

Barford Cricket Club

Leek Wootton



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at

The Joseph Arch, Barford
on

Monday 27th October 2008

Present: Sandy Peirson, Mike Suffield, Nathan Haynes, Chris O'Reilly, Peter Romyn, Ben Griffin, Richard Johnson, Richard Jones, Simon Clark, James Wilson, Paul Henderson, Richard Savage, Simon Hawkins

1. APOLOGIES

John Drury, Mike Ireland, Tim Jolly, Martyn Lilley, Martin Lusby, Chris Prince

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on October 27th 2008, were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Insurance

The question of insurance was again raised. Richard Jones confirmed that we should ask all non members should be to signed in by a Club Member before playing at Leek Wootton before playing and this hasn't been done. This year we've only had a couple of incidences of non-members playing. It was agreed that we should make sure we manage this from now on.

Child Welfare

Chris confirmed that the ECB bowling regulations for young people have been adhered to this year. He will make sure that Ben, and anyone else nominated to captain the side, is aware of the rules. **Action Chris.**

Leek Wootton

Richard Jones reported that he has stopped attending Leek Wootton Cricket Club committee meetings after being asked to wait outside a previous meeting when they discussed private business, and then never being called in. Richard confirmed that he and Mike recently met with Tony Farndon and the new Leek Wootton fixtures secretary and was invited to rejoin the Cricket Committee. There is also the option to join the Sports and Social Committee. Richard pointed out that the Sports and Social

Committee meets monthly, so this is a big commitment. Chris suggested that some of us could take turns to attend. Richard agreed to monitor the situation and recommend a course of action to the Barford committee. **Action Richard**

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Sandy thanked everyone for another enjoyable season of cricket. He also thanked the absent Martin Lusby for his excellent 10 year stint as treasurer and expressed his appreciation for those people who have agreed to stand for the committee for the coming year.

Sandy also noted that we've had some very good social events again this year, in particular the tour which was excellent.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT / APPROVAL OF 2008/2009 ACCOUNTS

Treasurer-in-waiting Phil Morris reported that club funds currently stand at £10,640.83, which is down from the previous year's figure of £11,490.83. Simon Hawkins read from the minutes of the previous committee meeting, where Martin had summarised the year's financial activity. These read as follows:

"Martin stated that he won't be at the AGM, so gave his end-of-year report at the meeting. He reported that club funds have fallen from £11,490 (£11,298 minus outstanding liabilities) at the time of the last AGM, to £10,162 this year. The principle reasons for this were the coaching which cost £805 (plus £105 for insurance) and the tour, which was subsidised by £648. Martin noted that this year's total does not include the quiz which usually generates around £600.

In 2009 we have lost three members (Guy Jessett, Ollie Watts and Chris Timms) and gained two (Paul Stacey and James Wilson), giving a total of 22 paying members plus the 2 life members. This brought a total income of £520. It was noted that we paid Leek Wootton for 25 members but only had 24.

The income from match fees (£614) has been similar to last year, whilst interest (£133) was substantially down, and is likely to be more so in the coming year. The nets made a profit of £128 and the coaching sessions brought an income of £200.

Expenditure has included £172 for new bats and £125 for admin (including food at the AGM, website hosting and midweek league entry). The dinner (£44), pre-season party (£82) and tour all made losses. Ground hire at Leek Wootton cost £485."

A vote was held and the accounts accepted.

A further vote was held to agree that the match fees, membership and tea money should be maintained at their current rates for the coming year.

Pete Romyn questioned whether there may be better options for the club's fund than the current "high interest" bond. Phil agreed to look into this when he meets with the bank. **Action Phil**

6. CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Chris began by thanking the committee for their work, in particular Martin and Simon Clark who are standing down. An unfortunate ink smudge in the secretary's notes mean that exact wording is not recorded, but Chris thanked Martin in particular for the great job he'd done as treasurer over many years.

Chris pointed out that it hasn't been a vintage year on the field. There have been some very good individual performances, most notably from James Wilson, whose 719 is the highest tally for a season for many years (if not ever). Chris noted, however, that James has yet to score a century and that should be a target for next year. On the bowling front, Chris reflected the general astonishment that Paul Henderson had taken the most wickets. Ben had also done well and Paul Stacey had bowled with good economy.

Chris suggested that our poor results partly reflect a lack of confidence and that we need to think about ways to improve that. He finished by saying that he'd enjoyed the season and the company of everyone at the club, and that we mustn't lose sight of the importance of that.

