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cricket club

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Annual General Meeting
Monday 27 January 2014
Havelock Place, Ash
8 pm

Minutes

Present

A Betts, I Dartnell, P Eastman, R Eastman, H Deveson, K Deveson, A Friend, G Friend, A Gibson, R Hill, H Kenton, J Piper, A Spong, M Sumner.

Apologies for Absence

M Deveson, J Mayland, G Phebey, P Montgomery, P Piper, A Singh, D Waring

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence

A request has been received from Eastry WW1 Commemorative Committee for a representative of ECC. Anyone interested should contact Hazel Deveson.

Chairman's Report (Alan Spong)

"The year has been dominated by some marvellous individual and team performances on the pitch. I will leave the captains to provide more details and to give due credit to certain individuals but, for now, I am pleased to say that two players cleared 1000 runs for the season. One of them came close to 1500 and the other hit a total of 34 sixes. One of our young bowlers took 36 wickets. As a result of these and other impressive contributions, our teams won a total of 26 matches and lost only 8.

Forgive my wandering into the field of statistics but I mention them as an indication of the overall strength of talent within the club. I am particularly delighted with the special context in which such a high standard is achieved and played. We do not play league cricket and it is clear that we do not need to do so to attract and retain some of the best cricketers in the area. With us they conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, maintaining the finest traditions of the club. During the season we used 55 different players, most of whom live locally, of all ages and both sexes. We have strength in depth and some very promising youngsters. Above all, and despite a wide range of abilities, we play as a team and enjoy each other's company.

Our playing surface has improved beyond recognition. We are grateful to Kevin for preparing a wicket that achieves the difficult balance between bat and ball. There are plenty of runs and wickets for those with talent, effort and guile.

Events off the pitch might seem rather mundane by comparison. We have made steady progress renovating the pavilion and have started to replace some of the old machinery. By the start of the season we hope that you will see some improvement in the condition of the tea hut and its facilities. Thanks to Roger's ingenuity, our finances have been able to bear these costs but we cannot let up on fund-raising and we rely on all players to be prompt in their payment of annual and match subs. Late payment of match subs is a particular problem that will need addressing this season.

Thanks again to our President, Poppy Montgomery, for her support during the season and for allowing us the privilege of being where cricket has been played since 1828. You probably know that there are proposals for an expansion of the Montgomery family's holiday letting business at Updown. The plans mention new investment with continued and enhanced support for the cricket club, including maintenance of the grounds and essential services. Quite apart from our personal closeness to the family, common sense and history tell us that our interests as a cricket club are inextricably linked. Although the proposals have met with some opposition, they have the enthusiastic and unanimous support of the cricket club committee.

Within the club and committee we have a core of members who, hopefully, will be at the heart of this club for many years to come. They excel with their energy and willingness to take on tasks. They know who they are! Thank you to all the officers and committee for your support and hard work and a special mention for Hazel and Ann."

Alan urged all to take an interest in the planning application submitted for the ground and to submit comments by the weekend's deadline.

Saturday Captain's Report (Prepared by G Phebey, delivered by K Deveson)

"The Saturday Captain would like to report a most successful & enjoyable season.

Points of interest

Unbeaten against a proper cricket ball.

Great team spirit.

Fabulous individual performances.

Some of the best fielding displays I've had the privilege to be involved in.

Stable squad of players, allowed for easy team selection.

Introduction of a couple of new players, along with more commitment (availability wise) shown by others.

Most fixtures, including touring side seemed to result in good games, although disappointed with cancelled fixtures, again!!

Proud to have received so many complements from touring sides, who thought our hospitality, standard of play and facilities were excellent!!

Fabulous teas supplied as usual.

My sincere thanks to everybody involved in the running of a super club".

Sunday Captain's Report (Harry Kenton)

Won 11 Drew 2 Lost 5.

Struggled for players throughout the season. Although a core availability of 5/6 players, many failed to respond to text messages.

Games played in good spirit.

Thanks to Claude for his umpiring this season.

Thanks to Ann/Richard for scoring.

Thanks to Tea ladies, especially Hazel who filled in with several last minute 'extras'.

Thanks to Kevin for ground work – really good wicket.

Thanks to Hare and Hounds Pub who were very accommodating, particularly towards end of season and despite dwindling numbers.

Suggest sending out pre-season e-mail to find out who intends to play and maybe contact Sir Roger Manwoods School for players.

Notable achievements: Aaron/Gareth/Harry all hit 1000 runs. Matt and Gareth wickets.

Fielding could be better.

Treasurer's Report (Roger Hill) – Final Accounts attached

“Overall Summary

Eastry CC has made a loss of £7,248 in 2013. However, this was due to having received the grants worth £5,500 in 2012 yet spending it in 2013 and also spending £2,652 on repairs to the pavilion. If the expenditure on equipment and pavilion repairs is excluded from the accounts, then the Club made a profit of £1,518. The Club has £3,029 in the bank or as cash.

