

## **Minutes of 2020 Stage CC AGM**

The meeting was declared open at 1910 hrs by Chairman Brian Jackson

### **Present:**

B Jackson, C Collingwood, W Chitty, J Davis, D Gordon-Smith, C Currie, J Kydd, G Seed, M Howarth, S Sargent, R Godfrey, M Gallagher, R West, M Sadler

### **1. Apologies for Absence were heard**

Nick Parmar, Harry Gostelow, Joe Eves, JP Aubin-Parvu, Johan Da Silva, Tom Whyte  
James Wrighton, Roger McCann, Norman Dugdale, Peter Jenner, Peter Thomson, Al Barrie  
Seb Rose, Tom Stanley, Ed Pegge, Phil Wideson, Paul Geary, Lucy Davis, Asif Padhani  
George Tebbutt, Jag Patel, Owen Oldroyd, Chris Fletcher, Jamie Buller, Ryan Davis, Simon  
Clayton, Lawrence White, Piran Legg, Gabe Manthorp, Max Higginbotham

### **2. Minutes were read** of the 2019 AGM in turn, by present members

### **3. Matters arising:**

Balls- inquiries were made in 2019 on alternatives but ours proved to be the most cost effective.  
Supplied by Lords international.

B Jackson got them to hold their price and they seem adequate at £14.00. Agreed.

M Gallagher pointed out that he wasn't yet the second club signatory.

M Howarth pointed out that the experiment with additional vice-captains hadn't proven  
successful.

The committee needed to consist of the central officers plus 6 according to the rules.  
We had nearer 18.

Jonathan Kydd was intrigued as to why the Cross Arrows dinner was down as a loss, it was  
pointed out that it was an expense that was balanced by attendees paying for their tickets.

### **4. Match Managers' reports**

**M Gallagher** said he didn't have too much trouble in getting a side out bar Stokenchurch.

Discussion of COMMUNICATION- agreed it could go out via email and Whatsapp.

Was there a sign-up sheet for availability? On line. Thios was discussed but not felt to be a  
successful method.

J Davis recommended that M Gallagher and he set out a template for newmatch managers to  
follow

J Kydd suggested using Twitter, Facebook etc...

M Howarth reminded us that he'd invited all to his home for a seasonal barbecue. Agreed this  
should be widely trailed.

**R Barrett** struggled for Bank of England, which we failed to fulfill.

Roger's method was to work two fixtures in advance, which seemed a successful strategy. Overall  
it was fine. We didn't play any games with less than eleven.

Harmonious, relatively competitive, despite the defeats.

Charles Collingwood acknowledged that it was hard to get any wandering side to get a regular  
strong line-up and that we'd done very well.

The other match managers were not in attendance at the meeting.

## 5. **Captain's report** read in absentia by M Gallagher.

Gentlemen.

It is rather difficult for me to give a detailed report on the past season since I saw very little of it, having moved to darkest, dampest Wales following the birth of my son. In the five games I played, things seemed to be going rather well with a couple of good wins against Nomads and Cross Arrows, a hard fought draw against Gloucester Gypsies and a gallant loss to a strong Worcester Park side. However, a thumping loss to Eastcote perhaps gave me a hint of some of the struggles that left us with an overall record of 3 wins, 10 draws and 16 losses.

We are still struggling to increase our pool of regular players and I'm sure this will be much discussed this evening. There has been some success in finding younger players over recent years, but not many of them have been able to play often enough to consistently raise the standard of our cricket back to the levels that I witnessed when I joined the club in 2001. I'm sure there are a variety of factors in this, modern life and economics certainly make it more difficult for young actors to spend so much of their time on a cricket field. The added difficulty is, of course, that we have to maintain a decent percentage of people 'in the business' in our sides, not a factor most clubs have to deal with. I offer no easy solutions, but it should be noted that the vast majority of wandering clubs have had to reduce their fixture lists over the past few decades without having to deal with this additional selectorial concern. I hope this won't have to be the case with Stage, but it does emphasise the difficulty we have.

It has been my final season as captain as I am reluctantly resigning my post. Of all the aspects of my London life that I have had to give up with my move Welshward, this is perhaps the most heart-wrenching to let go of, but I don't feel I'm going to be able to serve the club properly from such a distance. I will still play as often as I can and hope to catch up with all my old friends, and hopefully make some new ones, at some point in the summer. I can't remember how many seasons I've skippered, 9 or 10, I think, but I remember Stage CC being in a very precarious position when I started with the club having drifted away from its raison d'etre and very few people from the entertainment business involved. Recruitment from the business was therefore doubly tricky and I genuinely feared we might not be able to carry on. I hope we can take some solace from a tough season if I venture the opinion that we're in a better place now.

A huge thank you must go to the committee members who have both guided and supported me in every aspect of the captaincy, I won't name you all as I'm sure you all know who you are.

And it would be remiss of me not to pay a personal tribute to Brian, having just read his email indicating he will be resigning as chairman. Brian was my first point of contact with the club and I remember him giving me a great sales pitch over a good half an hour on the phone. By the end of it I felt I was familiar with each ground and opposition on the fixture list and well and truly grilled as my playing standard. I soon lost count of the batsmen I saw deceived by his subtle mixture of outswingers and off-cutters. I would have loved to see him racing in in his prime. To play like he has done, well into his 80s, is simply amazing and the service he has given to the club on and off the field over the last 60 or so years will surely never be equalled. Now he's back amongst the rank and file I hope he will continue to give us the benefit of his experience.

Finally, best of luck to the new skipper. I hope he enjoys the his tenure as much as I have.

Owen.

There was applause for the outgoing Captain.

## 6. **Fixture Secretary's report**

List Australian Crusaders

Bank of England- we hadn't renewed the fixture

Cricketers Club fixture secretary has died, so not showing as likely this season

We dropped Seven Sports AND Little Marlow due to cancellation and atmosphere.

