

Rowledge Cricket Club 2022 Annual General Meeting
Monday 5th December 2022, 7.30pm, The Ball & Wicket, Holt Pound and via Zoom
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Attendees

Present

David Metcalfe

Carl Baker

Peter Brinsden

Jennie Brinsden

Dave Royan

Haidee Brisbane

Tim Wheatley

Richard Westaway

Mike Hinchliffe

David Gill

Beth Eyres

Becky King

Via zoom

Bill Nichols

Carl opened the meeting at 19:31 and welcomed all those on zoom and present and thanked everyone for joining the meeting

1. President's welcome

David reiterated Carl's welcome to the 2022 Annual General Meeting and summarised his report emphasising his sincere thanks to Carl and the Committee for all the work they put in to running the Club.

Report

I was delighted at the 2021 AGM to be invited to be the Club's President, a club that my family and I have been associated with for over 30 years.

2022 was the hottest summer we have seen since 1976. Scoring for the 2nd XI, I can only remember 20 minutes of rain during the whole season. Only a handful of matches in the Youth section were rained off.

The Club had a good season across all Senior, Youth and Girl's teams and I was lucky enough to watch matches across all sections of the Club. I was particularly pleased to see a number of 'Youth' players picking up awards at the Senior Presentation Evening. All the Club's coaches and team managers should be encouraged and delighted as this is a testament to all their hard work.

My congratulations go to Chris Norris and the 3rd XI for gaining promotion to the Hampshire League Division 4 North.

During the summer the Club was proud to host both a Disability County Match between Surrey and Hampshire (President's Day) followed two weeks later by a Ladies County Match featuring Hampshire and Oxfordshire.

Finally, my thanks go to Carl and the Management Committee for all their hard work throughout the season. Having had a number of years where I have not been so involved I have been surprised at how much work now goes into running a community cricket club of this size.

We are very lucky to have so many willing volunteers across all sections of the Club and my thanks go to you all.

Let us look forward to another good season in 2023.

David Metcalfe

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2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Chris Yates, Ben Wish, Richard Fulham, Wyatt Ramsdale, Matt Johnson, Bob Blightman, Chris Norris and Rupert Preece.

3. To approve the Minutes of the AGM 2021

There being no questions or additional matters arising the minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved.

Proposer	Haidee Brisbane	Seconder	Mike Hinchliffe
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The vote to approve the minutes was carried by a show of hands

4. To receive the Chairman's Report 2022

Carl summarised his report emphasising the fantastic summer of cricket we had this season without one Friday night being cancelled. He thanked our retiring Trustees Paul Brook and Graeme Keel with additional thanks to Bob Blightman for his tireless work on the Club database for so many years without which the Club would not exist today. He also thanked David Gill and David Metcalfe for their continued support and Richard Westaway for helping to maintain a healthy bank balance through the season.

Report

I am so pleased we can hold this AGM in 2022, I can't tell you how much more time it gives us to get things ready for next season by holding it in December.

I know times are hard at present with constant changes to the economy, so as a Club we have also had to see where we can save costs. I would like to thank Richard Westaway for his constant review of all expenditures and as a result our accounts look healthy for the season. This focus on our costs will have to continue in 2023, but I can confirm as a committee we propose to hold the prices for membership.

No club can survive without sponsors so thanks to all those who continued to support us in 2022 and for those who joined us, your money, support, and expertise is worth so much to us. I am always looking to expand our sponsors so do get in touch if you want to be part of the Club and help us improve.

What weather we had in 2022, with it being so warm, not one Friday night was cancelled (sorry coaches) and it was good to see so many people enjoying the warm evenings. I hope you enjoyed the bar; the Inches Cider was a big success, and I am planning to change the Fosters to a premium lager for 2023. I do urge you all though, please do visit and purchase from the bar, rather than bringing your own. Our takings are not back to pre-covid levels, and this is the biggest revenue stream to the Club.

We introduced the Pizza oven in August, and it was an instant success so expect to see it out more again in 2023. This year there were no music nights, but they will be back in 2023 so watch your emails for more social events being planned.

As you know, all our coaches put in a lot of effort for free and we are always looking for new ones to run an age group. The Club desperately need new coaches in all Junior age groups (reception to year four), without more parents stepping forward these age groups may not be able to run in future seasons. Any help is much appreciated, please do come forward!

Cricket is why we join, and I am so pleased that our Youth sides did so well this year, in boys, girls and mixed. I hope they all enjoyed it and can't wait to start winter nets in 2023 and start Friday night cricket next May. Please

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do share that we have space for players on a Friday in most Junior age groups, so spread the word among friends and within Rowledge School.

