

ROWLEDGE CRICKET CLUB

Draft Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting held at The Village Centre on Wednesday 24th February 2010

Attendees: The Meeting was attended by 39 Members (Attendees list held by Secretary)

1. President's Welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. The President said that the 2009 season had been very successful and thanked all those members who had contributed to the success. Looking forward to 2010, the President wished the Club continued success and that she looked forward to the 25th Anniversary of the Club's National Village Cup Final.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Julia Radford, Graham & Rebecca Watson, Karl & Jill Snelling, Richard Denby, Fraser & Covey Forbes, Jo & John Boshier, Angahard & Richard Slape, Hugo & Sharon Anson, Paula & Kieran Best, Katie Forward, Suzzane Clempson, Laura & Horace Watson, Matthew & Patsy Clark, Lucinda & David Beard, Rob Woodliffe, Swati & Jonathan Wills, Gary & Linda Curant, Jeannie & Andrew Chak, Robert Fitzgerald, Sarah Massham, David Gill, Philip & Carolyn Desmond, Fiona & Andy Long, Susan & Steven Brain, Mark & Sally Vivian, Ceri & Robin Davies, Lynsey & Mike Tivey, Sarah & Neil Gregory, Ben Wish, Moo & Richard Walker, Jan & John Weir, Jenny & Keith Daniels, Howard & Sandra Lambert-Parsons, Ian Metcalfe, Mike Henriksen, James Whittel & Chris Brinsden.

3. Minutes of the 2008 AGM

The Secretary reported that Emma Longrigg had been appointed Hon Auditor following 2008 AGM

The minutes of the 2008 AGM were approved and signed. *(Proposed by Paul Brook, Seconded by Sir Peter Anson). Carried by a show of hands*

4. Chairman's Report

1. Reported that in Season 2009, the Club had achieved probably its most successful ever year on a number of key measures – including four of what he called the Five Ps.
2. First however, he:
 - a. Recorded special thanks to the President for her help, support and commitment throughout another year;
 - b. Paid tribute to all the coaches, skippers, committee members, Friday night helpers and other volunteers whose combined efforts continue to make the Club the outstanding success it is.

- c. Noted that some of the statistics were quite exceptional: for example the 1000 volunteer 'sessions' required to run each year's 18-week Junior Friday Night Sequence; and
 - d. Mentioned in particular the special plaudits received during the past year from Surrey CCC.
3. Second turning to an initial P, **Participation**, he reported that the Club had:
- a. Fielded a record number of XIs – fifteen in all at various levels in 2009 – a total scheduled to increase further to sixteen in 2010. It was, he said, a true measure of the Club's commitment to participation that its section heads (Peter Brinsden and Nick Pow) and year group coaches at both Under 11 and Under 13 levels were prepared to support no fewer than four teams per group;
 - b. Recorded over 4000 sessions with state school pupils under the increasingly successful 'Chance to Shine' scheme - led by club skipper, David Lloyd in his role as senior coach;
 - c. Continued - a rarity even among major clubs - to encourage participation from five years upwards – particular thanks to Ruth Ahmed and her colleagues at the most junior level; and finally
 - d. Signalled its continuing commitment to participation for all by agreeing to provide 1-2 discretionary bursaries in each junior year to support any otherwise disadvantaged children.
4. Third, however, he stressed that **Participation** sits together with **Performance** at the heart of the Club. In this area he reported:
- a. First what he described as "possibly the Club's most significant innovation in over a decade" with the launch of the new Academy over the winter months in 09-10. (Special thanks to its 'founding fathers', Messrs Brinsden, Lloyd and Pow). This he said would enable the Club to better help its most promising players at all levels and ultimately enable the Club to build on...
 - b. What he termed, second, the 'very special' performance of the *First XI* in – following two seasons as runners-up – securing the Club's highest ever spot in winning the Southern Premier Division Two... Special congratulations here he noted to a wonderful team spirit engendered by cricket chairman, Chris Yates, skipper David Lloyd and a true all-round team;
 - c. Third, that the Firsts' performance had capped an overall excellent year in which:
 - i. The Ladies secured promotion to National South 1 (congrats to Ann Mortimer and Jackie Rice)
 - ii. The Seconds had an excellent year under Leigh Rogers – just missing out on promotion;

