

**ROWLEDGE CRICKET CLUB**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**28 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 20.00 HOURS**

**1. President's Welcome.**

David Gill thanked all those attending the AGM and commented that this was probably one of the coldest AGM nights in the Club's 131 year history. He thanked everyone for their commitment to the Club coming out in such adverse conditions. David has been in sports all his life and observed RCC is a fantastic community club thanks to all the members and players. However he had to single out a very important person in the functioning of the Club, club Chairman Carl Baker. Carl's role proved, contrary to popular myth, men are good at multitasking as he proved daily in his role. Carl took his Chairmanship seriously and happily bolted on other ad-hoc roles as they arose without complaint. David felt he couldn't thank him enough for all he did for the Club.

David's thanks was followed by a round of applause.

**2. Apologies for Absence** were received from - B Wish, C Bellenger, B Nichols, R Fulham, D Metcalfe, D Lloyd, P Brooke, T Wheatley

**3. To approve the Minutes of 2016 AGM –**

There being no questions or additional matters arising the draft minutes of the 2016 AGM were approved.

Proposed - J Marshall

Seconder - H Goodwin

The vote to approve the minutes was carried by a show of hands.

**4. To receive the Chairman's 2017 Report**

Welcome to tonight's Annual General Meeting & thank you for attending especially on such a cold night.

Thank you again to every member for their support in 2017, we have a great club and we are blessed with how many people put so much effort in during the year. Although all of us must think is there anything we can we do to make it even better, regardless how small that help maybe.

Our Sponsors are very important to the club and I would like to thank them for their continued support, but we are a very big club & with that our costs are increasing across all areas & we want to make it even better for our members, so we need to continue to add where we can, so any one who can help please speak to me. A massive thanks to our senior management team, they put in so much effort to make sure we operate correctly and it's a pleasure to work alongside you, and I want to thank you all for your efforts last season.

I believe our social events were a big success especially the young musicians and I hope that we can continue to do something similar again this year. Thank you for supporting the 2nd Xmas party and we will be looking to change things to keep it fresh, but please do get in touch with Haidee if there is something you would like to see at our club, all ideas welcomed.

Our youth cricketers continue to grow, which is great, & I am pleased to see last year a lot more people are helping out the coaches so this makes it so much easier for them to concentrate on coaching rather than running sides. A couple of years ago we regrouped and pushed hard to find new girls and I am pleased last year was the biggest amount 65 in fact, along with a new sponsor and I know this will be even bigger in 2018.

With our seniors we knew it was going to be hard and I would have taken all 3 sides staying in the current leagues, especially as we lost 4/5 key players, to a number of reasons and this then has a knock-on effect through each team. Carlo with the 3rds did another fantastic job, playing experience and youth and it was good to see more younger players enjoying playing senior cricket, we must continue to do this and congrats to keeping them in CD4 North.

Our 2s had a touch season and 8 players of them were under 18 yrs old, so Shea (who stood in for Steve after 3 games due to the 1s needing him) did a great job and never game up and kept morale as high as he could and I was over the moon that they managed to stay in CD1 by 0.3 points on the last day of the season. A true great escape and congrats to all those who played.

1s didn't have the best starts but never gave up and began to find some much-needed wins but in this league, everyone can beat anyone on the day and this didn't help them overall and we really needed more

consistency to stay up and unfortunately, we didn't & we went down to div 2. Positive signs were two youngsters playing a few games and gaining much experience and I hope we can bounce straight back in 2018 to Div1.

So thank you to the captains and I know it's a big effort to get three sides out each week and its only 9 weeks before we start again.

As you leave tonight, please remember that we are a big club & it's now run as a small business and with that we need to make sure we have the right resource, money and support to keep it going in the right direction. So any extra assistance however small is much appreciated.

Thanks  
Carl Baker  
RCC Chairman

#### **5. To receive, and if approved, adopt the accounts for 2017, with the Examiner's report.**

In summary Lenka Drablow presented the accounts for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and as always kept her report brief, simple and concise. The key highlights were

- **Total income** for the year was a slight increase on the 2016 figure
- **Expenses** were up on 2016, these costs are mainly for functions and other agreed overhead costs such as admin and repairs
- **Overall result** is a small profit
- **Bank** - This leaves the Club with a solid bank position as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017
- **Project Gold** - The final claim has been received from Sport England and the project was deemed a huge success in terms of our ability to play cricket and the Club's relatively small outlay in capital. Many thanks to all investors and supporters Including Waverley BC, Farnham TC, Surrey CC, Sport England and our local, individual, donors
- **To Sum it up** - 2017 was a solid year but it does come with bit of forward warning, I am seeing changes at the Club, with increased cost pressures and such a small margin can become loss if not managed carefully. We class ourselves as Community Sports Club relying on volunteers; this is becoming harder to sustain. We need to be more commercially minded and accept that we are running a small business after all.