Disability cricket has continued to grow in 2022, and it was great that it was the featured match at our annual President's Day in the summer. I heard that even a Love Island contestant showed up to play, which took some of the younger guests by surprise.

Our (young) Women's Team continued to do well for the Club in 2022 with them winning eight out of eight matches played and finishing second in their League this season. Congratulations to the women and girls and their coaches, this flourishing Women's Team comes as a result of many years of hard work by the current players and coaches in developing girl's cricket at Rowledge.

Our three Men's Senior sides once again did the Club proud, especially our 3rds, who were division champions. Congratulations and many thanks to Chris Norris and Rupert Preece, joint captains, for this great achievement. Thank you to the other skippers, Ben Wish (1sts), Chris Yates Jnr and Ian Metcalfe (2nds), who also put out competitive sides each week, with the 2nds very close to promotion and the 1sts finishing mid table - I did get a little carried away when the 1sts were top for so long.

We now have more Youth players than ever before playing in our Senior teams (Men's and Women's) which is great to see and shows that the hard work of the Junior and Youth coaches is paying dividends. Everyone puts in a lot of hard work to make it happen and I hope that all the players enjoyed it and will be back in 2023. Please do let your friends know that we are always looking for new Senior players. I am sure you are proud to play for RCC and your experiences are the best way to sell the Club to others.

It was sad to see Carlo Bruno, a mainstay of the 3rds for many seasons, leave our Club and head to Australia during 2022. I wish his family well as they start their new adventure.

There are a few changes to the Club next year, Bob Blightman, Graeme Keel and Paul Brook are stepping down as Trustees. Sincere thanks to them for their support and guidance. Also, a special note to Bob, who is stepping down after many years as our Membership Secretary, we would not be here without his tireless work behind the scenes in making sure we had a database that captured you all.

Lastly thank you to the Management Committee for supporting me with your constant hard work that keeps the Club running. And finally, my thanks to David Metcalfe for his first year as President and his open door policy for me to discuss ideas.

We have a fantastic club, but there are areas we need to improve so please don't be shy, approach me with any ideas you have, regardless of how small or silly you may think they are. I would love to hear about them.

Thanks - Carl Baker - RCC Chairman

Peter Brinsden thanked Carl for his continued dedication to the Club.

Peter raised the issue that if we risk assessed the Club, our greatest vulnerability is our over reliance on Carl. It is felt by Peter and David Gill that Carl's number one priority for next season should be to put a bar manager in place and review bar staff management, organisation, remuneration and working hours so that it does not fall to Carl to run the bar/lock up every Friday. The additional cost of promoting a current bar staff member to manager would not be significant. To bring in a new manager would be more of a financial consideration although would be affordable and should not be considered preventative. Carl appreciated everyone's comments and will work on the options.

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5. To receive, and if approved, adopt the Accounts for 2022, with the Examiner's Report

Richard Westaway presented the accounts and summarised his report.

- a) Total income for the year was £82,756. This is significantly higher than the previous year when activities were severely affected by coronavirus restrictions. This figure excludes restricted grants which appear in the Club Development Fund. Thanks are due to Carl and Haidee for their efforts in securing various grants and sponsorship monies.
- b) Total expenditure for the year was £72,121 (excluding Club Development expenditure). This is much higher than the previous year when activities were somewhat restricted due to coronavirus.
- c) Overall result is a £10,635 surplus over the 2021/2022 period, after the club's development expenditure is taken into account. The surplus was in no small part due to a profit of approximately £7k made by the bar. Increased activity at the Rec and a dry summer helped.
- d) Bank - Careful management of expenditure has meant that we continue to have a solid bank position as of 30th September 2022, with funds well in excess of the Management Committee Reserve policy, being a minimum of £10K in the bank. The balance is marginally lower than as at 30 September 2021.
- e) Upcoming major expenditure - We will incur additional costs associated with a new membership database and a new artificial cricket strip, although we are seeking a grant to offset some of the cost of the latter.
- f) Development Fund - The total amount in this fund as at 30th September 2022 amounted to £8,395, made up of £3,395 remaining from grants received for disability cricket, and £5,000 unused legacy monies reserved for pavilion enhancements. Quotes are currently being obtained for work to be carried out on the disability toilet and gents' toilet, which could be funded by the development fund.
- g) To sum up - 2022 was a good year financially. We are grateful for the generous support of our sponsors. The Club remains in good financial shape. We will need to continue to manage our finances carefully. Inflation will undoubtedly mean we are likely to incur significant increases in our costs.

Richard thanked Lenka Drablow for acting as an independent examiner and reviewing the accounts and in addition for her kind assistance with their preparation and for sharing her great knowledge of the Club from her time as treasurer for which he is very grateful.