- iii. The Thirds successfully consolidated after promotion under Carlo Bruno and
 - iv. The Fourths continued their search for 'nose bleed' under Rob Blythe with a second successive promotion to I'Anson III.
- 5. Fourth he turned to **Pounds** (or Money) and noted that the Club had recorded a very positive year by:
 - a. Achieving growth in all three main revenue streams including fees (thanks to increasing membership), bar and, especially, fundraising, advertising and sponsorship....
 - i. With particular thanks in this context for their continuing support to, among many, Forest Lodge, Dairy Crest, Andrew Lodge and Lewington Homes;...
 - b. Securing particular development on the social side with thanks due to:
 - i. The president and many others for a series of successful socials,
 - ii. The president and team for a wonderful President's Day which he noted had been won (finally!) by the President's XI; and not least
 - iii. Wyatt Ramsdale, Louise Eldridge and team for a sell-out Dinner Dance and Auction making an almost certainly record surplus contribution
 - c. Obtaining a significant improvement in net surplus – notwithstanding a number of significantly increased costs;
 - d. But finally pointing out that this trend would need to continue over several years to enable the Club to sustain the level of investment which it was likely to need both in increasing participation, supporting performance coaching, and in developing the fourth P, **Playing Facilities**;
- 6. In this fourth P, **Playing Facilities**, the chairman reported partial progress via:
 - a. Positive advances in discussions with Waverley Borough Council to secure a long-term lease of the Club's principal ground at **The Rec**;
 - b. Further improvements in the marked standards of **The Rec** – taking the square close to Gold Standard (thanks to Tony Field and team);
 - c. Initial discussions with both Waverley BC and Surrey CCC regarding the potential for grants to support major developments at **The Rec** including the renewal of the nets and the further enhancement of the square;
 - d. Also in terms of completing over the winter a major revision to the Club's commercial arrangements, at its second ground, **Binsted**, in terms of securing a rolling three-year lease. This in practice had enabled a five year view to be taken and facilitated investment over the winter in improving the square etc;
 - e. But noted with regret that – many discussions notwithstanding – the Club had yet to make any significant progress on its ambition of securing a long-term

third ground which, he said, would support in particular youth and junior cricket. This he highlighted as a major challenge in the year ahead.

7. Finally, his fifth P, the chairman said that it had been truly a **Pleasure** and a privilege to serve such a wonderful and successful club in Season 2009.

5. Financial Report

The 2009 Accounts were presented by Wyatt Ramsdale.

WR reported a 2009 surplus of £4,996 and highlighted the Bar surplus of £6,152; WR highlighted that the club's Reserves now stand at £14,845 but this was not sufficient as only a few years ago we had exceptional expenditure of £23,000. WR added that the Committee will continue to reduce running costs, however Members should continue to find new ways of fundraising.

The Accounts were approved and adopted (*Proposed by Rob Blythe and Seconded by Chris Yates.*)

The Treasurer thanked Emma Longrigg for conducting the Audit of the Accounts.

6. Adopt Amendment to Rule 9.2 of the Club's Constitution

The Chairman reported that the Committee's propose moving the Club's Financial Year from 1st January to 31st December to 1st October to 30th September.

The motion was *Proposed by the Committee and Seconded by Jenny Brinsden and carried by a show of hands.*

7. Election of President

Yvonne Cleminson was re-elected President. (*Proposed by the Committee and carried by a show of hands*)

8. Election of Vice-Presidents.

The Secretary reported the sad death of C. Weedon in the Spring of 2009.

