

Henfield Cricket Club
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Henfield Pavilion
25 January 2019

In Attendance:

D Jemmett, C Thorns, N Blake, M Cleary, S Sharp, T Furber, K Sealy, B Helps, E Colgate, H Colgate, N Colgate, A Serpis, C Griffiths, P Tremewan, G Culver, Craig Scott, K Wadey, G Slade, C Hayllar, M Dale, H Stewart, R Dale, P Pheasant, J Parsons, W Culver, G Fuller, P Boyce, R Slaughter.

A minutes silence was held in memory of members recently passed; Tony Adfield, Richard Halsey.

1. Apologies for Absence

K Scott, Carolyn Scott, K Thorns, M Secrett, H Chick, P Samrah, A Brugnoli, D Silverson, M Lucas, T Garmston, G Stewart, D Colgate, Dan Hodgkin.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Taken as read, agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the 2018 AGM that required addressing at this meeting.

4. Adoption of the Annual Report

The Annual report was adopted.

Thanks to all those who contributed.

5. Treasurers Report

The Treasurers report circulated prior to the meeting was adopted. No questions were raised from the membership

Thank to Nicholas Blake for his hard work

6. Adoption of the Annual Accounts

The Annual Accounts were adopted.

7. Election of President

The Chair of the meeting was passed to David Jemmett for this one motion. Conway Thorns agreed to re-stand as President, no further nominations for President were received and Conway Thorns was unanimously re-elected as President by a show of hands.

8. Election of Chairman

David Jemmett agreed to re-stand as Chairman, no further nominations for Chairman were received and David Jemmett was unanimously re-elected as Chairman by a show of hands.

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9. Election of Vice Presidents

Existing Vice Presidents were proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting on block.

The Management Committee nominated David Jemmett as new Life Member. The nomination was unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

The Management Committee nominated Kathy Sealy and Colin Hayllar as new Vice Presidents. The nominations were unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

10. Election of Officers and General Management Committee

The following incumbent executive officers were nominated to re-stand for their respective positions and all accepted that nomination. No further nominations were received and their nominations were unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

Secretary - Michael Cleary

Treasurer – Nicholas Blake

Chairman of the Cricket Committee – Rob Slaughter

Welfare Officer – Sam Cleary

Fixture Secretary and Girls Development – Tim Furber

Colts Manager and Development Manager – Ben Helps

The following club members, currently part of the Management Committee, were nominated to re-stand for their respective positions and all accepted that nomination. No further nominations were received and their nominations were unanimously agreed by a show of hands. (Constitution Rule 7)

Sponsorship – Craig Scott

Social Secretary - Graham Slade

Colts Liaison – Tamara Garmston

The following persons were nominated as Captains by the Management Committee. All nominees accepted the nomination. No further nominations were received. The nominations were unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

First XI Captain (Sat) – Jack Parsons

Second XI Captain (Sat) – Michael White

Third XI Captain – Nigel Colgate

First XI Captain (Sun) – Ben Helps

Womans XI Captain – Kathy Sealy

11. Election of Independent Accounts Inspector

Ian Honeyman was proposed as the Independent Accounts Inspector, seconded and agreed by the meeting.

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12. Subscriptions and Fees

The rates proposed by the Management Committee were approved.

13. 250th Anniversary

- **Pavilion Development/Refurbishment**

Prior to the meeting a display of plans and mock up drawings of the proposed pavilion development was set up for Members to view and make comment.

Ben Helps, being the lead member on the 250th Anniversary Committee, presented the proposals to the meeting. The meeting was in favour of the proposals but concern was expressed at the costs quoted for the development of £400,000 plus VAT.

- **Fund Raising**

Ashley Serpis gave an outline of where fund can be raised including Sport England, Lottery, ECB, Sussex CCC, The FA, Rampion, Parish and Horsham Council. However Ashley stressed that the club would have to raise in the order of £100,000 towards the development although part of this could be in the form of a loan from the ECB.

Concern was expressed from the membership of the huge task in raising the required funds.

Following the discussion of the proposed development and funding said development, the membership was in agreement that the Management Committee should at this stage continue pressing forward with the plans but monitor progress and re-visit this decision in the future.

A proposal was put forward from the floor that was voted upon and agreed by a show of hands. Proposal:

The Management Committee continue to investigate the development of the pavilion and report back to the membership on a quarterly basis.

- **Organisation of Events in the 250th Anniversary Year**

Ben Helps asked for volunteers to organise events in the 250th anniversary year. Whilst no volunteers came forward, the membership were asked to come forward in due course.

14. Any Other Business

- **Sunday Cricket**

Ben Helps outlined the proposals for the forthcoming season. The club has been struggling to raise two Sunday sides each week and so for 2019 the club will be running one Sunday side. Fixtures will be a mixture of a Development Team

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(captained by Ben), premier games against sides such as Preston Nomads, Ifield and Cuckfield and womens cricket. Should the demand for Sunday cricket increase then further fixtures can be arranged.

Graham Fuller stated that if we serious about raising funds for the 250th anniversary then Sunday cricket should be held on The Common as often as possible with the subsequent increase in bar takings. Graham Fuller said that it was therefore up to the membership to support Sunday cricket by making themselves available to play.

- **Constitution**

There were three Constitution amendments proposed:

1. Constitution Rule 5a - Chairman of Cricket Committee to be made an Executive Officer position. This proposal was not required as the change had been made at the 2015 AGM however the Club Secretary had reviewed an out of date Constitution and was not aware of the prior change.
2. Constitution Rule 8a – rule to be amended to allow notice of the AGM by email where email is available otherwise by delivery to home address.
3. Constitution Rules 7f (Management Committee) and 8 (AGM) – Management Committee has the power to nominate Vice Presidents and Life Members and such nominations to be agreed by vote at the AGM. This rule change reflects what happens in practice but is not within the Constitution.

All Constitution changes were agreed by a show of hands.

- **Clubmark – membership database**

Recent Clubmark re-accreditation highlighted that our membership database is poor. A decision has been made to implement Teamer – an online database. All members will have to re-complete their membership form on line. The membership form will include emergency contacts, any special medical instructions and a section regarding skills that members can offer the club. Payments for subscription will be taken on-line. The team captains and select persons are to have access to the database, primarily to ensure emergency details are readily available should they be needed.

The use of Teamer to collate and hold the membership database was agreed by a show of hands.

- **Annual Awards Dinner**

Attendance at the awards dinner has been falling. It was proposed that holding the awards dinner at the pavilion be investigated. This may have the added

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benefit of becoming a fund raising event for the 250th anniversary celebrations and pavilion development.

Graham Fuller was nominated to undertake a feasibility investigation into holding the annual awards dinner at the pavilion, to incorporate the possibility of hiring or buying a marquee. Graham Fuller agreed to undertake the investigation and will report back to the Management Committee.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed.