

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club, October 18th 2016

Present : Paul Maxwell, Ian Pilgrim, Michael Mitchell (by link) , David Ellicott-White, Justin Pryor, Chris Rodda, Margo Lawrence, Graham Watts, Jeff Mascarenhas, Stephen Millward, Denise Pilgrim, Doug Forbes, David Pilgrim, Kenny Maxwell, Joshua Holland, Jonathan Rodda, Andrew Steel, Steve Lawrence, Linda Seston, Siva Ranjan, Barrie Frampton, Hugo Lovelock, Lawrence Allen, Tom Sullivan, Nick Morley, Dean Relf, Tony Sherlock and Mike Pike

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Laurence Roots, Chris Scott, Derek Birmingham, Laki Kasturiratne, Jane Kempthorn, Adrian Beckett, Guy Hannah, Simon Goatcher, Alex Forbes, Andy Spedding, Michael Pilgrim, Callum Steel, Caroline Maxwell and Rob McEwen

2. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

The Minutes of the 2015 AGM were accepted as a true record

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4. Secretary's report

The secretary reported as follows:

The 2016 season was a good one for the OWCC on the field of play, whilst our fund-raising off the field has been the best for many years, which Andy Spedding's report will substantiate

However, the year has been overshadowed by the deaths of 3 vice presidents, Janet Brittain, John Ford and Bryan Watts and that of Dennis Miller, who played for the OWs at Dulwich prior to our move to Hayes in 1959 and for a few years here

To return to the events on the field of play, the 3rd XI were promoted, the Sunday development side won every game they played, the under 19's T20 side reached the final of the Kent ECB competition and the 2nds, 4ths and 5ths all had respectable seasons and it was encouraging to see more and more colts progressing into these sides and acquitting themselves well

The standard of cricket for the Sunday social side is not of the highest quality but we again blooded a number of youngsters and, indeed, a number of older players returning to cricket

The 1st XI, playing at the highest level in the Club's history, finished 7th out of 10 Clubs and the side contained no fewer than 4 players who have graduated through the colts section, including the skipper and vice-skipper, on a regular basis, and a total of seven former colts represented our premier side this year

The panel umpires, who mark us for both the facilities we provide and the spirit in which we play the game, were impressed on both counts and we finished fifth in the former category and top in the latter

There will be a colts report later in the meeting but I would just like to mention that it is now virtually certain that colts coaching will take place on Friday evenings rather than Saturday mornings from next season as earlier start times and longer journeys mean that a number of coaches are not available and this change will overcome that problem, and to

thank Adrian for the splendid way in which he has taken on the role of Colts Chair

Indeed I would like to thank all of the management committee for their hard work and dedication which has seen the Club progress since this time last year, with the most significant work of the year being under-taken by Jeff Mascarenhas, namely the Vision statement which sets out our plans and aspirations for the foreseeable future, an excellent piece of work which bears comparison with the establishment of our colts section and our not only achieving Club mark but also becoming an established Focus Club, and a word of praise here for Barrie Frampton, who has ensured this situation continues in his succession of Ian Pilgrim, whilst it is always good to know that IP is around to offer his advice, wisdom and general good sense

The down-side continues to be the our apparent reluctance to leave the dressing rooms and the kitchen in a good condition and if this does not improve then drastic action will be taken to ensure that it does.

Three of our number attended the Feeder league presentation evening but there seems to be a reluctance on the part of the 1st and 2nd XIs to represent the OWs at their Dinner and, hopefully, this will be resolved by the end of the evening

Congratulations to all of the award winners, both colts and seniors, and sincere thanks to all of the officers, skippers, umpires, tea providers and scorers in the Club, with particular thanks to the two Pauls in their first years as President and Chair, roles they have fulfilled with aplomb

Caroline's work on the website continues to be a 'hit' – note my trendy use of the lingo – whilst we continue to have a monthly newsletter which could be better supported and now is your chance to reflect on the 2016 with end of season reports; I have so far received two, thanks Jeff; thanks Doug, so there are just another 13 to go!!

