

POOLE TOWN CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT POOLE PARK PAVILION ON 2ND DECEMBER 2024

Present:- N Williams, J Boyd, C Boyd, K Reed, M Reed, S Peters, D Mutton, B Rayner, R Pritchard, T Wright, N Smith, N Heckford, M Allen, A O'Sullivan, M Keech, L Hunt, D Winwood, S Thompson, D Miller, J Betts, M Milner, J Wormington

Apologies:-

S Curtis, K Symons, R Symons, C Tew, J Abel, J Wison, A Milner, M Talbot, L Hall

Minutes of previous meeting:-

These were accepted as a true record of last year's AGM.

Matters arising:-

Club stalwarts David Robinson and Dennis Hunt sadly passed away since the last AGM. A minute's silence was observed.

Amendments to club constitution:-

Nick Williams explained that the club may need to change its legal constitution to a CASC or a CIC if it goes ahead with the Community Asset Transfer in Poole Park.

Discussions are ongoing with the BCP re taking over control of the Poole Park pavilion and cricket square. Nick Williams stated that it could cost up to an extra £10k per annum to take over these assets.

The Ark could be a problem during the day in terms of competition should we wish to sell teas, coffees etc.

With security of tender it will be easier to obtain grants towards the cost of improvements and security is an ongoing issue.

We also need to negotiate with BCP about pitch covers and the insurance that would be required for these (covers will cost around £4k).

Some storage is available near the pavilion but we need to find out who to talk to about potentially utilising this space.

The Dorset League states that two sightscreens will be required at each end in the future.

Chairman's Report:-

Nick Williams summarised his Chairman's report that has been circulated. He reiterated the important issue of integrating our juniors into adult cricket through a natural progression up the teams. This is usually the main item on the agenda for committee meetings.

Secretary's Report:-

Nick Williams also summarised this report. No questions were forthcoming, although it was emphasised that we need to include the community that are already using the pavilion, should we take on the lease. Nick Williams thanked Andy Milner for his report and ongoing work.

Treasurer's Report:-

Nick Heckford summarised and explained the income and expenditure statement in detail. Outstanding match fees were discussed and it was suggested that a player could not play at the start

of the new season if he or she has arrears. Stuart Peters suggested that we advertise the 250 Club across the club in a better way. Nick Heckford was thanked for all his hard work.

Sponsorship and External Funding Report:-

James Young did not produce a report and will be standing down from the role. James was thanked for his efforts by the meeting.

Juniors Report:-

Matt Keech summarised the success of our juniors this season just gone. 15 current juniors played in adult cricket last season and a satisfyingly large number of girls are playing regularly. Use of the Grammar School has been a big boost to the junior section. Matt went on to say that other clubs had praised the way we integrate juniors into our adult teams. The junior income was revealed as being £28k. The meeting gave thanks to Matt for all his hard work.

1st Eleven Report:-

Jordan Betts summarised his written report. The team finished fourth which was disappointing but several youth players were given a chance. He looked forward to a better season next time. Daniel Winwood suggested the lack of midweek training at Poole Park was a factor in the disappointing results and some performances. Dave Miller said that we ideally would need at least three pre-season friendlies.

2nd Eleven Report:-

Dave Miller has submitted a written report. The team finished fifth which was reasonable and several youth players were given a chance. Hopefully one or two more will make the step up next season. The T20 part of the season did not affect availability as much as Nick Williams was expecting and it was noted that several first team players were happy to move down to the 2nd eleven to continue playing longer version cricket.

3rd Eleven Report:-

Andy O'Sullivan mentioned that it was a very enjoyable season. We stayed up on the last game. The batting was a problem apart from very consistent Nick Williams. Jonathan Ramsay and Dan Griffith played the second half of the season and were instrumental in avoiding relegation. Andy was thanked for his captaincy.

4th Eleven:-

James Abel has written a report and Tim W made a couple of points. The team were relegated following a promising start. Three rain offs against the other two team at the bottom of the table were a major contributory factor in our relegation. We need to look hard at how to improve next season.

5th Eleven:-

Matt Reed has written a report and he made a couple of points to the meeting. Again, he highlighted the successful youth policy coming through, but it was difficult to filter these youngsters up to the 4th team. This team will be in Division 7 East next season.

WEL Eleven:-

No report was forthcoming. The team was relegated for the first time although this may not be a bad thing. Availability was poor and we need to think hard about how we approach next season.

Ladies' Section:-

No report was available. There are two teams in indoor softball and will also be outdoors next season. Getting availability for hardball is more difficult. We have not scratched a single indoor game this season. The number of lady players continues to increase which is pleasing. We should look to getting a few ladies playing men's cricket next season.

Election of Officers:-

Vice presidents – the current list is valid and there were no new nominations.

Patron – Amanda Smith, Head of Poole Grammar School is leaving and Nick Williams will write to the new Head to inform them.

Chairman of Vice Presidents – David Robinson has sadly passed away and there were no nominations received for this post. A replacement will thus be sorted out by the committee.

President – Bill Kempton, John Wellman and Mike Talbot were suggested for this post. The committee will appoint a person to this post.

Chairman – Nick Williams was proposed, seconded and appointed.

Vice Chairman – Dave Miller was proposed, seconded and appointed.

Secretary – Andy Milner was proposed, seconded and appointed.

Treasurer Nick Heckford was proposed, seconded and appointed.

Communications Officer – Matt Keech was proposed, seconded and appointed.

Sponsorship – James Young is standing down and Andy O'Sullivan will ask his wife if she is interested.

Chairman of Youth Sub-Committee – Matt Keech was proposed, seconded and appointed.

Poole Old Grammarians Representatives – these remain as Nigel Williams and Tim Hall

Welfare Officers – Caroline Boyd (juniors) and John McDiarmid (adults) were proposed, seconded and appointed.

EDI Representative (new role) – the appointee will be decided by the committee and the role will involve attending quarterly meetings. Scott Thompson expressed an interest if no-one else puts their name forward.

Election of Captains:-

1st Eleven – Jordan Betts stood, was proposed, seconded and appointed.

2nd Eleven – David Miller would like to stand down. This will go to the committee to decide.

3rd Eleven – Andy O'Sullivan stood, was proposed, seconded and appointed.

4th Eleven – Tim Wright and James Abel are not standing. Matt Reed and Leo Hunt were jointly proposed, seconded and appointed.

5th Eleven – Matt Keech stood, was proposed, seconded and appointed.

Ladies Team – Laura Marzolini stood, was proposed, seconded and appointed.

Wimborne Evening League – Ben Rayner stood, was proposed, seconded and appointed.

Club Captain – Joe Wilson stood, was proposed, seconded and appointed.

Sunday Friendlies/Touring Sides – Julian and Caroline Boyd will take over organisation of two or three friendlies against touring sides.

Any Other Business:-

The Dorset Cricket Board want to arrange meetings with clubs to discuss a four year plan. Nick Williams and one or two others will attend.

Dave Miller has organised a club Christmas party for 4th January in the Pavilion.

Jessica Boyd will add Mark Allen's match reports on to the club's WhatsApp groups.

Stuart Peters suggested an over 50s friendly match and he will look into this idea.