

Meeting Date/Time: Monday 28th January 2019 – 7.30pm

Location: Wimbledon CC – Lakeside Room

Subject: Surrey Championship Annual General Meeting Minutes

Apologies:	Weybridge CC, Chessington CC
Committee Members Present:	Peter Murphy (Chairman), Crispin Lyden-Cowan (CLC), Roland Walton (RW), Brian Driscoll (BD), Paul Taylor (PT), Alex Anderson (AA), Denham Earl (DE), Helen Ross (HR), Neil Baker (NB), Graham Jackson (GJ), Jeremy Beckwith (JYB), Chris Evans (CE), Phil Trayner (PTR)
Clubs Not Present:	Chipstead, Coulsdon & Walcountians CC, Cobham Avorians CC, Cranleigh CC, Haslemere CC, Old Hamptonians CC, Purley CC, Shepperton CC, Sinjungrammarians CC, Staines & Laleham CC, Sunbury CC, Teddington Town CC, Whiteley Village CC, Woodmansterne CC

Minute No.	Item	Action
	Apologies for absence	
AGM 01/19	Apologies noted as above.	
	Chairman's Opening Remarks	
AGM 02/19	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
	Welcome to New Clubs	
AGM 03/19	There were no new clubs to welcome, as all promoted clubs have either played in the Championship previously, or currently have other elevens within the league.	
	Minutes of Annual General Meeting Held on 22nd January 2018	
AGM 04/19	The minutes were adopted as a true reflection of the meeting.	
	Matters Arising	
AGM 05/19	No matters arising.	
	Financial Report 2018 and Budget 2019 and Sponsorship	
AGM 06/19	<p>Travelbag have withdrawn their sponsorship of the league. CLC gave his thanks to Travelbag for their 3 years of support.</p> <p>CLC reported that AJ-Fordham's have agreed to sponsor the league going forwards, and he thanked the owners for their support. RW explained that the sponsorship deal is for three years. He also noted that commission from sales to Surrey Championship members at AJ-Fordham's will be put back into the game through the Surrey Cricket Foundation. Clubs are encouraged to promote the store to both senior and junior members.</p> <p>The accounts are subject to audit, as the VAT refund is still outstanding. The league made a small surplus in 2018, and CLC noted this surplus was made alongside a reduction in subscriptions during the year. Income from fines has increased despite the executive committee trying to reduce the number of fines being distributed.</p>	

	<p>The annual dinner made a small profit in 2018, and it is proposed to raise the ticket price by 50p in 2019 due to a slight increase in cost from the Kia Oval.</p> <p>CLC reported that there is £20k worth of grant funding to be allocated to clubs in 2019. He encouraged clubs to apply for grants to go towards projects which evidence an increase in participation. If clubs are interested, please contact CLC who will be able to assist and answer any questions you may have. Around 20 clubs were awarded funding in 2018. Clubs who were awarded a grant in 2018 are also able to apply again this year.</p> <p>The accounts were proposed and seconded and accepted by those in attendance.</p>	
	<p>Changes to Rules and Playing Conditions proposed by the Executive Committee:</p>	
AGM 07/19	<p>The Chairman noted that the issues being voted upon tonight had been discussed extensively prior to the New Year. The proposals which are being made have been drawn from what the committee felt were the strongest and majority views from the Council Meeting. The Chairman is happy for comments to be made about the proposals but asked that discussions be kept at a minimum.</p> <p>A) Proposed changes to Constitution</p> <p>Rule 3 – The first proposal allows clubs with teams in lower X1's to be able to vote on constitutional matters which affect them. – Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>Rule 4 – Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>Rule 5 – Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>Rule 7 – Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>Rule 9 – Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>Rule 11 – Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>PC9 – To be agreed later in the meeting</p> <p>PC11 – Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>PC14 – Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>PC15 – Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>Appendix 2 (Code of conduct) 3 – Disciplinary Committee – Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>B) Playing Conditions:</p> <p>Tiers 1 and 2:</p>	