Lenka took the opportunity to thank RCC bookkeeper Richard Westaway for helping her with the day-to-day recording and additional ad hoc projects thrown at him.

She also thanked Ben Spittle for taking on the job of an independent examiner and reviewing the accounts at such a busy time.

Proposer to approve to approve and adopt the 2017 accounts - S Martin

Secunder - J Brinsden

The vote to approve the accounts was carried by a show of hands.

#### **6. To elect the President of the Club, upon nomination of the Management Team**

Carl proposed D Gill remain as President. This is David's 3<sup>rd</sup> year and his experience is invaluable to the club, David's commitment and input are truly appreciated by all the members. Carl commented especially on David's attendance at matches and interaction with the players on a personal level, all players commenting on his feedback and how fantastic it is he takes the time to attend so many games.

Again, this was followed by applause.

Secunder – C Bruno

The vote to re-elect David Gill as President was carried by a show of hands.

## 7. To elect the Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members

Andrew Harland	
Ann Mortimer	Joe Yates
Bob Blightman	Karen Hill
Brian Silver	Rupert Kinnersly
Christine Bateman	Shaun Bradbery
Dave McAlister	Shirley Peters
Dave Vasey	Tony Field
Dr William Nichols	Wyatt Ramsdale
Emily Carter	Jennie Brinsden
Ian Carter	Ruth Ahmed
Iris Bursey	Caz Callum
Tony Watts	

Proposer – L Griffiths

Seconder - J Marshall

The vote to re-elect the Vice-Presidents en-bloc was carried by a show of hands.

## 8. To elect the Chairman of the Club.

The General Secretary thanked Carl Baker for the hard work he had put into the Club over the past year and for his ongoing commitment to the Club and its position within the Rowledge Community. He does a fantastic job communicating and dealing with the membership, a role that many would not undertake, and his work continues to be appreciated.

The Secretary confirmed that Carl Baker was willing to stand for re-election.

Proposed by the Management Committee Carl Baker is re-elected as Chairman      Seconder - C Bruno

The vote to re-elect Carl Baker as Chairman was carried by a show of hands.

## 9. To elect the Management Team of the Club.

Carl informed the AGM of Peter Brinsden's decision to stand down as a full member of the committee but willingness to undertake project work. Carl thanked Peter for his long term dedication to the Club and outstanding contributions in his various roles. More importantly Carl thanked Peter for all his advice and guidance. Peter and Chris Yates had been Carl's rocks over the period of his Chairmanship. Both had been instrumental in his selection and 'grooming' to the role, along with Bill Nichols. Peter was Carl's sounding board and advisor and he'll be deeply missed. Above all else Peter was a great personal friend! Peter stood at the heart of and in the heart of the Club and will be missed, but we in RCC are all grateful he'll stay on advising on projects. It was noted the club thanks C Finney for offering to take on this role – they were big shoes to fill. Thanks were expressed by all as applause.

Carl informed the AGM of Ben Wish's decision to stand down and thanked him for standing in to represent Senior Cricket on the management Team at very short notice for most of the 2016 and all of 2017 seasons. He kept the non-cricketers in the management team in touch with the cricketing side of the Club and advised on players and team morale. He will be missed and thanks were expressed by all.

Carl informed the AGM of Neil Gregory's decision to stand down and thanked him for all his hard work too. Neil's coaching skills were legendary and it was greatly appreciated he was continuing to coach. One of Neil's memorable achievements was to be recognised in the numbers of players he had brought through the ranks, again hugely appreciated by the club and the players themselves. Thanks were expressed by all.

**Management Team 2018** - The proposed Management Team Members are willing to stand, and unless there are Members willing to take over the role will be elected en-bloc:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed 2018</u>
General Secretary	Lynley Griffiths	Lynley Griffiths
Hon Treasurer	Lenka Drablow	Lenka Drablow
Facilities Manager	Chris Yates	Chris Yates
Child Welfare Officer	Christine Bellenger	Christine Bellenger
Marketing Manager	Haidee Goodwin	Haidee Goodwin
Cricket Secretary	Jim Marshall	Jim Marshall
Senior Cricket Officer	Ben Wish	Steve Martin
Youth Manager	Neil Gregory	Vacant
Junior Manager	Peter Brinsden	Chris Finney

