

ROWLEDGE CRICKET CLUB

Draft Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting held at The Village Centre on Wednesday 12th January 2011

Attendees: The Meeting was attended by 36 Members (Attendees list held by Secretary)

1. President's Welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and thanked them for attending. The President moved on to thank the Captains and all helpers that had contributed to a successful 2010 season.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Ian Metcalfe, Geoff Rose, Neil Metcalfe, Geoff Brown
& Rob Smith

3. Minutes of the 2009 AGM

The Secretary reported that Emma Longrigg had been unable to undertake the Audit of the 2010 accounts and that Peter Dickinson had been appointed Auditor of the 2010 accounts by the Committee.

The minutes of the 2009 AGM were approved and signed. *(Proposed by Paul Brook, Seconded by Jenny Brinsden). Carried by a show of hands*

4. Chairman's Report

The chairman:

Reported that for Season 2010, the Club had yet again achieved another record-breaking year on various counts with **Headlines** including:

- a. A record 16 teams in the field and 250+ games played;
 - b. The drama and excitement of the Club's run to the National Village Cup semi-final;
 - c. The achievement of winning the Surrey Sports Awards 2010 'Team of the Year' – possibly RCC's most prestigious ever success;
 - d. Nearly 5000 individual school coaching sessions carried out under the national 'Chance to Shine' scheme; and
 - e. Once again 1000 volunteer 'sessions' supporting the 18-week Junior Friday Night Sequence.
2. Recorded Special Thanks to:
 - a. The President for her help, support and commitment throughout another fantastic year;

- b. All the coaches, skippers, committee members, Friday night helpers and other volunteers whose combined efforts make the Club the outstanding success it is;
 - c. The membership as a whole which - as a community - is the envy of other clubs for many miles round. Its power was, he noted, specially acknowledged by the judges in Rowledge's runner-up bid to become 'Fuller's Community of the Year' Village in 2010.
3. Under the heading of Pounds, highlighted major financial progress which, he felt, in an 'age of austerity', deserved to be the top news story including:
- a. For a third year running significant growth in all three main revenue streams including a) fees (thanks to increasing membership), b) bar and, once again, c) fundraising, advertising and sponsorship. Total revenue, he said, was (and in a nine-month year) now up 30% over three years;
 - b. A further rise in the club's reserves - up two-thirds over three years - which would support key investments in coming months:
 - c. Among key achievements:
 - i. Further expansion in membership (now approaching 700);
 - ii. An increased roster of advertisers/sponsors;
 - iii. Major success in the events field (including the innovations of the new Jazz Night and World Cup Football Evenings) - supported, not least, by the Club's superb Village Cup run; and
 - iv. Continuing success on the social side – notably (i) a very successful President's Day on a wonderfully balmy Summer's afternoon; (ii) a highly enjoyable round of Lords 25 anniversary celebrations championed very effectively by vice-chairman, Chris Yates Sr; (iii), with thanks to the enthusiasm of club secretary, David Metcalfe, the restored prestigious representative l'Anson League fixture; and (iv) although it technically fell outside the financial year, another record-breaking Dinner Dance organised by Louise Eldridge and her team.
 - d. Wonderful support from both companies and individual including :
 - i. Among companies - Forest Lodge, Dairy Crest, Andrew Lodge, and Lewington Homes;
 - ii. Among individuals Sean Bradbury, Ian Carter and new head of cricket Gary Clapham – special thanks for their help and support in fundraising; Neil Metcalfe and the bar staff plus wider group of event and social organiser and helpers who made it all happen.
 - e. A major contribution from treasurer, Wyatt Ramsdale, who, he said, had again had a very positive effect on club operations;

