



Barford Cricket Club

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at

The Joseph Arch, Barford
on

Wednesday 30th October 2014

Present: Simon Drage , Ben Griffin, Andy Hawkins, Simon Hawkins, Richard Jones, Tim Jolly, TV's Pete Fisher, Paul Henderson, Simon Morgan, Phil Morris, Mike Suffield, Paul Johnstone, Sandy Peirson

1. APOLOGIES

Simon H read apologies from Martin Lusby, Mike Ireland, Pete Romyn, Paul Stacey, Gary Dunn, Chris O'Reilly

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on October 14th 2013, were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None were identified.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The following was prepared and read by the Chairman:

“Once again a successful season , enjoyed by all. I think, that, including midweek matches, We may have won more than we lost, which may be a first.

Many thanks to Captain Ben who has led by example both on and off the field, with magnificent performances. Including a fantastic matchwinning ton at Napton.

Thanks also to Mike Suffield for arranging well matched fixtures.

And also :-

Chris O'Riley for being vice captain and backing Ben up.

Simon Drage for being a very successful midweek captain AND social secretary who organised an excellent end of season dinner, and, with Paul Henderson, a super quiz night.

Thanks Ben for his after dinner speech, Simon D for his speech plus his raffle and picture show. And Phil Morris for his stress relieving poem.

Thanks also to Phil Morris for being our ever vigilant and diligent Treasurer.

Also to Simon Hawkins for being the ever patient hard working and efficient secretary and top notch bowler.

Richard Jones , and then subsequently Simon Hawkins and Simon Drage for organising an excellent 6-a-side competition. + S.D. for being disc jockey and musical cultural consultant.

Also Simon Drage again for organising and captaining the winter League games.

Richard Jones again for organising the Indoor nets and coaching.

Once again , many thanks to Mike Ireland, Tour secretary, Par excellence , for organising another great Tour, our second to Stroud. We look forward to next year's tour to Rutland (Should suit Drage !) The tour due diligence committee hope to conduct a recce to Rutland and check out the Wisteria Hotel soon.

Thanks to all the youngsters who so improved our performances , notably Will and Shaun , George, and Laurence and Alistair Boyce. We wish Alistair a swift recovery from his Knee Injury.

Thank you to every body who did cricket teas. I think we held our heads up in this respect, and both home and away teams enjoyed them.

Thank you too, to Richard Yendall, Lee Hillier, Groundsman Nick and all of the Snitterfield C.C. Who have looked after our interests and once again made us very welcome. I think that we all look forward to playing there next year.

Last, but not least congratulations to Captain Morgan on his maiden 50, who with Champagne moment co-winnner, Will Perry , transformed our score of 27 for six into one of over 160 for 10 . (we only had 10 men!)

This together with Hendos 5 wickets in 2 overs, gained an unlikely victory against Snitterfield from the jaws of certain defeat (and Tim Fell!)

We wish Richard Johnson a return back to full heath and hope that he may feel able to return to our fold."

5. TREASURER'S REPORT / APPROVAL OF 2010/2011 ACCOUNTS



6. CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Ben echoed Sandy's thought that we'd had a very enjoyable season, which included 18 wins and 15 losses. We scored over 4000 runs and took 248 wickets including a hard-to-believe 112 catches. Ben thanked Mike and Simon D for producing excellent fixture lists, and Simon also for organising the midweek teams and the indoor league participation.

Ben said that the tour was again very enjoyable and thanked Mike for his work in organising it. He was also pleased to see the 6-a-side back and although he wasn't able to play, heard very good reports of it. Ben also thanked the 2 Pauls for their work in maintaining the website.

Finally Ben said that it was good to have Lawrence and Alistair at the club, and expressed the hope that Jack and Harry Hawkins, and Will Morgan would be involved next year.

This part of the meeting concluded with Simon D presenting Ben with his "Go to Player" award, thus disappointing everyone at the club who had previously been promised that they were his "go to player". Those words will certainly ring hollow next season.