	<p>The RPC will write to any club that is subject to an Over Rate penalty to confirm the position within 7 days of the relevant match, but the club cannot appeal the imposition of the penalty. – Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Tier 3: Schedule 8 - Motion carried with 3 against. Schedule 9 - Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>It was proposed to change the over rate from 17 overs per hour to 16 overs per hour, and to amend all references to timing and duration to reflect this over rate.</p> <p>Schedule 8 (Rule 1 - Duration): Matches should finish at 6.50pm but have a scheduled finish of 7.20pm, which includes the golden half hour - Motion carried 1 against.</p> <p>An amendment was proposed to provide that the time for drinks breaks in each innings shall not be considered when calculating the time for a completion of a match – Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Schedule 9 – Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Schedule 8 (Rule 1D) – Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Tier 4 Playing Conditions:</p> <p>Premier and 1st Division to play a split format, Divisions 2-5 playing limited overs matches only. For:30, Against: 11 – Motion carried</p> <p>The following length of games was proposed: Premier / 1st Division: 100 overs Division 2/3: 90 Overs Division 4/5: 80 Overs</p> <p>For: 33, Against: 6 – Motion carried</p> <p>The Chairman noted that all start times would remain the same, so no vote would take place on this issue. The Chairman would like to see one division trial flexible start times during the 2019 season. The start times for this year will be 12pm for Premier and Division One clubs and 1pm for those clubs in the regional leagues.</p> <p>Promotion & Relegation: Do clubs agree with the principle that two teams from the same club shouldn't participate in the same division? For: 24, Against: 14.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that there are precedents from other sports of two teams from the same club playing in the same division. AA has reservations about a club having two teams in the same division, as she feels that the fixtures between the two could be subject to manipulation.</p>	
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	<p>Promotion & Relegation: the bottom 2 teams from Division One will be relegated into the Regional Divisions, with the champion of the top division of each of the regional competitions promoted to Division One. Two teams will be promoted and two teams relegated in all other divisions with the exception of regional Division 5 which has no relegation. – Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>It was proposed that should a 3rd eleven be relegated into the same division as their 4th eleven then the relegation wouldn't stand and the 3rd eleven would remain in the higher division, with only one team being relegated and promoted for that season.</p> <p>It was felt that should a club's higher team be relegated into the same division as their lower team that the lower team should be relegated also, as this would minimise the disruption for other teams in the respective divisions. The Chairman wanted the meeting to vote on the Playing Condition proposed by the Executive Committee and noted that further discussion about specific Playing Conditions could be made at the October Council Meeting. The possibility of this issue occurring during the 2019 season is slim. CLC explained that this Playing Condition is already in place within the 4th eleven leagues, and that there had only been one incident of this occurring previously, where Oxted & Limpsfield 4th eleven were relegated to a different regional division than their 5th eleven. The possibility of teams from the same club being allowed to play at the same level but in different regions was also raised. It was pointed out that this could lead to increased travel for one of the teams if the club concerned was not centrally-located.</p> <p>Wimbledon asked whether a vote on this issue could be deferred, which would allow time for further discussion throughout the year. The Chairman is happy to include a Playing Condition which states that promotion and relegation in the 3rd / 4th eleven structure will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee, who will observe the principle that two sides from the same club shouldn't play in the same division.</p> <p>AA asked that the remaining Tier 4 Playing Conditions were voted for en bloc. All remaining motions were voted in unanimously.</p> <p>The Chairman remarked that many major changes had been agreed by the meeting and asked all clubs to welcome and embrace these. The Chairman noted the majority of issues discussed will remain on the agenda of the league, and that the league would welcome any further suggestions for change, particularly ideas which will help increase participation. The Chairman continues to welcome views and ideas on the formats and is particularly keen to hear opinions from players.</p>	
	Cricket Ball Ordering	
AGM 08/19	<p>The ball order form will be sent to clubs shortly. DE encouraged clubs to purchase all of their balls through the Championship, as the more balls which are purchased the better the price he can negotiate with the supplier. Junior cricket balls can also be purchased via the league. The balls collection evening will be taking place on April 10th at Wimbledon CC.</p>	
	Overseas Players Registration	