- f. A closing repeat of his 2010 message – that, good financial news notwithstanding, the Club had a long way to go in an age of austerity and disappearing grants. The revenue and profitability trends, he argued, would need to continue over several years if the Club was to sustain the required level of investment to support:
 - i. Further increases in participation,
 - ii. High level performance coaching, and
 - iii. Not least in developing Playing Facilities.
- 4. Under this heading, Playing Facilities, he reported much activity and confirmed:
 - a. First, as a top priority, agreed plans for a new Three-lane Net Facility at the Rowledge Rec. These are currently the subject of two major grant applications. If however, the Club is unsuccessful, it will instead implement an agreed 'Plan B' to refurbish the existing two lane facility from its own resources and in advance of the new season.
 - b. Second, agreed plans, for a major renovation and re-positioning of The Playing Square at The Rec to improve quality and capacity and also comply with ECB Gold Standard requirements. If funding was forthcoming this is targeted for winter 2012-13;
 - c. Third, further progress in securing a Long-term Lease from Waverley Borough Council for The Rec which it was hoped to conclude in Spring/Early Summer 2011. Once agreed, this will enable the Club to work on further improvements to the outfield whose standard, he noted, had deteriorated over the past 12 months – partly due to the hot dry early summer;
 - d. Fourth, following the signing of a three-year rolling lease at the Club's second ground, Binsted Recreation Ground:
 - i. Continued investment in the square which had been a major cause for concern over the last three seasons;
 - ii. A current review of the possibilities of carrying out a major renovation/replacement in return for a significantly extended lease.
 - e. Fifth, a continued and as yet incomplete search for a long-term Third Ground particularly to support youth and junior games. In this context, he noted that – with particular help and guidance from groundsman Tony Field and the support of Binsted's head of recreation committee, Dave McAllister – the club was currently running a pilot test on the potential for re-establishing a square at the old Holt Pound Oval. This last he said remained a major challenge in the year ahead together with the clear need to develop the Club's existing Pavilion facilities at Rowledge;
 - f. Finally he paid special thanks to the Facilities team including Chris Yates Sr., groundsman Tony Field and Rupert Kinnersly for their work throughout the year – including latterly with grant applications.

5. Highlighted under Performance:
 - a. A very special run to the Village Cup Semi-Final under the captaincy of David Lloyd. This had become the talk of the Village and attracted attendances of over 600 and 700 respectively for the Last 16 and Quarter Final matches at Rowledge;
 - b. A wonderful year for the Second XI, under skipper Leigh Rogers, which had, after a couple of near-misses, secured promotion to County II in the Hampshire League;
 - c. Special thanks for the contribution of Geoff Brown as head of cricket in sometimes tricky circumstances and a warm welcome to Gary Clapham who had agreed to take on that role;
 - d. Key successes at Youth and Junior level notably for:
 - i. The Under 13A team which had reached the Surrey Cup final and gone two months without defeat
 - ii. The four-team Under 13 squad as a whole under its is coaching team including David Gill and Dave Royan
 - iii. Great progress for many of the club's youngsters including Charlie Warren, Greg Smith and Aylish Cranstone who had played for England Ladies Under 19.
 - e. A successful pilot year for the Club's critical new Academy project in Winter 09/10 which will proceed in a streamlined form for Winter 10/11.
 - f. Finally very special thanks to Peter Brinsden, Nick Pow and David Lloyd for their work across the Youth, Junior and Academy sections and to all the year group managers for making the 'Rowledge Phenomenon' possible.
6. Continuing achievements under Participation, including:
 - a. The record 16 XIs with a first-time appearance by a Girls XI;
 - b. Nearly 5000 individual 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 and by Ben Wish; and
 - c. Continued participation - a rarity even among major clubs - from five years upwards – with particular thanks to Ruth Ahmed and her colleagues at the most junior level.
 - d. The successful renewal of our key kitemark – the Clubmark standard – special thanks here to Ben Wish and Peter Brinsden.
7. But, in closing, he stressed that the Club's commitment to Participation and to many of its activities was under enormous pressure. This, he said, had built up over several years. Put simply, following a detailed analysis of all the tasks required to maintain a pretty substantial mid-size business, there was a huge gap between some 45 required roles and currently some 25 key individuals – to whom he paid very special tribute. As a result, the Club and its core management team was now, he

said, 'deep in the red zone'. In this context, and having exhausted all other options, he announced that the Club was launching at the AGM a Major Recruitment Exercise to involve more members in everything from event organisation to grant development, bar management and administration. If this exercise were to fail over the next couple of months, he said, the management team would have no option but to scale back club operations substantially in a number of areas prior to the new season.

8. Finally, notwithstanding these concerns, the chairman said that it had been truly a Pleasure a wonderful challenge and a great privilege to serve such a fantastic club for third year in Season 2010.

5. Financial Report

The 2010 Accounts were presented by Wyatt Ramsdale.

The Treasurer opened his report by stating that the club continues to expand its membership and activities. The Club had received £20,000 in subs and took £23,000 over the bar total income is now around £60,000. The surplus for the nine months was £6,926, up on budget and on last year.

