Poole Town Cricket Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1 December 2017

Present: Pete Dooker, Nick Williams, Nick Heckford, John Dimbleby, Larry Dance, Andy Milner, Mike Talbot, Mark Allen, Bill Kempton, Dave Spencer, Tom Robinson, Joe Wilson, Phil Quinn, Aaron Power, Ben Pocknell, Dave Miller, Dan Winwood, Joey Wormington, Scott Thompson, Chris Nutt

Apologies: Jo Pilley, Teresa Heckford, Lewis Barr, Matt Reed.

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting were approved and signed.

**Matters Arising**

Poole Park pavilion - we had expected the process to have completed about a year ago. However a change of personnel at the Borough of Poole had prevented this. We are still not sure if the Council are still interested in finalising this. Jo Pilley has a meeting with the Council in January 2018.

Amendments to the Club Constitution - as part of the pavilion negotiation, the Club needs to be a Community Amateur Sports Club. This would enable the Club to avoid business rates and limits members’ liability for liabilities of the CASC. However there are certain HMRC requirements to fulfil. For example the Club must offer open membership, a flexible cost of cricket and be open to the community. Most of HMRC’s requirements are already represented in the Club’s constitution however some amendments are required. These changes, which were identified in red, were presented by Nick Heckford during the meeting and a vote in favour of accepting the amendments to the club constitution was passed.

**Reports**

Chairman’s Report - Pete Dooker announced that he was not going to stand again this year partly on health grounds and because he felt somebody younger should take over. He thanked everybody for their support. Nick Heckford formally thanked Pete Dooker for his 40 years of leadership which included tirelessly running the 250 Club throughout.

Secretary’s Report and Membership and Communication Report - in his absence Nick Williams read out Jo Pilley’s report. Pete Dooker thanked Jo Pilley for his kind words and the work he had done in the last year.

Treasurer’s Report 2017 - Nick Heckford reported that the 2017 accounts have not been finalised. He had not had time to complete them due to problems with his laptop. NIck explained that the amount of money outstanding is extraordinary. There are 21 matches from the 2017 season with no money paid into the bank. One problem which Nick faced was that he was not sure of the teams for these 21 matches and needed some help to ascertain who had played and therefore who owed money. Nick explained that the Club had £2,000 of debtors in its £16,000 of assets. Nick thinks the Club will have made a deficit in 2017. Joe Wilson offered to help with now and next season. Nick thanked those who had helped in the last year. Larry Dance asked a question with regards to outstanding match fees from 2016 and Nick explained that these had mostly been collected. Pete Dooker thanked Nick Heckford for his efforts.

Social Secretary’s Report – Joe Wilson explained that he had not done much during the last year. The dinner had once again gone very well. He had booked the RNLI once again for the 26th of October. This year we would be in a different room. Joe explained that he was planning to hold more events next year. Joe Wilson explained that the committee was meant to be following up on where our BBQ had gone. It was agreed that Andy Milner can buy a new BBQ. Pete Dooker thanked Joe Wilson for the efforts.

Sponsorship Secretary’s Report - Pete Dooker explained that advertisements had raised approximately £1,600. This was approximately £1000 lower than the previous year. The key sponsors were Francis Clark, Dutton Gregory, Andy King, Kitchen World, Eyes of Parkstone, Tappers and First Waste Management. Nick Heckford thanked Pete Dooker for his efforts.

Junior Chairman’s Report - Nick Williams reported that the teams have not won many trophies this year. He had the Club has good years and bad years and we have been a bit unlucky. However there have been a number of successes including All Stars which was a tremendous success. Nick was keen to ensure that more juniors played adult cricket next year. Tom Robinson explained the importance of juniors playing with their friends in terms of retaining players within the club. Matt Reed, Kirt Holland and Bradley Currie were taking the Level 2 coaching course during the winter. Tom Robinson expressed the view that the Dorset League needs to get more exciting in order to keep players. Pete Dooker thanked Nick Williams for the efforts.

Saturday 1st XI Captain’s Report - no report was received.

Saturday 2nd XI Captain’s Report - no report was received.

Saturday 3rd XI Captain’s Report - Scott Thompson had submitted a written report. Scott explain that he would not be standing as captain again in 2018 but would be happy to help whoever is selected Pete Dooker thanked Scott Thompson for his efforts.

Saturday 4th XI Captain’s Report - Aaron Power explained that it not been a good season and that the side had failed to fulfil its fixtures. Aaron and many of the 4th team squad had ended up spending most of the season playing in the 3rd XI. He explained this group of players wanted to stay together and wanted the 4th XI to continue. Pete Dooker thanked Aaron Power for his efforts in what had been been a difficult season

Sunday 1st XI Captain’s Report - it was reported that this team at only played in one game before withdrawing from the league

Wimborne Evening League Captain’s Report - it was reported that we had won the league in 2017 going through the season unbeaten.

**Election of Officers**

1. Vice Presidents - these were elected en bloc. Nick Heckford and Dave Miller were elected as Vice Presidents
2. Patron - Andy Baker, the headmaster of the Grammar School was elected as the first Patron of the Club
3. President - Pete Dooker
4. Chairman of the Vice Presidents - Dave Robinson
5. Chairman - Nick Williams
6. Vice Chairman - Dave Miller
7. Secretary - Andy Milner and Tom Robinson
8. Treasurer - Nick Heckford
9. Membership and Communication Secretary - Andy Milner with Tom Robinson looking after social media
10. Social Secretary – Joe Wilson
11. Sponsorship Secretary - Pete Dooker
12. Chairman of the Youth Sub-Committee - Nick Williams
13. Poole Old Grammarians Association Representative - Nigel Williams
14. Welfare Officers - John McDermott and Teresa Heckford

**Election of Captains**

1. 1st XI - Dave Miller with Joe Wilson acting as manager
2. 2nd XI - vacant
3. 3rd XI - Ben Pocknell
4. 4th XI - Aaron Power
5. Sunday team - it was considered that entering a Sunday team again in 2018 was a bridge too far
6. Mid week XI - Lewis Barr in liaison with Jo Pilley will be asked to organise the side again this year.

We briefly debated whether to run three or four Saturdays teams in 2018. It was agreed that it was important that the 1st XI have better availability than in 2017 and that the 1st XI Captain would be absolutely key to this.

**Any other business**

We briefly discuss how to improve the atmosphere in the pavilion after games. It was suggested that we consider closing the bar earlier once a month and heading up into Lower Parkstone.

Indoor nets we discussed alternatives including the Cricket Centre and Carter. Canford School was also suggested. It was agreed that we would try Carter first.

It was also suggested that the Club should buy a net for use in the summer.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10:40 PM