Finally I mentioned earlier that a number of 'older players' returned to the game via our Sunday social side and in the 4th XI's game against Nat West Bank an OW record was created when the aggregate age of the opening pair was 144 although, and sadly, this was not replicated by the number of runs they managed to score!
Mike Pike

5. Colts Report

The Colts Chair had apologised for his absence but submitted the following report

Next season colts coaching will switch to Friday evenings primarily because, with the increased amount of travelling for the senior sides, many coaches are not available on a Saturday morning

Although this was initially a pragmatic decision, we feel that this will benefit all concerned, enabling both the youngsters, and their parents, to relax at the end of a hard working week and then not have to rush out first thing on a Saturday morning

On the field of play the under 15a side won their league, and we congratulate them on their success and look forward to them representing the Club for many years to come

The mini 8's also had a successful season and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, which is very important as they take their first steps on the path to getting to grips with the game

We are now looking down the route of a full-time coach for both colts and seniors with at least a level 2, possibly level 3, qualification

The job will also involve looking at the progression of colts through to the senior sides

Doug Forbes explained that he had struggled with kit for the under 9's, some of which had disappeared

There needs to be a kit inventory - see also item 8

He also mentioned that there had been no participants in the 'Young Leaders' programme' this year and felt this should be re-instated

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer had apologised for his absence but had submitted a 15 page document which had been circulated prior to the meeting
He had also asked the secretary to read the summary of the combined seniors and colts accounts as follows:

This has been an excellent season, our best ever. We made a combined overall profit of **£10,285** comprising a profit of £3,304 by the Seniors and £6,981 by the Colts.

The end of financial year actual bank balances are as follows:

Seniors current account £5,909

Sinking Fund £4,413 (ring-fenced for future maintenance of the nets)

Colts current account £1,922

Colts Interest account £4,848 (ring-fenced for the Tigers section, Back to Cricket, and Jack Petchey)

This has been our 4th good year in a row, and is due to a number of factors - the main ones being:

an increase in Seniors and Colts subs this year due to higher numbers

another excellent year of fundraising, exceeding target by £988

contribution of £2,000 from the OW Association to go towards Hawes Down costs

continuing awards from the Jack Petchey Foundation due to our previous success as scheme members

sponsorship from Gingers Restaurant

advertising revenue from Boundary Boards

a reduction in pitch hire costs now Hawes Down is operational

This healthy end of season position has allowed us to pay for new items of equipment such as the boundary rope trolley and to be able to fund future strategic items in our Business Plan put forward by Jeff Mascarenhas.

As a result, we will not be increasing Subscription fees for 2017. However we will be making an overdue increase in Match Fees – *see section 2 for details.*

See section 1.4 for itemised details of the accounts, and Appendices A and B for the individual sections' accounts.

NB: It is also proposed to raise Colts subscription fees for under 11's and above to £75 - from £65 and to under 9's to £50 - from £45

There will be no change to family membership, which will remain at £25

All annual subscriptions must be paid by May 1st next season

The details of the increase in match fees is as follows:

Seniors: An increase from £10 to £12

Students, unemployed, and colts playing in senior games, an increase from £7.50 to £8-00

However, Senior players playing in both Saturday and Sunday games, in the same week, will pay a total match fee of £20 for both games, whilst Colts will pay a combined total of £12 for the two games

The report prompted the following questions, observations and decisions

Chris Rodda asked why was it necessary to make the proposed increases in view of the fact that we had made a profit of £10,000

Answer: We have received the final tranche of money from the OWA with regard to the work undertaken at Hawes Down

The rent from the Association will almost certainly be increased

We will need to pay for the proposed coach co-ordinator – see also item 5

We cannot get match managers to volunteer so will probably need to offer remuneration

Opposing sides have increased the amount they charge for their teas

(This prompted a brief discussion on the quality of our own teas)

Margo Lawrence felt that the proposals were a disincentive to the colts, particularly as their annual subscriptions had been increased whereas those of the seniors had not

(It was pointed out that Senior subscriptions had been increased last year whilst those for Colts had not)

The proposal was then put to the meeting and carried

The fees for Winter Nets may also have to be revisited as we will not have the use of Ravensbourne – see also item 14

7. Fixture Secretary's report

The Fixture secretary reported as follows:

On the whole everything is going very smooth;