Items of note

Income from matches was £1,436 up on 2012 at a record amount of £3,377 due to a number of reasons. Firstly, many more games (39) were played than in past years due less games being cancelled due to the weather or inability of one side to raise a team. Secondly, 69% of the games played were at home and thanks must go to Kevin Deveson for preparing 27 pitches in 2013. Thirdly, a number of regular Junior players last year “graduated” to the Senior section. Annual subscriptions were up £95 on last year and I will say more about this later.

Eastry CC's finances are relatively healthy, but some repairs are still required to the pavilion toilets and the tea hut floor as well as servicing of a mower. The insurance has also increased from £325 to £685 this year as the equipment is now insured. The Club does rely on the Quiz and 6-a-side to bring in money for the running costs of the Club.

Fund-raising was very successful again. The quiz, 6-a-side and the raffles at the dinner, quiz and 6-a-side brought in £1,298. These are the 3 key fund raising events and are well supported. Indeed, WFC was at maximum capacity for the quiz!

The 6-a-side made £533 in 2013 and is As always, many thanks in particular to Pete and Sandra Piper for running the BBQ and to all those who helped umpire, score and sell raffle tickets.

This year, the accounts have been inspected by Richard Eastman and I would like to thank him for completing this so promptly and for spotting the missing £6. Richard has made a number of recommendations for the Committee to consider:

- Record the amount received after each match and not retrospectively add late payments. A separate record should be kept of those who have not paid.
- The Committee should agree an amount that the Treasurer can hold in cash.
- The Committee should formally agree and minute an amount that the Treasurer can pay without a receipt.
- Fundraising money should be counted and recorded by two persons and a receipt provided for the Club.
- A Membership Card should be provided as a receipt of Membership Subscriptions.

Membership Subscriptions & Match Fees are proposed to change from what they were for 2013

I propose that for 2014 season, the membership fees and Members' match fees remain the same. However, I propose that the Senior Non-Member match fee increases to £10, after paying £7 for the first 3 games. The reason for this is that, in 2013, a number of people played regularly throughout the season without joining the Club. Indeed three people played more than 8 times! On the other hand, there were 5 *bona fide* Members who played 3 or fewer games. This current state of play is unfair on those that join, but do not play many games.

Membership Subscriptions & Match Fees

<u>Membership Subs</u>		<u>Match Fees</u>	
Junior	£20	Junior	£4
Senior	£40	Senior (member)	£6
		Senior (non-member)	£10 (Non-member first 3 games to be £7)

Note: Junior fees have not changed since records began (or 2005) and Senior fees were last increased in 2009 and so a modest increase is proposed. These membership fees still offer very good value

Tea Money proposed to stay at £40 for 2014 season.

Next Year: Please pay your money early. If you are attending the Diner or Quiz, please bring a cheque along payable to Eastry Cricket Club".

It was agreed that the recommendations made by Richard Eastman with regard to the accounts will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting (Action: HJD).

Subscriptions/Match Fees to be discussed later in the meeting.

Election of Officers

The Committee

All existing officers were prepared to stand again and the Chairman proposed that these be re-elected as a group provided no one had any objections. There were no objections. Re-election of existing committee was proposed by Andy Betts and seconded by Kevin Deveson.

Auditor

The election of Richard Eastman as Auditor was proposed by Roger Hill and seconded by Harry Kenton.

Annual Subscriptions/Fees

The Treasurer's proposal for Annual Subscriptions and Match Fees was agreed (see above).

All agreed Tea Money should remain at £40.

There were no objections.

Fixtures 2014 (James Piper)

Saturdays

There are currently 5 empty fixtures in August.

Great Canfield and Nuthurst are returning. Awaiting reply from Star and Northdown. A

Second game against Great Chart has been arranged.

Any ideas to James for filling empty fixtures should be sent to James.

Mid Week

Dover College has moved to June midweek evening.

Sundays

There are currently 3 empty fixtures.

Not able to secure fixtures with Macknade, Margate or Herne, but Borden is a returning fixture.

The Six A Side fixture will take place on 26 July.

Ground (Kevin Deveson and Roger Hill)

Tea hut floor should be replaced in time for next season (awaiting quote). Toilets are being repaired (quote received and accepted). Kitchen units need repairing (Action: KJD speak with Mark Butcher).

Pre season ground work to be arranged for the two weekends before the Easter Holiday (Action: HJD).

Any Other Business

Annual Dinner: 12 April

Quiz: Being arranged

Fantasy League: Matt Deveson happy to reintroduce and run. All agreed. (Action: MJD)

Tour: Aaron Friend offered to chair an organising committee to arrange a tour for next year. All agreed. Weekend of 27/28 June 2015 suggested. James Piper offered to join the organising committee.

Meeting ended 20:42h.

Alan thanked Roger for his hospitality.