7. UPDATE ON OUR ARRANGEMENTS AT SNITTERFIELD

Simon H reported that our relationship with Snitterfield continues to be very good and they are very keen for us to carry on playing there. There may be a small increase in the amount that we pay next season, to reflect an increase in their membership costs.

There is the possibility that they will build a new combined pavilion and club house in the coming years, if the site of the present club house is sold off for housing. This embroiled in the usual local politics.

Sandy reported that a quote he submitted to replace the rotten door to the pavilion has been accepted and he will carry out that work over the winter.

8. REVIEW OF THE SEASON'S FIXTURES

Mike reported that he has begun next year's fixture list, with 11 already in place. He is planning to drop the Ashorne fixture and have just one game against Old Mo and Christchurch. He has new fixtures with Coventry Ramblers and Offchurch, and has offered a fixture to Temple Grafton.

It was agreed that we should look have a game against Alvechurch at the end of September if possible.

9. THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Members were re-elected to the club committee as follows:

Ben Griffin	-	Captain
Sandy Peirson	-	Chairman
Simon Hawkins	-	Secretary
Mike Ireland	-	Tour Secretary
Phil Morris	-	Treasurer
Mike Suffield	-	Fixtures Secretary
Chris O'Reilly	-	Vice Captain
Simon Drage	-	Social Secretary

Simon D reported that Simon Morgan has been angling for the self-styled role of "Vice Chairman". In an astonishing moment of collective brain-melt this was turned into a vote which was passed unanimously.

10. DATE OF FIRST 2015 COMMITTEE MEETING

A date of Wednesday 28th Jan was agreed for the first committee meeting of the New Year.

It was also agreed that we should look to hold the quiz on 7th or 14th March. **Action Simon D** to book the hall.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sandy – kindly offered to hold the pre-season party at his house, which was gratefully accepted by all. A provisional date of 12th April was proposed and Sandy will check this with Mary. **Action Sandy.**

Simon D – said that we should look to be more strict in not selecting players who haven't paid their membership fees, because there is no reason that everyone shouldn't have paid by the start of the season. Tim suggested that we should actively offer electronic payment as an option rather than rely on people finding their cheque books.

Richard – reported that he has been in touch with Warwick School regarding nets but they have been slow responding because of half term. The proposal is that we have 7 sessions there and 6 at Wardens. Simon D confirmed that we will not be entering the indoor league after Christmas, so there shouldn't be the same pressure on players on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays.

Paul H – showed a leaflet about the Village Cup and asked whether we should consider entering. It was agreed that it could only happen if the games are played on a Saturday and Paul agreed to look into it further. **Action Paul.**

Tim – asked about a date for the Christmas drinks. 22nd December was agreed. **Action Simon D** to send a mail out. The curry night was also discussed and it was agreed to move it to 21st of November when more people would be able to attend.

Andy H – asked if he should pay subs for Jack and Harry – it was agreed that it wasn't necessary for the season just past.

The Vice Chairman – reported that the Joey has offered to sponsor the club and provide shirts. Simon will look into this **Action Simon.** Simon H will send the VC out club logo.

Simon H – discussed whether we should buy the cheapo portable £60 scoreboard he has seen online. They used one at the Old Mo game and it was adequate, and could at least be used for midweek games. Both Simon D and Phil offered to make new scoreboards, but it was agreed that we should buy the cheap one for now, with the cost offset by selling the Katchets on ebay. **Action Simon H**

Mike – said that we need to seriously look at recruiting players for next season. Will and Shawn were mainstays of the side this year and both are likely to be around less next year. Likewise Lawrence and Alistair are unsure of their commitments. This year, without them we would certainly have had to cancel some games. It was agreed that we should ask all members to encourage anyone that they know who might be interested in playing. We should also create some posters (**Action Simon H**) that we can put in the Joey and around the Village (**Action Barford residents**) and also possibly look at putting something in local newspapers and shops.

By coincidence, Barford resident and decent sounding cricketer Stuart Mair was in the Joey when this discussion took place and gave his details.