- There were pre-season friendlies this year for the Saturday 1's and 2's, with new clubs including Hayes cc, Chislehurst & West Kent, which ensured competitive cricket before the league season began
- Sunday friendlies; all matches played and filled with great communication from Tom Sullivan. I only had to rearrange one match because of a team cancelling on us
- U19 league arrangements went smoothly and again it was great to have open dialogue with Justin Pryor to confirm these matches into the schedule as early as possible
- Thanks to Adrian Beckett for his timeliness in getting colts fixtures arranged which helped me in plugging all games into the overall fixture schedule which gave plenty of advance warning for ground planning with Stephen Millward; long may that continue!
- From a Kent Regional league perspective all things were arranged smoothly with the ever diligent Brian Smith; only sticking point was the 5th XI having to play cricket on a bank holiday at the end of May. Subsequently that game got cancelled by the opposition but will ask Brian to keep all our matches to a Saturday where possible in 2017. Suffice to say we have a good relationship with Brian on the fixtures front.
- Happy to carry on same role looking after all senior pre-season / league / senior T20 cup, U19 T20, Wilson's school, with confirmed colts fixtures sent to me from Adrian to plug into master schedule for Stephen Millward and to complete fixture card.
- 2017 has started well; pre-season matches confirmed for the 1s already at Bromley CC (15th April) and Bromley Common double fixture for both 1s and 2s 22nd April. One game needed for 2s on 29th April as 'Mitch' tells me the 1s are touring Bath that weekend. League cricket is scheduled to begin at the club on Saturday 6th May. Sunday cricket begins 7th May and all home Sunday friendly matches booked for month of May. Will confirm remaining Sunday dates once I know the status of Sunday league plans for 2017. Kwik cricket festival dates pencilled in as are Wilson's school games. Last cricket will be at ground will be Sunday 3rd September 2017.
- Questions

- A) Can we agree and confirm Presidents' Day date will be Sunday 16th July 2017 with cricket week to follow that subsequent week? I need to confirm the Monday / Tuesday / Friday games of that week
- B) are we running the inter county disabled cricket day again? If yes, can it be Sunday 23rd July 2017 same corresponding Sunday as 2016?
- C) is Tony Sherlock running his game in 2017? 2016 date was Friday 10th June so corresponding 2017 date will be Friday 9th June
- D) Jeff are you running a Dulwich 4s / 5s friendly fixture in 2017? Corresponding date will be Saturday 9th Sept 2017

Looking forward to continuing in 2017 on the proviso the membership wants me to carry on
Laurence Allen

David Pilgrim asked if we should have a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for Hawes Down with the Football Club in the same way we have for Hayes
This was thought unnecessary, but the one for Hayes needs to be looked at

8. Kit Manager's Report

The Kit manager had apologised for his absence but submitted the following report:

Being the kit manager this year has been a tough task but one that I have enjoyed. The year started with us deciding to change kit providers from our previous provider, Kalibazar, to All Rounder Cricket

There were a few teething problems to start with and some orders took much longer than expected to arrive. These issues took a couple of weeks to be rectified but the feedback since has been much more positive.

The 1st and 2nd XIs are now predominantly exclusively wearing the new kit available, which of course is what was required. Should individuals require new kit, All Rounder is where it should be purchased.

On the topic of playing kit, could I please take this opportunity to thank Tony Sherlock, who had kindly agreed to sponsor a new under 19 kit.

Our next progression on the playing kit side of the equation is to source some black trousers that can be purchased by members through our online shop to go along side our under 19 and development side kits.

Following on from our change in kit provider, the Jack Petchy money that has been made available through the brilliant admin team of Caroline and Tam has enabled us as a club to take the equipment that we have to another level. The introduction of a boundary rope and relevant accessories is something that provides the ground with an outstanding look as soon as people arrive.

We have also been able to improve the provision that we offer our younger colts with an increased amount of coaching equipment purchased and a bowling machine converter kit purchased that will enable us to use the junior bowling machine at winter nets, whilst the bowling machine is also a new addition through our Jack Petchy money.