7. THE AGENDA ITEM THAT NEVER WAS

8. THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Members were elected to the club committee as follows:

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| Chris O'Reilly | - | Captain |
| Sandy Peirson | - | Chairman |
| Simon Hawkins | - | Secretary |
| Mike Ireland | - | Tour Secretary |
| Phil Morris | - | Treasurer |
| Mike Suffield | - | Fixtures Secretary |
| Paul Henderson | - | Social Secretary |
| Ben Griffin | - | Vice Captain |

Tim Jolly and Paul Johnstone were again invited to attend the committee in an advisory capacity. Richard Jones also agreed to do the same, and to act as "Club Liaison Officer", particularly in matters relating to Leek Wootton.

Simon Clark announced that his reason for standing down is that he and his family are moving to America for three years. Sandy stated that he hoped Simon might be able to play on the odd occasion when he is visiting the UK. Simon asked to be kept on the contact list so that he can be kept up to date with goings-on at the club.

9. DATE OF FIRST 2009 COMMITTEE MEETING

A date of 25th Jan was agreed for the first committee meeting of the New Year.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sandy – raised the possibility of the field behind his house being developed into a village amenity which could include a cricket pitch. This has been talked about for some years and is not universally supported in the village. Richard Jones pointed out

that even if the plan was successful it would be many years before the club could play cricket there. Phil suggested that anyone who favoured plans for a club move back to Barford should contact the planning authority to support the scheme. Richard Jones confirmed the developer is Sharba homes and could be contacted via its website [www.sharbahomes.co.uk].

Mike - reported that about 60% of next years fixtures are confirmed. He stated that he plans to drop the uncompetitive fixtures against Coventry Sphinx and Knowle Village and the unreliable one against Offenham. There are likely to be 2 games against Henricians and Christchurch. Mike pointed out that we were unfortunate this year in losing games through bad weather that we normally expect to do well in.

Mike also reported further on the meeting that he and Richard Jones had with Tony Farndon and Richard Cooke, Leek Wootton's new fixtures secretary. Mike said that it was a very good meeting, in which they formulated an exact plan of who will be playing where and when. He noted that, owing to the pressures of the football team, we are unlikely to play any home games in September after the first week.

Nathan – raised the question of why the Leek Wootton covers aren't being used. Richard Jones replied that this seems to be simply a question of manpower. Richard Jones offered to raise this again with Leek Wootton. **Action Richard.**

Following from this discussion, Chris said that he'd spoken to Tony Timms who'd previously offered to help Tony Farndon out in groundsman duties. Tony T said that often when he'd offered to help, Tony Farndon had said there was nothing that needed doing.

Nathan reported that nets are available at the new North Leamington School building, and that they seem keen for them to be used by the community.

Nathan took up Chris' previous point about increasing confidence in the team and suggested that this may be addressed by reintroducing more timed games. A long discussion ensued with no general agreement, other than continuing to play timed games occasionally when the opposition captain agreed.

Finally, Nathan reported on his experiences of attending the midweek league committee, which is very badly run, and proposed that we look to organise our own midweek fixtures for next season. Nathan and Mike agreed to sort out the fixtures whilst Paul Henderson and Rich Savage agreed to organise the teams and captaincy.

Chris – raised the question of coaching. There was a long discussion about the merits of the coaching we'd received this year, with divided opinions about the coaches and the methods employed, and the impact on individual's performance. Finally, it was agreed that we should organise fortnightly midweek sessions with a bowling machine, to run over the same period as the existing Sunday nets. Simon Hawkins agreed to arrange this. James offered to enquire at Warwick School. **Action James & Simon.**

Richard Johnson – suggested that the club kit seems short of a few items. Simon H agreed to review it for next season. Sandy also raised a question about the orange handled Gunn and Moore bat which he thought had been lost when we played Christchurch. Simon again agreed to investigate. **Action Simon.**

Richard then raised the question of playing in bad weather; in particular he felt that we shouldn't have taken to the field at Napton. Chris said that it was hard to make a decision that keeps everyone happy but that he'd learned from some of the games this year and would take that into account in the future.

Paul Henderson – pointed out that at previous AGMs there had been long discussion about whether the club would be able to maintain its identity, but this year that hadn't even been mentioned and this was a good sign. In an astonishing development, Mike Suffield actually admitted to having been wrong about this.

Paul said that a date for the dinner of 29th January had been pencilled in stone. Go figure.

Phil Morris - said that he appreciated the opportunity to keep wicket this year.