All existing Vice-Presidents were re-elected en bloc (*Proposed by Chris Yates, Seconded by Paul Brook*)

9. Election of Club Chairman

The Secretary thanked Bill Nichols for his commitment and hard work he had put into the Club over the last year. The Secretary added that Bill Nichols had brought new ideas to the club which in turn would benefit the Club as a whole.

The Secretary confirmed that Bill Nichols is prepared to stand for re-election.

Bill Nichols, *Proposed by David Metcalfe and Seconded by Jackie Rice* was duly elected Chairman on a show of hands.

10. Election of the Club Committee

In the absence of any other Members willing to stand, the following Committee was elected en-bloc: (*Proposed by Paul Brook, Seconded by Trevor Hill*)

Secretary.....David Metcalfe
Ladies Secretary.....Maggie Finney
Treasurer..... Wyatt Ramsdale
Fixture Secretary.....Joe Yates
Facilities Manager.....Chris Yates
Chmn Cricket Committee.....Chris Yates
Social & Fundraising..... Yvonne Cleminson
Bar Manager.....Neil Metcalfe
Youth Manager.....Nick Pow
Junior Manager.....Peter Brinsden
Child Welfare Officer.....Ruth Ahmed

Co-Opted Posts

Club Membership Secretary....Bob Blightman
Chairman of Selectors (Snr)....Geoff Brown
Webmaster.....Carlo Bruno
Youth Development Officer.....David Lloyd
Groundsman.....Tony Field

11. Election of 2010 Team Captains

1 st X1 Captain.....David Lloyd	Vice Captain.....Chris Yates Jnr
2 nd X1 Captain.....Leigh Rogers	Vice Captain.....Chris Brinsden
3 rd X1 Captain.....Carlo Bruno	Vice Captain.....Shaun
Bradbery	
4 th X1 Captain..... Rob Blythe	Vice Captain.....Geoff Brown
Ladies Captain.....Ann Mortimer	Vice Captain.....Nil
Sunday Friendlies.....Chris Brinsden & Ben Wish	

2010 Team Captains were elected on bloc.(*Proposed by Chris Yates, Seconded by Nick Pow*)

12. 2010 Subscriptions

The Chairman reported that following no increases in 2009 that the Committee propose small increase to certain categories of Membership for 2010. The Chairman added that the Committee is to undertake a full review of membership packages during 2010.

The Committee proposed that all subscriptions and match fees for 2010 be fixed as follows.

Chairman highlighted that Membership Fees not paid by 31st May might invalidate a Members Insurance.

SENIOR SECTION

Senior Playing Member.	£90
Senior Ladies Playing Member & Senior Playing Member 18-24/Full Employment.	£65
Student Member (or not in full employment)	£50
Social Member	£16

JUNIOR SECTION

Social Member	£16
Year Group Reception to Year Group 4 Inclusive	£31 per Child
Year Group 5 to Under 17s Inclusive fees	£50 per Child (Includes Match Junior/Youth Matches)

Maximum £130

*Note: All ages are calculated as at 1st September of the previous year.
Parents within the Junior/Youth Section Must include One Social Membership*

MATCH FEES

	Saturday (League)	Sunday
Senior Playing	£9	£5
Ladies		£6
Senior Playing (18-24)	£5	£3
Youth (Playing Senior)	£5	£2
Midweek Senior Matches	£3	

NB: All ages are calculated as at 1st September of the previous year.

The Committee's Proposal, Seconded by Gary Clapham was adopted with a show of hands.

13. Election of Hon. Auditor

The Treasurer thanked Emma Longrigg for auditing the club's account for 2009 and confirmed that she is prepared to continue as Hon Auditor (*Proposed by Wyatt Ramsdale and Seconded by David Metcalfe and carried by a show of hands*)

14. Other Business

14.1 Peter Brinsden proposed that following many years of service to the Club that Olive Silver, the senior of four generations of Silver's in the Club and a current Vice President be made an Honorary Life Member.

The Proposal by Peter Brinsden and Seconded by David Metcalfe was unanimously carried by a show of hands and Olive Silver was duly elected.

With there being no other business, the Meeting closed at 8.45