Moving forward we now need to look at how we may be able to continue to improve the provision provided to adult training sessions with items such as a new bowling machine on the wish list for the beginning of next year. The current bowling machine has been out of commission for some time due to a faulty connection between the battery and the ball feeding unit. To repair this would cost in excess of £450. *Callum Steel*

The report prompted the following remarks/comments

Steve Lawrence said he was happy to put his Jack Petchey award money towards a new bowling machine

A kit inventory to be undertaken

At least two yellow tops have been paid for but not received and possibly more

Dave Ellicott-White explained that it is intended to use the far end of the square for practice purposes and, as a consequence, there is a need for a net to protect the rest of the square. He has informed the Kit manager accordingly.

Callum is labelling all OWCC kit to prevent theft – some has gone missing.
The bags of colts' managers to be locked and we need to find a safe place to keep all of our kit.

Doug Forbes asked if it was possible to run an electricity cable to the Nets for the bowling machine(s).

Paul Jenkins responded that this was possible.

We are looking for a more permanent replacement to act as a 'sight-screen' at the Nets.

The Nets themselves need tidying up.

9. Membership Secretary's report

The Membership secretary (Jane Kempthorn) had apologised for her absence but has subsequently forwarded the following report:

Thanks to Ian Forbes, the skippers and everyone else who collected subs. This year, the majority of players paid subs promptly, for which we are all very grateful.

May this trend continue into 2017.

Please consider taking up the offer of paying subs online either by

Direct debit - with monthly instalments, over however many months you like as long as it is fully paid up by May, or by bank transfer

Jane Kempthorn

Graham Watts stressed the importance of registering players to make them eligible to play league cricket.

10. Welfare Officer's Report

The Welfare Officer (Jane Kempthorn) had apologised for her absence but has subsequently forwarded the following report:

This had been a good year, with no welfare issues.

Please can those of you who have them hand back **ALL** first Aid kits, so I can have them ready for next season. They can be dropped round to me or left at the club for my attention. Please email me to that effect.

These are costing the club a lot of money every year to be replaced, precious money that should be spent elsewhere.

Jane Kempthorn

Denise Pilgrim stated that Jane's qualifications needed to be updated.

This is in hand – she had gone on a course but this was the wrong one and she will now go on the correct one.

Denise also has the relevant qualifications for a Welfare Officer.

Ian Pilgrim reminded the meeting that 2017 sees the renewal date for our Club Mark status.

11. League reports

Kent League

We need five 1st/2nd XI players to attend the annual dinner on November 11th
Tom Sullivan has agreed to become our representative and will attend future meetings

Feeder League

Three members attended their presentation evening and picked up the trophy we won following our promotion - this was displayed at this meeting
The Feeder League AGM takes place on November 16th and please let Jeff Mascarenhas know of any issues you would like to have raised

Sunday Development

Chris Scott and Jonathan Rodda attended a recent meeting
We will play in Division One next year following our promotion - there are three Divisions in all
We will not receive a trophy in recognition of our achievement
There are six teams in each league and they will play each other twice

Under 19 league

Justin Pryor is happy to continue to be our representative

12. OWCC's future progress

Jeff Mascarenhas has been working on a document relating to the future progress of the Club, which the committee have discussed, and it was distributed to the meeting.
It covers six topics, namely: *Performance, participation, facilities, community involvement, finance, management and culture*
Jeff explained the background to the document, that he had joined the Club four years ago but did not understand where it was going
He had discussed this with the committee, the result being the document before you, which then produced the following comments and opinions

Facilities

Doug Forbes informed the meeting that he had recently visited Whitgift school where they have excellent facilities following the installation of a proper irrigation system
He added that the OWA are contemplating a similar system and may be looking for contributions from the subsidiary clubs in order to fund it

As well as hosting an inter-County disabled cricket game we had also staged Kwik Cricket and those involved were so impressed with our facilities that they wished to return next year

Paul Maxwell added that he felt that these initiatives would help our Club Mark status

Participation

Dave Welch has an innovative system that will help with availability
Please respond to him so that he can carry this through

Ian Pigrim said there are three or four schools we should be going into but that it was important that we liaise with Ken Slater, who has overall responsibility for such matters

Justin Pryor suggested a curry day to encourage and attract new members

Finance

Paul Jenkins explained that, although cricket week and the advertising boards had made a total of £6,000 during this season this, effectively, was a false figure as although there was an initial high cost for the boards, after that the fee is only £100 a year, so we still need to continue to raise funds

