**Bell Inn Aldworth Cricket Club**

**Annual General Meeting**

**16-Nov-2017**

 The meeting was opened at 8.05pm 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:

* Malcolm and Dave Garratt for preparing the pitches
* The match managers and all the players
* Marny Jones, Helen Rice, Jackie Webber and others who provided the teas

The bench in memory of Bill Oliver had been installed, and thanks were also given to the working party, especially Ronnie Meades.

# Apologies

Received from Sam Warren.

# 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:

**AP 16.1 EW to arrange tour**

An attempt was made to organise a tour, but in the end insufficient players were able to be involved, and the matches had to be cancelled.

**AP 16.2 SH to purchase bench and arrange for installation**

The memorial bench was purchased and installed in front of the playground, with an appropriate plaque.

**AP 16.3 SH to contact Moulsford**

Nets were arranged at Moulsford and were mostly reasonably well attended.

**AP 16.4 SG to purchase new kit, balls as required**

Balls and other kit were bought as needed.

Phil Jones proposed that the minutes should be accepted. Paul Richardson seconded, carried unanimously.

# 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.

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

Edd Jenkin was again selected as young player of the year.

The Clubman of the Year trophy had not been awarded; suggestions were solicited from the club but none were immediately forthcoming.

# Honorary Members

No new Honorary Members were proposed this year.

# Cricket – last season and next

 **Match Managers**

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

**Friendly Games**

23 games were on the fixture list, and one Aldworth vs Aldworth. Of these, Aldworth won 5 and lost 6; 2 were drawn and 1 abandoned. 9 games were cancelled (5 by us, 3 by the opposition, and one due to rain).

9 of the matches played were not obviously recorded in our scorebook; match managers were encouraged to make sure scorebooks are collected, completed and made available for compilation of averages at the end of the season.

It was suggested that the play cricket app could be used and worked well. Pitcheroo was also suggested for fixtures.

Fridays were seen as popular games, and we should look to play a couple more if possible.

Paul R and Phil J suggested “family days” might encourage wives and children to support the club.

**AP 17.1 Paul R/Phil J to propose and organise one or two family games**

**Friendly Cup**

Aldworth beat Moreton in the 1st round, lost narrowly to Ipsden in the 2nd. Unfortunately the final game against FFTMCC was rained off and could not be re-arranged, so we finished equal 3rd.

**Downs League**

We competed in Div 2, winning 3 matches and losing 8. 3 were rained off. Despite the small number of wins we finished 6th (out of 8) and expect to remain in Div 2 next season.

**Tour**

After the difficulties this year, no tour was proposed for 2018.

**Averages**

Averages were provided at the meeting for the games that were recorded, thanks to Ed W.

# 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. Lottery proceeds were down by half, which is a concern as it is a major source of income.
2. Some members have still not paid their subscriptions.
3. Match fee income is lower again, mostly due to them not being collected. Over 5 matches produced no fees. A ‘black book’ was suggested. Maybe they could be collected before the game. Match managers were encouraged to chase the fees rigorously.
4. Fund raising came from Phil, Ed and Ben from their sponsored marathon run. Many thanks!
5. Still a good stock of shirts, which need to be purchased
6. There was a surplus of £143 in the Bill O memorial fund, which will be donated to the club.
7. Mowing cost were subsided by The Bell (thank you) and Malcolm used the smaller mower, so no external fees were incurred.
8. Village hall fees were increased. There were no clashed with weddings, so no refunds

# Match Fees and Subscriptions

As noted above, fees and subscriptions need to be collected. Members should make every effort to comply to make the treasurer’s and managers’ tasks easier. Nils will chase the delinquents if given a list by Steve.

**AP 17.2 Nils/Steve H to chase fees and subs**

Subscriptions would remain at £30 for 2018, 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).

# Teas

Financial aspects covered under section 9 above.

Phil Jones noted that Marny would not be able to do teas next year. Helen and Jackie W would continue to be available. Otherwise match managers would need to make their own arrangements.

# Fund Raising

Various ideas were put forward (as usual):

* Quiz – Phil agreed to do this.
* Race night
* BBQ

**AP 17.3 Phil J to arrange a quiz night**

It was suggested that other clubs could be asked to a joint event.

**AP 17.4 Jack W to ask Mouslford via Ben B-G**

# Nets

Nets attendance started well but again tailed off. However Moulsford was still an acceptable venue.

Suggested that we should also ask Hampstead Norreys if they wished to join in.

**AP 17.5 Steve H to contact Moulsford**

**AP 17.6 Simon to contact HN**

# Ground and Equipment

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.

The scoreboard would benefit from some repairs. Nils agreed to look into it.

It is possible we could use the old Saturday Stalls cupboard for some of our kit. Steve H will arrange.

**AP 17.7 SG to purchase new kit, balls as required**

**AP 17.8 Nils to arrange for scoreboard to be repaired**

**AP 17.9 Steve H to acquire a cupboard**

# Law Changes

Simon presented a brief overview of some of the many (83!) Law changes which might affect us next season. It was enthusiastically received. Mostly.

# Publicity

Phil Jones agreed to continue as publicity manager

# The Youth Academy (Colts)

No Colts sessions were possible due to lack of available adults to run it.

# ECB Affiliation

After a brief discussion the meeting agreed not to pursue this at present, but to investigate what would be involved, and especially whether there were any insurance improvements we could make, as the present cover is expensive and not entirely appropriate (will not cover colts).

# Date of Next Meeting

The 2018 AGM will again be held in November, exact date to be decided nearer the time.

# AOB

Nothing to record.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.