SUSSEX COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of the 172nd Annual General Meeting

held at

The PROBIZ County Ground, Eaton Road, Hove

Thursday 15th March 2012 @ 7pm

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman (Jim May) commenced the meeting by thanking everyone for attending, explained the format and the meeting was called to order. There were over 50 members in attendance, thus there was a quorum in accordance with the Club Rules.

The Chairman then introduced the top table: himself, Dave Brooks (Chief Executive), Simon Crundwell (Hon. Treasurer), Mark Robinson (Pro Cricket Manager) and Michael Yardy (Club Captain).

He then proceeded to ask the assembled Members for a minute's silence in memory of those who had passed away in the past year as noted below:-

Players

Canon Peter Blake
Peter Kelland
Nawab of Pataudi
Paul Winslow

Members

Mr JA Adams	Mr M J Elliot	Mr D C Pritchard
Mr R B Allin	Mr W M Farley	Major HDH Rance
Mr S J Barnes	Mr H Gould	Mr A R Simmons
Mr P M Brooks	Mr Frederick WD Hall	Mr J D Smith
Mr Collins	Mr GR Holkham	Mr Brian Smith
Mr T J Cook	Mr K Huggett	Mr D G Turvey
Mr G J Costello	Mr IS Maclean	Mr D C Weekes
Mr G F Cronin	Mr C Munns	Mr D E Wilkins
Mr P Croydon	Mr Philip Pritchard	

The Chairman then asked the Chief Executive to read the official notice convening the meeting which he duly did.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman gave apologies for absence for those listed below:-

John Abbott	Chris Corin	David Rees
Richard Barrow	Hubert Doggart	Bob Warren
Peter Bennet	Shirley Emmett	
David Bennett	Ken Hopkins	
Chris Cantwell	Eileen McDougall	
Clare Connor	John Pengelly	

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 31st MARCH 2011

The Chairman stated that the Minutes had been available for Members to read prior to the meeting and asked for them to be adopted and approved as read. This was proposed by Bryan Bedson and seconded by David Stoner. The minutes were approved *nem.con.*.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM

There were no matters arising.

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5. THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman gave a verbal report to the AGM stating that 2011 had been successful both on and off the field. He said that the budget for 2012 was very challenging and that the Board and Executive had reviewed all areas to make savings. Consequently he apologised for quality issues in the AGM mailing which would be addressed next year. The Chairman gave an update on a number of matters relating to Club development, some up-coming activity in 2012 and thanked all the members and sponsors for their continued support. He closed by confirming an open forum would take place at the end of the meeting.

6. TO ADOPT THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2011

The Honorary Treasurer, Simon Crundwell, presented the Accounts for year ending 31st October 2011. He responded to one question from Peter Harding who asked for clarification and confirmation that there had been no dispute with the auditors, which had led to the qualified audit report. The Honorary Treasurer explained that the accounts were qualified because the Board felt that a one off payment of £300,000 from the ECB should be treated as an exceptional item

Subsequent to this, the Accounts were proposed by Keith Partridge and seconded by David Stoner. The Accounts were then adopted by the meeting.

7. TO ELECT A PRESIDENT FOR 2011/12

The Chairman recommended the re-election of Bryan Bedson as President which was proposed by Dick Holste and seconded by David Bowden. This election was approved by the meeting.

8. TO ELECT A PATRON FOR 2011/12

The Chairman stated that the Duke of Richmond and Gordon was prepared to be re-elected as the Club's Patron. He was duly proposed by David Stoner, seconded by Bryan Bedson and re-elected by the meeting.

9. TO RE-ELECT VICE-PRESIDENTS AS LISTED IN THE REPORT & ACCOUNTS [EN BLOC].

The Chairman recommended that the existing Vice Presidents of the Club be nominated en bloc as listed in the Annual Report, which was proposed by Bryan Bedson and seconded by Dick Holste. This was approved by the meeting.

10. TO ELECT DON TRANGMAR TO THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT

The nomination of Don Trangmar as Vice President was proposed by David Bowden and seconded by Dick Holste. This was approved by the meeting.

11. TO ANNOUNCE THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD

The Chief Executive read out the results of the election of Members to the Board as follows:-

John Abbott	:	104 votes
Jon Filby	:	111 votes
Dick Holste	:	109 votes
Bob Warren	:	126 votes

Elected for a three year term: 1) Jon Filby 2) Dick Holste 3) Bob Warren

The Chairman congratulated Dick Holste and Bob Warren on their re-election, and welcomed Jon Filby to the Board. He thanked John Abbott for all his hard work as a Board Member, on Chairing the

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Human Resources Committee and for his personal support to the Chairman. He finally thanked Cardens Accountants for carrying out the verification process.

12. CHANGES TO THE CLUB RULES

The Chief Executive talked Members through the proposed changes to Rules 7 & 8 concerning Board Membership. After dealing with a couple of points about the reduction in Board size and the quorum from Roger Kenward and John Pickering, the meeting approved the amendments *nem.con.*.

The Chief Executive then took the Members through the amendments to Rule 10, which concerned an improved monitoring of governance standards and after no questions, this was approved *nem.con.*.

The Chief Executive also referred to a number of minor housekeeping changes proposed and David Robins asked for an amendment to Rule 14 where the word 'of' should say 'or'. The changes proposed, plus the additional change from Mr Robins, were approved *nem.con.*.

13. RESOLUTION FOR DISCUSSION

The Chief Executive read out the following resolution, which was proposed by Professor J F Pickering and seconded by Nigel Tarr in the absence of Richard Rees:

"This meeting does not support the proposal to reduce the number of County Championship matches to 14 with effect from 2014 and calls on the Officers and Executive of Sussex CCC to oppose that proposal"

Professor Pickering spoke on behalf of the motion. The Chairman invited anyone who wished to speak against the proposal, and there being no one minded to do so, a vote was taken and the motion was carried nem.con.. The Chairman said that the Board would note the thoughts of Members and would bear this in mind during any future discussions on the subject with the ECB.

14. TO ELECT THE AUDITORS

The Treasurer proposed that Baker Tilly be re-elected as the Club's auditors which was seconded by Bryan Bedson and vote was passed.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman confirmed that no items had been received under 'Any Other Business.' Nevertheless he gave leave for Professor Pickering to address the meeting with his concerns over the proposed changes to some Life Members' parking at the PROBIZ County Ground. Professor Pickering's concerns were echoed by Geoffrey Theobald, Alan Malby and others. After a lively exchange of views, during which there was an informal indication of support for the points raised by Professor Pickering, the Chairman agreed to defer the proposed changes until the 2013 season.

David Stoner thanked the Board for all their hard work. The Chairman then declared the meeting closed and declared the Open Forum in session. No details of this forum were recorded.

The Meeting Ended at 20:30

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