13. Election of Officers

The following were elected as Officers of the Club

Seniors

President: Paul Jenkins Proposed: Paul Maxwell Seconded: Ian Pilgrim

Vice-Presidents:

The secretary regretted to inform the meeting that Janet Brittain, John Ford and Bryan Watts had all passed away since the last AGM

The remaining Vice-Presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the following additions:
Laurence Allen, Adrian Beckett and Paul Maxwell

NB: The above, and the following positions below, until stated otherwise, were elected en bloc

Proposed: Joshua Holland
Seconded: Barrie Frampton

Chair: Paul Maxwell

Vice-Chair: Jeff Mascarenhas

Secretary: Mike Pike

Treasurer: Andy Spedding

League representatives

Kent League: Tom Sullivan

Kent Feeder League: Jeff Mascarenhas

Sunday Development League: Stephen Millward

Kit Manager: Callum Steel

Fixtures Secretary: Laurence Allen

Membership Secretary: Jane Kempthorn

Welfare Officer: Jane Kempthorn

Catering Manager(s): Mike Pike and Denise Pilgrim

Registration Officer: Mike Pike

Club captain: Alex Forbes

Communications Officer: This position was not filled and a volunteer is required

Fund-raising Committee: David Ellicott-White, Kenny Maxwell, Steve Lawrence and Tony Sherlock

Skippers

1st XI: Michael Mitchell Proposed: Kenny Maxwell Seconded: Jonathan Rodda

2nd XI: Chris Scott Proposed: Nick Morley Seconded: Doug Forbes

3rd XI: Laki Kasturiratne Proposed: Kenny Maxwell Seconded: David Pilgrim

4th XI: Jeff Mascarenhas Proposed: Tom Sullivan Seconded: Graham Watts

5th XI: Alex Forbes, with Andy Steel as vice-skipper

Proposed: Laurence Allen Seconded: Barrie Frampton

Sunday Friendly XI : Tony Sherlock and Dean Relph

Proposed: Tom Sullivan Seconded: Doug Forbes

Sunday Development side: Chris Scott Proposed: Stephen Millward
Seconded: David Pilgrim

Colts

Chair: Adrian Beckett Proposed: Laurence Allen Seconded: Dave Ellicott-White

Treasurer: Andy Spedding Proposed: Doug Forbes Seconded: Barrie Frampton

Under 19 league co-ordinator Justin Pryor Proposed: Stephen Millward
Seconded: Paul Jenkins

Membership Secretary: Margo Lawrence Proposed: Doug Forbes
Seconded: Denise Pilgrim

14. Any Other Business

Hooped Caps

Graham Watts reported that there are only eight hooped caps left
They cost £32.50p each and there is a minimum order of 50

Doug Forbes felt that Jay Yewale may be able to get them made in India

Young Leaders scheme

Ian Pilgrim felt that, as no-one participated in this scheme this year, the time may be right
for someone to replace him as the co-ordinator

Jonathan Rodda volunteered to do so

Doug Forbes felt we should talk to the local schools about this scheme

Indoor cricket

Jonathan Rodda asked if we could field an indoor team in a winter competition
He will obtain the details with a view to participating next year – this year's league has already started

The Cricket Square

Stephen Millward asked for volunteers to help him put down loam on the edge of the square this Sunday (October 23rd)

Josh Holland and Tony Sherlock agreed to do so

20/20 side

Jonathan Rodda pointed out that we had not elected a skipper for the 20/20 side
This is a 1st XI fixture so the 1st XI skipper will do so

Winter Nets

Paul Maxwell re-iterated the fact that we will not have the use of Ravensbourne for Winter Nets

The possible alternatives are:

Hayes school - but probably on Sundays

Whitgift school

Kelsey school

Trinity school

Jeff Mascarenhas to research

It was suggested that Nets might switch to mid-week but this would be difficult for Colts participation

The ideal solution would be to continue with Senior and Colts Nets on a Saturday morning – it is really important that the colts get this option

Our Nets

Paul Jenkins wondered whether we should look at the cost of replacing our Nets as opposed to doing so ourselves

Answer – This is what our sinking fund is for

Any recommendations for repairs should be given to the OWA ground manager (Stephen Millward)

There being no other business the meeting ended at 10-40 with a vote of thanks to the Chair