**Bell Inn Aldworth Cricket Club**

**Annual General Meeting**

**12-Nov-2015**

The meeting was opened at 8.10pm in the Tap Room at The Bell, the President and 14 other members present.

Hugh Macaulay (President) welcomed everyone, and thanked those involved with the club, especially:

* Cheryl Lafford, for the teas
* Malcolm and Bill for preparing the pitches
* The match managers and all the players
* Helen for providing the tea flasks

Following the demolition of the old village hall, the marquee had proved quite successful as a temporary changing room and tea venue.

# Apologies

Received from James Billyeald, Steve Anidjah, Jack Wood, Will Webb.

# Minutes of Previous AGM

The minutes of last year’s AGM had been published on the website, and a small number of copies were available at the meeting.

# Matters Arising

No one had any comments about last year’s meeting.

There were a number of action points, which had been addressed as follows:

**AP14.1 Simon to inform Harold about his Honorary Membership**Harold was delighted to receive the news and thanked the club for voting him as an Honorary Member.

**AP14.2 Simon to publish averages**This action was transferred to Ed W who kindly volunteered to produce them.

**AP14.3 Simon to reply to Hampstead Norreys declining the 6-a-side invitation**This was done.

# Election of Officers

The following were proposed, and elected by acclamation:

* Secretary: Simon Giles
* Treasurer: Steve Hanson
* Fixture Sec: James Billyeald
* Publicity Manager:

Ed Webber

* Match Managers: as last year; Nils Baker was willing to carry on with Wednesdays, with help from Paul Dutton (as available) and Marc Gregory.

# Presentation – Young Player of the Year, Clubman of the Year

Edd Jenkin was presented with the Young Player of the Year award, in recognition of his commitment, ability and increasingly valuable contribution to the team.

Nils Baker was announced as Clubman of the Year for his work with the Wednesday team and his help generally with the club.

**AP 15.1 Marc Gregory to hand on the trophy to Nils**

# Honorary Members

Rob Romanes was proposed as an Honorary Member.

# Village Hall Progress

The village hall was nearing completion and was expected to be available for next season. Players had watched with interest the progress of construction.

Concern was expressed that the windows would be vulnerable and were not going to be as ‘ball-proof’ as originally expected. Several suggestions were made including placing netting in front of the windows or boarding them during games. No firm conclusions were reached.

**AP15.2 Committee to discuss with village hall what options were possible.**

# Cricket – last season and next

**Match Managers**

Match managers were available for all games and once again the process worked very smoothly.

**Friendly Games**

21 games were on the fixture list, and one Aldworth vs Aldworth. Three were not played due to opposition calling off (1), rain or unplayable pitch (2). Two were abandoned after having started, because of rain.

Seven matches were not apparently recorded in the scorebooks; from the available records Aldworth won six games and drew one.

**Friendly Cup**

Aldworth beat Hampstead Norreys in the 1st round, beat OCCSCC in the 2nd, and lost to Isis (again) in the final.

**Downs League**

Aldworth finished bottom of Div 2 with 7 points. We won 3 and lost 8 matches.

We are expecting to be relegated to Div 3 for the 2016 season.

**Averages**

League and weekend averages will be published on the website.

**Awards and Trophies**

See item 5 above. Edd Jenkin was awarded Young Payer of the Year, and Nils Baker Clubman of the Year. Congratulations to both.

# Fixtures

James Billyeald has agreed to be the new fixture secretary.

Peter Davies was thanked for his contribution as fixture secretary last year.

**Social**

James, Simon and Peter will discuss the fixture for 2016 to ensure a smooth handover. Steve Hanson requested that the home fixtures should be communicated as soon as possible so that the village hall could be booked.

**Aldworth vs Aldworth**

The barbecue after the Pomroys games was a great success, and enjoyed by both teams and a number of supporters. It was suggested this should be done again in 2016.

It was agreed there would be no barbecue at the AvA game at the start of the season, but some members suggested that it “would be good” if some beer was available.

**Fixture cards**

It was generally agreed that fixture cards would be useful.

# Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer’s report is available as a separate document. Steve Hanson presented the financial statement and accompanying notes. Key points were:

1) The Lottery at The Bell continues to be the main source of income for the year; thanks to Hugh, Heather and Chubb for running it.

2) Subscriptions are again down – six people still owing their £25

3) Increasing match fees to £6 has brought in some more money, if slightly less than hoped

4) There was no major fund raising event this year

5) There was a large anonymous donation for the third year – for which many thanks

6) There was a significant loss made at nets

7) Still a good stock of shirts, which need to be purchased

8) A mower was acquired, which should cut mowing costs significantly

# Match Fees and Subscriptions

Number of subscriptions was down again (see note 2 above).

No change in match or tea fees was proposed. Match fees remain at £3 and tea fees at £3.

Juniors (18 and under) and students (in full time education) would continue to be exempt from match (but not tea) fees.

Touring sides would continue to be asked to pay the full match fee (i.e. £6 per head including their tea contribution).

# Nets

Nets had not been so well attended, especially towards the end, and had incurred a significant loss. Jack Wood agreed to investigate whether nets at Moulsford would be possible.

**AP 15.3 JW to contact Moulsford**

# Ground and Equipment

Thanks to good work from Malcolm, Bill Oliver and Dave Garratt, the pitch and square is in good condition. The outfield has been mown regularly, which has been effective. Malcolm has agreed to run the mower next year.

Other equipment will be reviewed before the start of the season, and appropriate purchases made. (At least) adult balls, and scorebooks will be required.

# Fund Raising

A quiz was proposed, and Hugh and Mary were running a pickles and hooch evening later in the year, some of the proceeds to go to the cricket club.

# Teas

Despite the statement last year Cheryl Lafford was in fact available for the teas. Marny Jones and Helen Rice covered when Cheryl was not available.

There were some comments about the general standard of the teas, and it was decided to try a rota within the club. Marny, Helen and Ed W’s mum had volunteered.

Tea costs remain at £3 per head for 2015.

Opposition tea fees would remain at £3. Touring sides would also contribute to the match fees (see above).

# The Youth Academy (Colts)

Jack Wood was willing to run the Colts evenings on Thursdays. It was suggested that a rota of other people able to help should be created. An advert should be placed in the Leaflet.

# Publicity

Ed Webber has done a great job as publicity manager, and wrote regular reports on matches to go on the web site and into The Leaflet.

# ECB Affiliation

After a brief discussion the meeting unanimously agreed not to pursue this at present.

# Tour

Ed W agreed to manage a tour, and Peter Davies was keen to liaise with local North Devon clubs as he knew of several teams that would be keen to play us.

**AP 15.4 EW to discuss and propose tour details**

# Date of Next Meeting

The 2016 AGM will again be held in November, exact date to be decided nearer the time.

# AOB

Simon was setting up an email distribution list, which would make contacting members much easier.

Ben and Sam W suggested some form of subscription/match fee payment by standing order, though it was not seen as viable at present.