

## **Draft MINUTES OF FERNDOWN STROLLERS CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at RBL Ferndown

Present; Colin Fionda, Andy Davis, Dave Johnson, Joff Gilbert, Zara Storey, Lauren Killham, Jordan Storey, Ravi Sastry, Brian Wells, Dave Tennant, John Murray, Ben Pocknell, Mike Bridger, Scott Purves, Adrian Matthes, Frankie Gamble, Jack Morgan

Apologies; Graham Painter, Dave Pierce and Pete Thornton by WhatsApp

The meeting commenced at 20.00 hrs and the Minutes of the last AGM were circulated on WhatsApp and all present said they had read the said Minutes.

Matters Arising- There were no matters arising from these Minutes

**Nets, Pitches and Fixtures – DJ** reported that it was an interesting season, with bad weather, opposing teams struggling or ceasing to exist and 3 players declaring their retirement from playing next season.

19 matches were arranged in 2023, 6 were cancelled and one 'in house' game.

Next season should be equally as busy. Tuesdays were agreed to be ok for alternative day if Thursdays were not available to the opposition. A pitch at Witchampton is available and the committee will consider it. In the meantime, St Leonards, Colehill, and Corfe Mullen will continue to be our 'home' venues.

**CF** Announced that Nets have been applied for at Dorset Cricket Centre at Hurn. One net each Tuesday in February and March at 8 pm and two nets in April same day and time. The result of the application will be announced in due course.

**DJ** signed off his long stint as a Fixture Secretary by saying it has been an honour to serve and build the Club as a founding member and wished the new officers success and good luck for the future.

**Membership –** Dave Muskett, Dave Pierce have retired from playing. There appears to be no shortage of players (except match days!).

Communication is working well with WhatsApp, Website, Facebook and email, but with a change of committee forthcoming it was agreed to explore feedback from the membership on the website in its current form. Also a scoring app for phones will be investigated by the incoming IT officer.

Conduct on and off the pitch was good with no reported incidents.

**Election of next committee** - All officers agreed to stand down from their positions and were voted in unanimously by all present. The following were proposed and seconded ;

**Jordan Storey – Captain, Dave Tennant – Vice Captain, Dave Tennant – Fixtures Secretary, Treasurer – Ravi Sastry, IT officer – Jack Morgan and Joff Gilbert – Secretary and Scott Purves - Statistician**

It was agreed that the outgoing committee members should stay on the committee so that they can impart their wisdom if needed.

**Finance** - Peter furnished the completed accounts and CF circulated them by WhatsApp just before the meeting. Income exceeded expenditure this by £506.97. A healthy bank balance of £3,283.40 is maintained. 59 Club is again fully subscribed.

Therefore, it was agreed by all to **maintain** match fee to £5 for Hamworthy games and food to be paid for individually. 'Home' games will be £5. Match opponents to pay 50% of the pitch fee and pay for their own food.

Some more Howdon's sponsorship money went towards welfare.

**JM** suggested that the Club could make charitable donations, and this was welcomed, to be considered by the committee. Several players participated in Runs for Research which raised £100, organised by Ben Pocknell and sent to the Dementia UK Charity.

**Social – DJ** reported the end of season was a success at Wallisdown Conservative Club and another curry night is on the cards for Christmas on 20th December 2023 at Rim Jyms restaurant in Wimborne. **DM** mentioned

that C.C.C. was a good venue for skittles and we should support it more which everyone agreed.

**Kit Audit** – **DT** said that managing the kit was a huge task with different bags used for match days, nets and keeper's kit. **RS** mentioned the sheer weight of the kit could cause an injury to a sole carrier and was too much for one person. **DT** proposed and seconded by **DJ** that the kit should be distributed among the players and then left to their responsibilities. This was discussed and unanimously agreed.

It was agreed to replace some gloves, bats, pads and shirts, along with the usual supply of match balls. Kit is abundant if not new.

**Health and Safety** – If appropriate, the Club will continue with Covid precautions. Hand Gel will be provided during matches.

**Captain's Report** – **JG** gave his usual comprehensive report, full of tributes, passion, generosity and humour. *Full report is on the Club website.*

**Awards -**

**Player of the Season** – Adrian Matthes

**Most contribution to the Club** – Colin Fionda

**Any other Business** – **BW** negotiated some space with the RBL to store kit which was thanked by **CF** but **DT** is happy to keep the kit for now.

The meeting ended at 21.03 and the outgoing Secretary announced another drink on the Club so a scramble to the bar ensued!