

# ROWLEDGE CRICKET CLUB

## Draft Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting held at The Village Centre on Wednesday 18th January 2012

**Attendees:** The Meeting was attended by 34 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 stated that 2012 is the Club's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and hoped for a successful season to mark the Anniversary.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Ian Carter, Bob Blightman, Jennie & Peter Brinsden, Sarah Gregory and Mike Dray.

### 3. Minutes of the 2010 AGM

There being no questions or matter arising, the minutes of the 2010 AGM were approved and signed. *(Proposed by Paul Brook, Seconded by Gary Clapham). Carried by a show of hands*

### 4. Minutes of the 2011 EGM

There being no questions or matter arising, the minutes of the 2011 EGM were approved and signed. *(Proposed by Chris Yates Snr, Seconded by Paul Cabrol). Carried by a show of hands*

### 5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman opened his report by thanking first and foremost all those volunteers whose contribution, in every aspect of the club's activities, made the Club the wonderful success it is. This he said covered all three dimensions: on-field performance, widening participation and building an ever stronger place in the village and local community.

The Chairman highlighted the fact that 2012 is the Club's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and that the schedule will incorporate a number of special events.

Looking back at the 2011 season the Chairman noted that pride of place for the year went to the Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI with special congratulations due to skipper Leigh Rogers and his team on upon achieving its second successive promotion to Hampshire County Division 1.

Turning to the club facilities the club continued to make excellent progress in securing and building its future. The Chairman focused particularly on first the recently-confirmed agreement with Waverley Borough Council to take a long 41-year lease on the Rowledge Recreation Ground and second the promising work-in-progress at the Holt Pound Oval – also like the Binsted ground now – now secured on a rolling mid-term lease.

Looking ahead, the chairman outlined a set of priority investments now agreed by the club's senior management team – specifically and in sequence: 1) relaying a substantial part of the Rowledge Recreation Ground outfield (to meet league standards, improve the facilities for coaching and enhance the environment for the community); 2) replace the poorly-performing

cricket square at Binsted; 3) add a further third-lane to the nets facilities at Rowledge to improve opportunities and availability for all at the club; 4) relocate the cricket square at Rowledge to enable full use of the ground and to achieve gold-standard status; and (5) depending on the success of current work to build up the Holt Pound facility as the club's third ground.

The Chairman stressed that major challenges lay ahead – particularly in funding the urgent set of investments. To this end he reported that the Club would make major application to Sport England for grants this spring (now possible thanks to 'security of tenure'). He noted, however, that pressure on grants was huge and that, in the event the Club was unsuccessful, it would need to seek alternative funding possibly (on the model of many clubs) through a members' loan scheme or through some form of equity investment (possibly using the recently announced seed enterprise investment scheme [SEIS] format. Here he said a management team sub-group including himself, Gary Clapham and Chris Yates Sr. was well advanced and expected to make further announcements during the Spring. He especially invited feedback on this approach.

The Chairman concluded by noting that this would be his fifth year as chairman and thanked all present for the privilege and pleasure of being involved with such an organisation.

## **6. Financial Report**

The 2011 Accounts were presented by Wyatt Ramsdale.

The Treasurer reported a £8,035 (LY £6926) surplus for the year, though the total club funds had reduced to £12,300 (LY £22,159).

Regarding expenditure for the 2011, the Treasurer stated that the club planned to spend and spend it did on:

- new outdoor nets
- an all-weather wicket
- a marquee

plus we had unplanned expenditure on:

- an overseas player (£1030)
- legal fees especially regarding the Recreation Ground lease (£3212)

The club spent £10,000 more than we received, though this was £2,000 less than planned.

Thanks largely to:

- £7,500 of grants;
- training coaches and training costs did not expand (but remains our intention);
- the planned garage is not yet built or extended.

Turning to income the Treasurer reported that income was helped by two Dinner Dances in the financial year (October 2010 and September 2011). The treasurer thanked Louise Eldridge and those involved in organizing the events. With Village Cup away fixtures and a short Village Cup run, poor weather and few if any senior team socials, other aspects of income like the bar and match fees are down. The bar did though manage to maintain the planned margin.

Moving to the 2012 budget the treasurer confirmed that the budget is not yet finalised, however plans do include:

- extending the store into a garage;
- improving the Rec outfield (£20,000);
- a new wicket at Binsted (£25,000);
- more coaching and courses for coaches;
- hire of winter nets;
- overseas player
- arrangements for electronic registration and payment of Subs etc;
- a week long cricket festival to celebrate 125 years.

The Treasurer noted that those with good financial awareness will have appreciated the club can't fund £45,000 on a new outfield and a new square from our reserves of £12,000 plus 2012 income of say £8,000. The Treasurer added that the club are looking at loans, possibly external, preferably from members, or perhaps a SEIS (Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme). The SEIS would be more tax advantageous to the investors and less expensive for the club. The club are looking to create an interest group of potential lenders/investors.

