



SUSSEX COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of the 173rd Annual General Meeting

held at

The BrightonandHoveJobs.com County Ground, Eaton Road, Hove

Thursday 27th March 2013 @ 7pm

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman (Jim May) commenced the meeting by thanking everyone for attending, explained the format and the meeting was then called to order. There were 78 members in attendance, together with several staff members, and thus there was a quorum in accordance with the Club Rules.

The Chairman then said that whilst some members received due notice of not less than 21 days prior to the AGM, not all had done so. Whilst the notice was placed on the Sussex Cricket website, the Board accepted there had been a failure to satisfy the Club Rules and he apologised for this failure in administration.

Accordingly, the Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

“The members of Sussex County Cricket Club wish to proceed with the Annual General Meeting on 27 March 2013, despite the failure to satisfy the notice requirements in the Club Rules”.

This was seconded by Professor John Pickering who felt this was the appropriate course of action and said he knew the Chairman and CEO were determined to ensure that the administration was properly carried out in future. The motion was passed nem con..

The Chairman then introduced the top table:- Zac Toumazi (Chief Executive), Simon Crundwell (Hon. Treasurer), Keith Greenfield (Cricket Performance Manager), Keith Lickorish (Baker Tilly, Auditors) and himself.

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

Players

Mr Graham Cooper
Mr Tony Greig
Mr Peter Kelland
Mr Geoffrey Lees
Mr John Neal

Members

Mr Colin Adams
Mr Ken Andrews
Mr KJ Annis
Mr H Barr-Hamilton
Mr T Bastow
Mr PE Blackwood
Mr J Bliss
Mr Chris T Bolton
Mr F Bull
Mr H Craig
Mr EW Crowhurst
Mr R Ford
Mr Tim Frost
Mr D Goodyer

Mr CWD Hall
Mr P Hinkley Smith
Mr AHF Ingham
Mr JM Kitchener
Mr LS Laskey
Mr RM Leadley
Mr LP Lewis
Mr AG Mann
Mr Christopher Martin-Jenkins
Sir Patrick Moore
Mr M Morris
Mr DW Muir
Mr CC Murhall
Mr CA Murray

Mr D Napper
Mr Paddy Nolan
Mr JM Perry
Canon Bill Peters
Mr RJ Redman
Mr M Riches
Mr RF Rogers
Mr WF Sanders
Mr JW Scott
Mr AB Smith
Mr David R Smith
Mrs M Sowden
Mr R Tate

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:-

Mr John Abbott	Ms Clare Connor
Mr Peter Bennet	Mr Chris Corin
Mr David Bennett	Mr Hubert Doggart
Mr Dave Brooks	Mr Jon Filby
Mr Chris Cantwell	

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15th MARCH 2012

The Chairman stated that the minutes had been available for Members to read prior to the meeting. The draft minutes had been amended following feedback from Professor John Pickering. The Chairman asked for the minutes to be adopted and approved as read. This was proposed by David Stoner and seconded by Ken Hopkins. The minutes were approved nem.con..

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM

The Chief Executive reported back on two matters:-

Domestic Structure

The Chief Executive confirmed that there were no plans to reduce the number of LV=CC games from 16. He reported that there would be changes in the structure from 2014. However this would still include 16 Championship matches, t20 matches would take place mainly on Friday evenings and a 50 over competition with a block of games in the month of August.

Life Members' Car Parking

The Chief Executive confirmed that the Club intended to retain parking rights to those Life Members' who had them as part of their original membership package for as long as practicable. However, parking places at Hove remained a challenging issue and there are other priorities like accommodating parking for those people with disabilities.

5. THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman gave a verbal report to the AGM, saying that 2012 had been very successful on the field and that we continue to develop the business off the field. However Sussex only managed an operating profit in 2012 due to the unbudgeted success in one day competitions. Looking forward, our priorities were to remain very competitive in all competitions and to develop attendances at matches and our non-match income. He thanked all Members and other stakeholder for their continued support and confirmed that there would be an open forum at the end of the meeting to discuss any topics that members wished to raise.

6. TO ADOPT THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2012

The Honorary Treasurer, Simon Crundwell, presented the Accounts for year ending 31st October 2012. He gave a very detailed presentation outlining progress and the continuing financial challenge. In response to a question from David Stoner, the Hon Treasurer confirmed that the one off net receipt in respect of a legal claim was in full and final settlement. The Accounts were proposed by Mike Stevens and seconded by Brenda Lower. The Accounts were then adopted nem con..

7. TO ELECT A PRESIDENT FOR 2013/2014

The Chairman gave thanks to Bryan Bedson for the excellent way he had carried out his duties as President during the past five years and reported that the Board of Directors had recommended the election of Jim Parks as President for 2013/2014. The election was proposed by Bryan Bedson and seconded by Richard Barrow and was approved nem con..

8. TO ELECT A PATRON FOR 2013/14

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 Ken Hopkins, seconded by Chris Snell and re-elected nem con..

9. TO ELECT NEW VICE PRESIDENTS

The Chairman reported that the Board of Directors had recommended Messrs. Mushtaq Ahmed, Bryan Bedson, Alan Oakman and John Pengelly to the position of Vice President. These nominations were proposed by Nick Beck and seconded by Mr Davidson and approved nem con..

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

The Chairman reported that the Board of Directors had recommended that the existing Vice Presidents of the Club (with the exception of John Scott who had sadly passed away) be nominated en bloc as listed in the Annual Report. This was proposed by Tony Lewis, seconded by Eileen Macdougall and approved nem con..

11. TO ANNOUNCE THE ELECTION & APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Chairman stated that this year, as there was no contested election, Messrs Richard Barrow and David Bowden were re-elected for a three year term.

12. TO ELECT THE AUDITORS FOR 2012/2013

The Treasurer proposed that Baker Tilly be re-elected as the Club's auditors which was seconded by Bob Warren and the vote was nem con..

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman confirmed that no items had been received under 'Any Other Business.'

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed and declared the Open Forum in session. No details of this forum were recorded.