of income.

- *Income and Expenditure:*

- Sponsorship was slightly below budget but a further £350 was still owed and would be brought into the 2009 accounts.

- Pavilion rental in 2009 would be reduced as Cook's Bakers would have less need for meetings.

- Net match fees were down partly because of the policy of playing more youngsters and also because of increased umpires' expenses.

- The profit rate of 42.3% was significantly lower than last year, because late invoices for 2007 of £350 had not been taken into account then. This had the effect of bringing the profit rate for the 2 years into alignment. The results for both years had been affected by the poor weather conditions.

- *Audit Report:* This had highlighted the inadequacy of records of cash such as match fees at times during the year. This was something which had been addressed by the Committee during the season. Procedures would be tightened in 2009.

The meeting recorded its thanks to Monica Spencer and her "assistant" for their hard work over the last few years.

### **6. 100 Club Report**

Frank Spencer reported that the Club was in a healthy state, with £2,902 in hand, although new members were always welcome. He confirmed that he was willing to continue to run this venture and the meeting thanked him for his efforts.

### **7. Bar Report**

Mike Witney reported that although turnover was slightly higher than in 2007 the 2008 result was lower. Atrocious weather during the season had resulted in a large write-off of beer; this was of the order of £200-£300 and, with the effect of the late invoices, accounted for the difference in profit rate.

The meeting recorded its thanks to Mike and Rita for their hard work during the year.

## 8. Cricket

### (a) Report of Captains:

- Once again the 1<sup>st</sup> XI had got off to a reasonable start only to stall mid-season, largely owing to a crop of injuries at peak holiday time.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> team had crowned a very good season by emerging as winners of their division of the league, the result of a good all-round effort.
- The Sunday XI report (copy attached to the minutes) recorded a good season with a lot of good cricket and achieving its aim of bringing on younger players.

(b) Junior Cricket Report: the Club's junior programme was growing steadily both in terms of numbers and of quality. In particular the u13 team had a very good season, coming second in their division. For 2009 it was anticipated that PRCC would be fielding sides at u13 and u15.

## 9. Ground Report

Andy Sheldon had submitted a written report (copy attached to minutes) including the following main points:

- Pitches had continued to improve in 2008
- The Bucks games had gone very well and the County was delighted with what we had provided, but 2-day matches put too great a strain on the Club's limited resources.
- More storage space was needed (a shipping container?)
- More help was needed on match mornings.

In addition to thanking Andy for his efforts Mike Witney mentioned the help given by Cyril Tapping in maintaining the machinery and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to him.

## 10. Hon Fixture Secretary's Report

SG passed on details from the Fixture Secretary who was unable to attend. The 2008 Sunday fixture list had been filled well using the Club Cricket Conference Bureau for most matches; this would also be used for 2009. The list of Cherwell League fixtures was expected at any time but it was already known that there would be fixtures in the new league cup on 18 April.

## 11. Welfare Report

Copy report attached to minutes. JB reported that there were no incidents in the year and that Clubmark approval showed that our procedures were basically sound. The main things for the future were to ensure that coach training was carried out regularly and that we needed to consider what to do about changing accommodation.

## 12. Revision of Club Rules:

The meeting was asked to approve the following proposal:

*'That, in accordance with the resolution passed on Friday 31 October 2008 the revised rules of the Princes Risborough Cricket Club as published on the club website and in the pavilion, be adopted and that the copy initialled by the Chairman be attached to the minutes of this meeting.'*

All members had been circulated with the draft and had been given ample time to comment on it. There had been only a couple of minor queries and the motion was proposed and approved with no votes against.

## 13. Election of Officers:

The following were elected:

- **President** Mr J Weston
- **Chairman** Mr S Greaves
- **Hon Secretary** Mr J Bushby
- **Hon Treasurer** Mrs J Bee
- **Fixture Secretary** Mr G Evans
- **Membership & Welfare Secretary** Mr J Bushby
- **Cricket Secretary** Mr A Hitchcock
- **Colts' Secretary** Mr A Dell
- **Social Secretary** Mr K Dodds
- **Ground Secretary** Mr A Sheldon
- **Captain 1st XI** Mr A Morton
- **Captain 2nd XI** Mr M Fields

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- **Captain Sunday XI** Mr A Sheldon
- **Executive Committee:** Mr G Pitt; Mr F Spencer, Mr P Green (+2 places to be filled)

The meeting also recorded its thanks to the outgoing President, Mike Witney and to Monica Spencer, retiring Treasurer and her assistant Frank.

### 14. Election of Vice Presidents etc

The existing Vice Presidents were elected en bloc.

### 15. Subscriptions:

The Executive Committee recommendations were approved as follows:

#### Subscriptions(all unchanged):

Senior Playing Members	£75	<i>If paid after 31<sup>st</sup> May</i>	£90
Intermediate Playing Member (19-20 years)	£25		
Junior Playing Members (up to 18)	£5		
Colts	£5 †		
Non Playing Members			£10

#### Match Fees (unchanged)

Senior Playing Members	£7.00 (2 <sup>nd</sup> game same weekend	£3.00)
Junior Playing Members	£2.00 †	

† *These relate to senior matches. For the Colts' Section the Committee will set a combined fee (currently £25.00) to include subscription and weekly summer coaching. There is also a match fee per junior game (currently £1.00)*

The Committee was authorised to revise match fees during the season should circumstances warrant it and to set charges for indoor nets at an appropriate level when costs were known.

### 16. Other Business

- The annual Quiz would be held on 7 March 2009; the question of resurrecting the inter-Club quiz was left to the new Committee
- Members were urged to support ECB CricketForce to assist in improving the Club facilities.
- Umpiring: the Cherwell League was intent on extending panel umpiring so that PRCC would need to nominate somebody to the panel for each week of the season; failure to do so would result in a points penalty. Neither of PRCC's umpires wished to join a panel and DW would have had difficulty in travelling to matches.

There was no obvious solution as the League was likely to be intransigent; the matter was left to the Committee.

- Kidlington CC: a brief report was given about Kidlington's expulsion from the Cherwell League at a meeting the previous week. KCC had threatened legal proceedings and advice which the Club had obtained suggested that, if pursued, they would have a very good case. The actions of the League Executive would probably render them liable in negligence for any costs which fell on PRCC.

The meeting was concluded at 21:02.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)                      \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)