



MINUTES of Annual General Meeting Held in the Pavilion on Friday 21 January 2011

Present: S Greaves (Chairman), P Bhattacharya, D Brooker, J Bushby, P Daly, K Dodds, T Franks, Mrs J Greaves, M Greaves, P Green, M King, G Linger, R Nunn, A Pitt, D Pitt, S Rodwell, A Sheldon, M Witney, Mrs R Witney, J Witney, & C Williams.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies received from A Hitchcock, G Bushby, Mrs J Bee, F Spencer, G Pitt & M Avery.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 22 January 2010 were confirmed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Management Committee Report

The report (copy attached to these minutes) which had been circulated was approved. The highlight was that – after a long period of work in the background – we had obtained funding for the new nets which had been installed at the end of November.

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report

The accounts to 30 September 2010, which had been examined and are attached to these minutes, were presented and approved.

The Chairman said that, financially, we had a great year and made the following explanatory comments:

- *Income and Expenditure:*

- The excess of income over expenditure was an extremely healthy £5,856.
- The Bar had done well with a profit of just under £4,500 and a profit rate of 53.3%. Thanks were recorded to Mike and Rita Witney.
- Sponsorship again did well, particularly given the general economic climate, and ended the year at £2,275 which was better than budgeted, with particular thanks to Frank Spencer and Kevin Dodds. The cost of sponsors' boards shown as an expense was in effect an investment in getting future income.
- The subscription figure included colts' training fees which accounted for the significant increase; senior subscriptions were only a small part of the total.
- The other significant increase in income came from a series of successful social events including an auction and curry and race nights. Altogether these had raised just under £4,000.
- Expenditure had kept very close to budget although maintenance costs had taken credit for insurance money for repairs yet to be completed.

- *Balance Sheet:*

- Cash at bank totalled £10,092, of which £8,000 was earmarked for the net fund.

- *Examiner's Report:* The examination showed that there were no significant problems with the Club's systems and records.

The accounts were adopted and the meeting expressed its thanks to Jo Bee (Treasurer) and Gavin Bushby (Examiner).

6. 100 Club Report

There was no formal report. There were funds of about £2,500 available to the Club as 'rainy day' money. As ever new members were needed.

7. Bar Report

A written report was presented and a copy is attached to the minutes. Once again Mike Witney stressed that:

- Although sales and the amount of gross profit had risen, these were boosted by colts' evenings rather than any improvement in after-match sales at the weekend.

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- There were still problems with keg and draught beers caused by temperature variations in the bar, largely minimised by switching to a smaller-sized keg from Rebellion Brewery with a longer shelf-life.
 - Staffing of the bar was a real problem and a proper rota was needed. This underlined the need for an appointed Bar Secretary – a post which had been absent for several years.
- The meeting recorded its thanks to Mike Witney and Rita for their hard work during the year.

8. Cricket

(a) Report of Captains

- 1st XI:
 - A written report was presented and a copy is attached to the minutes.
 - The hope that moving to the Thames Valley would help to generate an improvement and possibly attract new players was not realised. Indeed some senior players failed to turn out regularly, or at all.
 - Once again the team had a poor season and was relegated, with a lack of batting performance being the main cause.
 - Despite some promising young players emerging there was an urgent need to recruit new senior players for the immediate future.
- 2nd XI: the side had escaped relegation and had brought on many youngsters, particularly Matt Greaves and Imran Khan, but needed more bowling. The meeting recorded its thanks to Andy Sheldon for his efforts with the team.
 - Sunday XI: Although the team had won only 2 games, drawing 8 and losing 5, most of these had been very close and there had been a lot of good cricket. It continued to bring on younger players, many of whom were becoming regulars in the 2nd XI. There was an urgent need for tea ladies in the coming season.

(b) Junior Cricket Report

- There had been a big improvement compared with 2009.
- The u-15 team with colts who had played in the same team in 2009 had come 3rd in its league.
- The u-11 numbers were good and the future was promising.
- The meeting recorded its thanks to Craig Williams for his good work.

9. Ground Secretary's Report

Andy Sheldon reported that once again there had been heavy use of the square and the pitches had held up well. Their consistently good standard was reflected in high marks from league matches.

- The year-end work on the square had not been up to scratch and doing it in-house would probably result in a better job but the problem was in getting enough manpower to do it.
- The outfield still needed attention and again this had not been possible this autumn.
- Thanks were due to Jon Witney for his tireless work on the outfield.
- The meeting expressed its thanks to Andy for the excellence of the ground and the professionalism of his hard work.

10. Hon Fixture Secretary's Report

Unfortunately Gary Evans was unable to continue to do the work and Fran Hall had already started on the 2011 non-League fixtures.

11. Welfare Secretary's Report

JB had circulated a written report - copy is attached to the minutes.

- Once again there was little to report on welfare matters as this was a light year for renewals within the Club.
- There was a possible solution to the knotty problem of adding colts to the website system so that it could be used for match selections, but the cost in admin would be heavy and assistance would be needed to make it work.
- We needed to look at the best way of setting up a Facebook page while adhering to ECB welfare requirements.

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- ClubMark accreditation had borne fruit in the form of funding for the nets but this was an ongoing process and in 2011 we would undergo an independent re-appraisal. If we failed the loan money would become repayable. This was another administrative burden where assistance was needed.

12. Revision of Club Rules

There were no changes to the existing Rules.

13. Election of Officers: the following were elected:

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| • President | Mr D Brooker | • Cricket Secretary | Mr A Hitchcock |
| • Chairman | Mr S Greaves | • Junior Secretary | Mr C Williams |
| • Hon Secretary | Mr J Bushby | • Social Secretary | Mrs S Houchin |
| • Hon Treasurer | Mrs J Bee | • Ground Secretary | Mr A Sheldon |
| • Fixture Secretary | Mrs F Hall | • Captain 1st XI | Mr J Witney |
| • Membership & Welfare Secretary | Mr J Bushby | • Captain 2nd XI | Mr A Pitt |
| | | • Captain Sunday XI | Mr A Sheldon |

- **Committee Members:** Mr L Brooker, Mrs K Byerley, Mr M King, Mr K Dodds and Mr D Pitt.

14. Other Appointments

- i. Messrs J Weston, M Witney, S Greaves and J Bushby were re-appointed as trustees.
- ii. Mr G Bushby was appointed as Independent Examiner.
- iii. Existing Vice-Presidents were re-elected and the Committee was also authorised to seek such further nominees as it thought fit.

15. Subscriptions & Match Fees

The following subscription rates (all unchanged) were agreed:

- Senior Playing Members £75.00 (£90.00 if paid after 31 May)
- Intermediate Playing Member (19-20) £25.00
- Junior Playing Members (16 -18) £5.00*
- Colts (under 16) £5.00*
- Non Playing Members £10.00

[Family Membership (non-voting) is included with Colt's membership under Club rules]

Match Fees were agreed as follows

- Junior Playing Members and Colts £2.00*
- All other Playing Members £7.00 (2nd game same weekend £3.00)

* *For juniors and colts playing in senior matches. For the Colts' Section the Committee would set a combined fee (currently £25.00) to include subscription and weekly summer coaching and also a match fee per junior game (currently £1.00).*

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

16. Any Other Business

Particular thanks were recorded to Cyril Tapping for his sterling work in keeping the tractor and other ground equipment running.

_____ (Chairman)

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