Peter expressed a great deal of thanks to Richard for all his work on the finances and Carl seconded Peter adding his huge gratitude for the speed and efficiency of the accounts preparation for 2022.

Proposer to approve the accounts Peter Brinsden Seconder Beth Eyres
Vote to approve carried by show of hands

6. To elect the President of the Club, upon nomination of the Management Committee

On the behalf of the Management Committee

Carl proposed D Metcalfe as President Seconder Richard Westaway
Re-election of David Metcalfe as President was carried by a show of hands

David confirmed that he was very happy to continue and extended his thanks for the election.

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7. To elect the Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members

David Gill	Wyatt Ramsdale	Lenka Drablow
Bob Blightman	Shaun Bradbery	Lynley Griffiths
Dave Vasey	Jennie Brinsden	Dave Royan
Dr William Nichols	Caz Callum	Neil Gregory
Ian Carter	Ruth Ahmed	
Joe Yates	Tony Watts	
Tony Field		

Proposer to elect en bloc Carl Baker Secunder Dave Royan

Re-election of Vice-Presidents en-bloc was carried by a show of hands.

There followed a proposal by Carl Baker to elect **Bob Blightman** as Honorary Life Member. Carl and the Committee are very sad indeed to say goodbye to Bob as our Membership Secretary, without Bob's database there would be no Club, however the Club feel that reliance on just one person to support and maintain the Club membership database is too much of a risk and so the database has been outsourced to a third party Company.

Secunder – Dave Royan

Election of Bob as Honorary Life Member was carried by a show of hands

There was a second proposal by Car Baker to elect **David Gill** as Honorary Life Member. David has been part of the Club from his coaching days to his time as the Club President; he knows everything about the Club and is a big asset to the Club. Carl expressed his greatest thanks to David for his continued involvement in the Club.

Secunder – Dave Royan

Election of David as Honorary Life Member was carried by a show of hands

8. To elect the Chairman of the Club

Becky King proposed we re-elect Carl Baker as Chairman of the Club.

Secunder - Unanimous

Re-election of Carl Baker as Chairman was carried by a show of hands

Carl confirmed that he was more than happy to continue as Chairman, his goal being to build a new clubhouse before he retires.

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11. To fix subscriptions for the 2023 season

The Committee proposes that the subscriptions for the year 2023 remain largely the same as 2022. There will be a slight increase of £5 in three categories, Ladies, Members not in full employment and Students aged 18-24 to align those fees with the Youth fee, and are as follows:

Senior Section	2023	2022
Senior Men's Team Playing Member	£145.00	£145.00
Senior Men's Team Playing Member not in full employment	£95.00	£90.00
Ladies Team	£95.00	£90.00
Playing Members aged 18-24 / Student Member	£95.00	£90.00
Social Member	£40.00	£40.00
Junior and Youth Section		
Year group reception to year group 3 (Junior)	£75.00	£75.00
Year group 4 (under 9) to under 18 years (Youth) (includes venue hire, match fees for junior/youth matches)	£95.00	£95.00
Social Member	£40.00	£40.00
Family Membership	£240.00	£240.00

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

For Parents/Guardians with players in the Junior/Youth Section there must be at least one Adult Social Membership per family unit

Match fees are unchanged	Saturday	Sunday
Senior Playing	£10.00	£5.00
Senior Playing (18-24)	£5.00	£3.00
Ladies Playing	-	£5.00
Ladies Playing (18-24)	-	£5.00
Youth (Playing Senior)	£5.00	£3.00
Village cup – free		

Seconded - Richard Westaway

The proposed subscriptions were carried by a show of hands

12. To elect the Independent Examiner

Richard proposed and confirmed Lenka Drablow agreed to act again as Independent Examiner

Seconded – Carl Baker

Election of Lenka Drablow as the Independent Examiner was carried by a show of hands

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13. To consider any other business at the Chairman's discretion

To adopt the principles of the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code in to the RCC Constitution

Proposer Richard Westaway Seconder Dave Royan

Carried by a show of hands

To agree the removal of Caz Callum from the list of bank signatories

Proposer Richard Westway Seconder Dave Royan

Carried by a show of hands

14. The meeting closed at 20:02

Carl Baker (Chairman)	_____	Date	_____
Becky King (General Secretary)	_____	Date	_____

Actions

Carl Baker to make it a number one priority to employ a Bar Manager for 2023

Carl Baker to consider whether any of the Honorary Members or Vice Presidents should be removed at the 2023 AGM (point raised by Peter Brinsden)

Carl Baker to research a replacement for Richard Fulham, Senior Team Selection Manager