We had been approached re Sunday May 10 by Cokenach CC. Caused some debate due to the distance of the fixture. Voted by a majority.

Other fixtures to include Surrey Ovalites. Garrick Club 20/20 6pm start. Stanmore. Debate about the start time, 20/20 raised some eyebrows. Agreed that it was good networking possibility.

M Gallagher offered a vote of thanks to Jeff for his hard work. Seconded by Richard Godfrey. Applause followed.

## **7. Treasurer's report**

Balance of £2748 at 1 Jan 2019

Balance of £3658 at 28 Jan 2020

Financial highlights and costs were laid out:

- AGM cost £80. We received £85
- 2019 nets cost £330 for six sessions
- We received £210 from attendees. Bearing in mind it is subsidised that was the best return for some years.
- £390 transferred into current account from reserve account. The reserve account was kept open with £1.00 in case it was ever needed.
- Insurance costs were £330 for 2019- in the 2018 season it had cost £440 2018.
- Nets for 2020 had been booked and paid for at £330. All Tuesdays at 7pm: 10,17, 24, 31 March, 7,14 April.
- Fixture cards cost £187.00
- CCC subs £46
- Committee meeting cost £100 but we made the money back on contributions from the committee.

All Cross Arrows attendees had paid for their tickets

in 2019, all due monies from all players had been received.

Still an issue with NO CASH. PLEASE can we bring cash. Card machines are too expensive.

Score book cost £18

Cricket balls cost £420. Mike addressed a shortfall by ordering extra balls, plus 18 logo stage balls discovered.

We have 20 in stock - complaints about the lack of shine on Dukes county balls.

We should approach the new season with around 3 grand in the kitty which seemed pretty good.

B Jackson blamed his wife for tidying away cricket balls which is why a deeper stock was discovered!

Not many umpires payments. We think we had 12 games without an umpire.

B Jackson expressed a desire to liaise on insurance - noticed a great reduction on cost of cover. Stressed that we'd gone with Marshall Wooldridge because they offered good personal injury cover.

Brian asked for an itemised breakdown of insurance payouts based on what we pay for. Lengthy and somewhat confusing discussion was resolved by agreeing that quotes would be assembled and passed on to Brian Jackson.

## **8. Election of officers**

Treasurer. M Sadler wanted to retire.

S Sargent proposed by R Godfrey, M Sadler seconded.

M Howarth proposed, seconded.  
A ballot ensued- Sam Sargant won by a majority.

#### Club Captain - Owen Oldroyd resigned

Graham Seed proposed by J Kydd, Sadler seconded

J Kydd proposed by G Seed, R Barrett seconded.

Matt G nominated Sam Sargant, who was also happy to be treasurer. Seconded by M Howarth. S Sargant stood down when Treasurer election ensued.

In a ballot Graham Seed was elected as club captain

Former club captain Will Chitty mentioned the special nature of being Captain.  
But not to be so precious, and perhaps it's worth passing around regularly.

MG returned as Hon Sec. No other candidates.

#### Chairman / President

B Jackson suggested that he and Charles Collingwood be redefined as 'Life Member' this was discussed, but Charles preferred to remain as the 'figurehead' of the club as President.

Charles Collingwood nominated as president and seconded.

Mike Howarth nominated and seconded. He happily became the New Chairman.

Charles Collingwood paid tribute to Brian Jackson's efforts in his many roles within the club.  
Applause.

Mike Howarth added further tributes and hoped it would be a good handover. Suggested a testimonial fixture in Brian's honour. His contribution was without equal. The 'talking stick' was passed on.

It was agreed that 'Vice Chairman' was to be discontinued as a role.

Fixture secretary- Jeff Davis proposed, Seconded. Elected unopposed.

Social Media- Jonathan Kydd elected unopposed.

### **9. Election of Vice-captains**

Vice-captains

After much discussion the following were elected by the AGM:

- Roger Barrett
- Duncan Gordon-Smith
- Max Higginbotham
- Jonathan Kydd
- Sam Sargant
- Rob West

This reflected contributions to the club in 2019 and likely availability for 2020.

Matt G agreed to contact all previous vice-captains to let them know their tenure had ended.

### **10. Election of Nets and Match Managers**

Mike Sadler was happy to continue as Nets manager

#### Match Managers:

Matt Gallagher agreed to do April/ June because there were no other candidates.

Roger Barrett would do June- July

TBC July- AUGUST

TBC August -Sept

Sanjay Chandarana had said he'd do Sept

Committee undertook to pursue recruiting match managers for the two other slots.

#### **11. Awards: Batting; Bowling; Wicket-keeping; Fielding; Captain's prize**

- Batting- Chris Fletcher best average at 24.00
- Most runs shared: Chris Fletcher and Roger Barrett
- Duck cup - Sunny Singh 4, Roger Barrett 3
- Bowling Roger Barrett most wickets and best average
- Roger Barrett won fielding trophy as well 8 Jeff Davis second.
- Captains prize not awarded.
- Noted that some trophies were missing - both bowling. Need engraving.

Long discussion of timed games versus overs matches. Unanimously agreed that at our preference was to play timed games and that we'd ask opposition for those.

#### **12. Advice of dates for pre-season nets done**

#### **13. Any other Business**

Club blazers- costed will be £100 per head- Sam to liaise.

Kit - lots of stock. Caps and sweaters in short stock - if members wanted one advised to get in touch so Roger could order. And will resend WhatsApp.

M Sadler will continue banking and seek a second signatory. Sam Sargent to liaise with Sadler.

Match fees - should stay fixed for 2020.

#### **14. Chairman's closing statement - meeting ended at 2220 hrs.**