The Treasurer thanked the small finance team: Rebecca Watson our book-keeper, Assistant Treasurer, Lenka Drablow and Honorary Auditor Peter Dickinson.

The Treasurer closed by saying that 2011 had been a challenging year, with 2012 promising to be more challenging.

The Accounts were approved and adopted (*Proposed by Gary Clapham and Seconded by Maggie Finney*).

### **7. Election of the Trustees of the Club**

The Chairman reported that as part of the lease Agreement with Waverley Borough Council that there is a requirement by the club to appoint Independent Trustees.

Paul Brook, Bob Blightman & Paul Cabrol volunteered to stand as Trustees and were duly elected (*Proposed by the Management Team, Seconded by Peter Dickinson and carried by a show of hands*)

### **8. Election of President**

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

### **9. Election of Vice-Presidents.**

All existing Vice-Presidents were re-elected en bloc (*Proposed by Paul Bradbery, Seconded by Wyatt Ramsdale*)

*A proposal by the Management Team and Seconded by Paul Brook to elect Bob Blightman (former Junior & Youth age group manager and current Membership Secretary) and Dave McAlister (formerly of Binsted PC and lead in the development of Holt Pound) as Vice Presidents was carried by a show of hands.*

### **10. Election of an Honorary Member**

A proposal to elect The Rt. Hon Jeremy Hunt MP an Honorary Member of the Club was *Proposed by The President and Seconded by The Chairman and carried by a show of hands.*

### **11. Election of Club Chairman**

The Secretary thanked Bill Nichols for his commitment and hard work he had put into the Club over a particularly hard year with the Waverley lease negotiations and the various issues with the club's facilities. The Secretary added that the Club is lucky to have a Chairman of Bill's experience to guide the club forward.

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

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

### **12. Election of the Club Management team**

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

Hon Secretary.....David Metcalfe  
Hon Treasurer.....Lenka Drablow  
Chairman Cricket Committee.....Gary Clapham  
Facilities Manager.....Chris Yates  
Youth Managers.....Dave Royan & Neil Gregory  
Junior Manager.....Peter Brinsden  
Child Welfare Officer.....Ruth Ahmed  
Marketing Manager.....Clare Kefford  
Commercial Manager.....Wyatt Ramsdale

The Secretary welcomed Lenka Drablow to the Management Team. The Secretary went on to thank Nick Pow (former Youth Manager) for his contribution as Youth Manager over the past 5 years.

### **13. Election of 2012 Team Captains**

1 <sup>st</sup> X1 Captain.....David Lloyd	Vice Captain.....Chris Yates Jnr
2 <sup>nd</sup> X1 Captain.....Leigh Rogers	Vice Captain.....Ben Wish
3 <sup>rd</sup> X1 Captain.....Carlo Bruno	Vice Captain..... Paul Silver
4 <sup>th</sup> X1 Captain..... tba	Vice Captain..... tba
Ladies Captain.....Sophie Cooper	Vice Captain.....Nil
Village Cup Captain.....David Lloyd	Vice Captain..... Ben Wish

2012 Team Captains were elected on bloc *(Proposed by Gary Clapham, Seconded by Claire Turl)*

### **14. 2012 Subscriptions**

The Secretary reported that the Management Team proposed that 2012 subscriptions be increase in line with inflation.

The Secretary added that Membership Fees not paid by 31<sup>st</sup> May might invalidate a Members Insurance.

#### ***SENIOR SECTION***

Senior Playing Member.	£96
Senior Ladies Playing Member & Senior Playing Member 18-24/Full Employment.	£58
Student Member (or not in full employment)	£58
Social Member	£20

#### ***JUNIOR SECTION***

Social Member	£20
Year Group Reception to Year Group 4 Inclusive	£42 per Child
Year Group 5 to Under 17s Inclusive	£58 per Child (Includes Match fees Junior/Youth Matches)

**Maximum £145**

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

#### MATCH FEES

	Saturday (League)	Sunday
Senior Playing	£10	£6
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 1<sup>st</sup> September of the previous year.

*The Management Team's Proposal, Seconded by Paul Brook was adopted with a show of hands.*

#### **15. Election of Hon. Auditor**

The Treasurer thanked Peter Dickinson for conducting the 2011 audit and confirmed that Peter Dickinson is prepared to stand as Hon Auditor (*Proposed by Wyatt Ramsdale and Seconded by Gary Clapham and carried by a show of hands*)

#### **16. Other Business**

- 16.1 Peter Dickinson asked for clarification about other use of the Recreation Ground now that the club is now in possession of a lease. The Chairman confirmed that the Club now has control over useage. The Chairman added that 'security of tenure' is required to open doors to grants.
- 16.2 Peter Dickinson asked about what the club does to encourage Social Membership. The Secretary replied that Junior & Youth Membership had to include one Social Member. The Secretary added that a number of village residents are social members and that social membership is always encouraged.

With there being no other business, the Meeting closed at 8.50

W. Nichols (Chairman)..... D. Metcalfe (Hon Secretary).....

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