AGM 09/19	HR noted that the ECB had sent out an update to clubs, with changes agreed by the Home Office to the definition of a professional player for managed migration purposes. CLC asked clubs to register Overseas players early in the year and noted that clubs who don't register their overseas player will lose 20 points, plus all of the points from the games in which that player has played. It was particularly important for clubs to recognise that a player could not be considered as registered until they have received a communication from the Registration Secretary to that effect. The Surrey Championship rules on Overseas Players have not changed and the process for registration is expected to be the same as in 2018.	
Election of Officers and Executive Committee		
AGM 10/19	<p>A) Executive Committee Members for re-election</p> <p>President – Roland Walton Chairman – Peter Murphy Treasurer – Crispin Lyden-Cowan Secretary – Brian Driscoll Fixture Secretary – Denham Earl Registration Secretary – Anthony Gamble John Bramhall Chris Evans Helen Ross Graham Jackson Phil Trayner Alex Anderson Neil Baker</p> <p>B) The Umpires have nominated Jeremy Beckwith for re-election</p> <p>The executive committee were proposed and seconded en bloc.</p>	
Surrey Championship T20 Competition		
AGM 11/19	<p>PTR reported that the T20 competition will follow the same format as last year, with the 'Super Monday' round taking place on Monday 27th May. Fines will be distributed to those clubs who withdraw from the Super Monday matches at the last minute.</p> <p>Entry forms will be distributed shortly, and host venues are being sought for the Super Monday round of fixtures. The draw will be held before the balls collection evening, and balls should be collected by clubs hosting round one or Super Monday fixtures.</p>	
Dates of Future Surrey Championship Meetings		
AGM 12/19	<p>A. Balls Day – 10th April 2019 at Wimbledon CC B. Annual Dinner – Confirmed as 4th October 2019 at Kia Oval C. Council Meeting – 14th October 2019 at Wimbledon CC</p>	
Any Other Business		
AGM 13/19	An advert for AJ-Fordham's will be distributed to clubs and CLC asked if clubs could include this in their fixture cards if they have space. He asked all clubs to remove Travelbag adverts from their websites and replace these with the AJ-Fordham's equivalents which will also be distributed to clubs shortly. AJ-Fordham's will be	

	<p>donating two sets of stumps to each club for use in league fixtures and these will be distributed at the balls collection evening.</p> <p>Streatham and Marlborough noted that they hadn't received the communication around the 3rd and 4th eleven player survey.</p> <p>HR explained that following the decisions made tonight, start times for fixtures will be amended on Play Cricket shortly. Following these amendments an excel download of fixtures will be available for clubs to use for their own fixture cards.</p> <p>HR explained that the Surrey Championship take all of their contact information from Play Cricket and urged all clubs to keep their Play Cricket contacts up to date. Play Cricket administrators are able to update contacts on a club's behalf. Communications are distributed online, via newsletters and via Social media.</p> <p>Surrey CCC will be hosting a tea party for Surrey Championship clubs on Friday 5th April. This will take place at the Kia Oval during day two of Surrey's friendly against Durham University. Invites will be sent to clubs shortly.</p> <p>The Chairman will be initiating a review on how the Surrey Championship is run, with a particular emphasis around the workload of the Executive Committee. The Chairman would like a range of views to be given, and a specific group of clubs have been selected to provide opinions. The Chairman would like all clubs to participate and will provide further information about the review and areas in which clubs can provide feedback.</p> <p>The Chairman would like to make 1-2 short term additions to the Executive Committee to meet current gaps and felt that it would be helpful to have an executive member with a welfare background on the committee. If clubs know of anyone who has the relevant welfare qualifications and knowledge, and who would be willing to fulfil this role, then please pass their details onto the Chairman.</p> <p>There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.</p>	Clubs
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