The Treasurer thanked Bill Nichols, who on addition to his responsibilities as Chairman had led both the Marketing and Commercial sides as well. The Treasurer also thanked the Management team for working within the budgets.

In addition, the Treasurer reported we have £3,000 from our insurance claim for the nets ring-fenced and taken direct to reserves. Also not included, because they happened after our new year-end, are the £3,000 from the Dinner Dance and £1,000 from the Magnificent 7 raffle.

Looking forward to 2011, the Treasurer announced that the club his committed to increasing the amount we expect to spend on cricket activities, so more money on:

- improving the grounds;
- coaching and courses for coaches;
- hire of winter nets;
- purchase of cricket kit.

Also be investing in:

- new outdoor nets;
- an all weather wicket;
- a marquee;
- as well as the usual smaller items.

In fact the club is budgeting to spend about £12,000 more than our net income from 2011. In 2010 we had capital spend of only £2,612.

Thus our reserves will not be as healthy, as a year ago! All of the management team will be cautious with expenditure and looking for grants, sponsorship, advertising and events to help re-build the 'war-chest'.

The Treasurer thanked the small finance team: Rebecca Watson our book-keeper and to our new Honorary Auditor Pete Dickinson. Pete stepped in at late notice, did the audit and provided a report of recommendations to improve our financial management.

The Treasurer closed by saying 2010, was a great season for our finances and 2011, a challenging one about to start!

The Accounts were approved and adopted (*Proposed by Chris Yates and Seconded by Rupert Kinnersley.*)

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 deaths of Cecil Miles and Trevor Hill during 2010

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

A proposal by the Committee to elect Karen Hill as a Vice President was carried by a show of hands

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 the Club is lucky to have a Chairman of Bill's experience to help the club carry out its long term plans for the grounds and facilities.

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

Bill Nichols, *Proposed by David Metcalfe and Seconded by Rob Blythe* 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 Shaun Bradbery)*

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

Co-Opted Posts

Club Membership Secretary....Bob Blightman
Webmaster.....Carlo Bruno
Youth Development Officer.....David Lloyd
Groundsman.....Tony Field

11. Election of 2011 Team Captains

1 st X1 Captain.....David Lloyd	Vice Captain.....Ricky Yates
2 nd X1 Captain.....Leigh Rogers	Vice Captain.....Chris Brinsden
3 rd X1 Captain.....Carlo Bruno	Vice Captain.....Shaun
Bradbery	
4 th X1 Captain..... Chris Norris	Vice Captain..... Paul Brook
Ladies Captain.....Shareen Gradwell	Vice Captain.....Nil

Sunday Friendlies.....Chris Brinsden & Ben Wish

2011 Team Captains were elected on bloc (*Proposed by Gary Clapham, Seconded by Peter Dickinson*)

12. 2011 Subscriptions

The Chairman reported that the Committee had reviewed the number of levels of membership and now proposed just four levels of membership reflecting small adjustments to subscription rates.

The Committee proposed that all subscriptions and match fees for 2011 be fixed as follows.

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

SENIOR SECTION

Senior Playing Member.	£92
Senior Ladies Playing Member & Senior Playing Member 18-24/Full Employment.	£55
Student Member (or not in full employment)	£55
Social Member	£18

JUNIOR SECTION

Social Member	£18
Year Group Reception to Year Group 4 Inclusive	£37 per Child
Year Group 5 to Under 17s Inclusive fees	£55 per Child (Includes Match Junior/Youth Matches)

Maximum £138

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
Ladies Playing (18-24)		£5
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 David Lloyd was adopted with a show of hands.

13. Election of Hon. Auditor

The Treasurer thanked Peter Dickinson for conducting the 2010 audit and confirmed that Peter Dickinson is prepared to stand as Hon Auditor (*Proposed by Wyatt Ramsdale and Seconded by Bill Nichols and carried by a show of hands*)

14. Other Business

- 14.1 The Chairman reported to the meeting that the Committee is to be re-structured. The restructure proposal will be circulated to Members with a resolution to amend the Club Constitution. The Chairman proposed that in order to avoid an EGM that the resolution will be voted on by electronic voting. *The resolution to conduct an electronic vote was Seconded by Paul Brook and carried with a show of hands.*
- 14.2 Gary Clapham reported on the feedback he had received from the players survey. He was delighted by the 40 responses which had revealed many positive ideas.

With there being no other business, the Meeting closed at 8.58