

Bell Inn Aldworth Cricket Club

Annual General Meeting

17-Nov-2016

The meeting was opened at 8.105pm in the Tap Room at The Bell, the President and 9 other members present.

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

- Malcolm and Dave Garratt for preparing the pitches
- The match managers and all the players
- Marny Jones, Helen Rice and others who provided the teas
- Jack Wood for running the colts

Everyone was aware that sadly Bill Oliver had died earlier in the year. Several club members attended the funeral.

1. Apologies

Received from Sam Liddle, Julian Sankey, Will Appleby, Sam Warren, James Billyeald, Dave Garratt, Jack Wood, Ian Turrell.

2. 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.

3. 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:

AP 15.1 Marc Gregory to hand on the trophy to Nils

The trophy was passed on. Eventually.

AP15.2 Committee to discuss with village hall what options were possible (wrt window protection)

It was decided to utilise netting in front of the windows, which proved quite successful.

AP 15.3 JW to contact Moulford (about nets)

Nets were arranged at Moulford and were reasonably well attended; the cost was less than Bradfield.

AP 15.4 EW to discuss and propose tour details

The tour was arranged and took place, though not so much cricket was possible because of the weather and non-availability of one opposition team.

Barry Gardner proposed that the minutes should be accepted. Nils Baker seconded, carried unanimously.

4. Election of Officers

The following were proposed, and elected by acclamation:

- Secretary: Simon Giles
- Treasurer: Steve Hanson
- Fixture Sec: James Billyeald
- Publicity Manager:
Phil Jones
- Match Managers: as last year; Nils Baker was willing to carry on with Wednesdays, with help from Marc Gregory.

5. Presentation – Young Player of the Year, Clubman of the Year

Barney Newing was announced as Young Player of the Year for his all-round excellence with bat and ball. Presentation to take place at a later date.

Phil Jones was presented with the Clubman of the Year trophy for his continued contribution to the club in many ways.

6. Honorary Members

Peter Davies was proposed as an Honorary Member.

7. Village Hall + Marquee

The village hall had been in use for the season, and was well received by opposition and home team players alike. Some problems were encountered getting access, especially for games that were additional to the original fixture list. Steve Hanson had joined the Village Hall Committee to improve the situation. Nils Baker suggested leaving a key behind the bar at The Bell, though this was thought unlikely to be possible.

As mentioned above, netting was put up in front of the large windows before each home game. This has become part of the routine for setting up the match, and no breakages of these windows has occurred.

The marquee was used a few times, when the hall was not available to the club. It has now been taken down and stored.

8. Cricket – last season and next

Match Managers

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

Friendly Games

25 games were on the fixture list, and one Aldworth vs Aldworth. Of the 15 recorded in the score book, Aldworth won 7. Several were cancelled because the opposition could not provide a team, or the weather intervened.

Friendly Cup

Aldworth lost to FFTMCC in the 1st round, lost narrowly to Hampstead Norreys in the 2nd, and had a walk-over against Moreton in the wooden spoon playoff, as Moreton could not raise a side.

Downs League

Aldworth finished top of Div 3 with 20 points. We won 6 and lost 2 matches, 2 were rained off.

We are expecting to be promoted to Div 2 for the 2017 season.

To Nils Baker's great relief, a league proposal to mandate pink balls was not carried, though it may be in the future.

Tour

A further tour to Devon was proposed, and Ed Webber agreed to arrange it. There was also a possibility of a charity game in Ireland, which would be investigated.

AP 16.1 EW to arrange tour

Averages

League and weekend averages will be published on the website. Some information was provided at the meeting, unfortunately the wrong pages had been printed.

9. 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) There was a loss of around £250 on the year, largely due to mower issues.
- 2) The Lottery at The Bell continues to be the main source of income for the year, albeit with rather lower income this year; thanks to Hugh, Heather and Chubb for running it.
- 3) Match fees are somewhat reduced, unfortunately several touring side games were cancelled, and they are financially advantageous to us.
- 4) Fund raising came from the Pickles and Hooch evening, and the 'Dads v Lads' match. Thanks to all involved.
- 5) Net fees were much reduced at Moulsoford, though income was also down.
- 6) Still a good stock of shirts, which need to be purchased
- 7) Village hall fees were increased, but we benefited from partial refunds on occasions when the hall was not available.
- 8) The Bill Oliver Memorial fund stands at £543.

10. Match Fees and Subscriptions

Number of subscriptions were up, about 50% more than 2015. Subscriptions would be £30 for 2017, or suggested at £3/month by standing order.

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).

11. Teas

This items was covered under section 10 above.

12. Bill Oliver memorial bench

Over £500 had been raised. It was agreed the best place would be in front of the playground. Some sort of base would be required.

AP 16.2 SH to purchase bench and arrange for installation

13. Fund Raising

Various ideas were put forward:

- Quiz
- Race night
- BBQ
- Comedy night

Ben Warren is running Tough Mudder Reading again and would welcome sponsorship.

Phil Jones and Ed Webber planned to enter the Reading ½ Marathon, sponsorship could be divided between the Air Ambulance and the Cricket Club.

14. Nets

Nets attendance was patchy, started well but tailed off.

Suggested that next year should start later and avoid Easter.

AP 16.3 SH to contact Moultsford

15. Ground and Equipment

The mower had significant problems and mowing had to be done externally. Thanks to The Bell for covering a part of the cost

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

AP 16.4 SG to purchase new kit, balls as required

16.The Youth Academy (Colts)

Jack Wood not being present, he was to be asked if he could run Colts again. [In the event, this proved not possible].

17.Publicity

Ed Webber has done a great job as publicity manager, but was unable to continue due to other commitments. Phil Jones agreed to take over the role.

18.ECB Affiliation

After a brief discussion the meeting unanimously agreed not to pursue this at present, but to investigate what would be involved.

19.Date of Next Meeting

The 2017 AGM will again be held in November, exact date to be decided nearer the time.

20.AOB

Nothing to record.