

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**Worcestershire Sunday Club Cricket League**  
**Held at O. E.'s Cricket Club**  
**On Tuesday 1 December 2009**

**Present:**

Martin Johnson (Chairman), Mike Yapp (Astwood Bank and Minutes Secretary), Bill Tansell - Disciplinary Officer - & Alan Roberts (both Barnards Green), Gary Cowley & Andrew Eastgate (Barnt Green), Andy Halkon (Bewdley), Phil Davis & Steve Edghill (Bretforton), Richard Hope (Bromsgrove), Lee Hawkins & Anna Lykova (Colwall), Phil Coldicott (Coombs Wood), Ralph Davies (Droitwich), John Barrett (Evesham), Steve Daniels (Feckenham and Fixture Secretary), Joe Tromans (Halesowen), Andrew Biggs (Himley), Kevin Davies (Ombersley), Tom Freeman (Redditch), Dave Colesby (Stourbridge), Matthew Palmer (Studley), Bob Wassell (Swindon), Clare Marsh (Worcester Nomads and Webmaster & Results Co-ordinator).

**Apologies:**

None received

Kidderminster and Worcester not present.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the last AGM on 2 December, 2008 had been circulated and were proposed, by Bill Tansell, and seconded, by Dave Colesby, for adoption.

**Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising not due to be covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**Election of Officers:** Martin advised that all serving officers were willing to stand again (he and Steve Daniels for 1 more year). The en-bloc re-election of existing officers was proposed, by Joe Tromans, and seconded, by Phil Coldicott, and carried by the meeting.

**Presentation Evening:** Martin reported that the function made a small profit of £15, mainly due to the penalty fines for clubs not attending and paying for their tickets. It was agreed by the meeting that the function and the venue were good and repeating the event there next year received full support.

**Financial Report:**

Martin reported that the current balance stands at £3,763.03 with £210 due to be received. There had been extra costs with the engraving because of the need to replace some of the trophies and to update some of the actual engravings. Also the Under-17s awards' vouchers were extra because of the absence of a sponsor this season. The healthy balance means that an increase in subscriptions is not necessary for 2010. Martin confirmed 2010 season's subs remain at £85 for 2 team clubs and £60 for 1 team clubs. He will be contacting club Treasurers with requests for payment.

**Competition for 2010:** Clubs had been circulated with the Executive's proposed structure for 2010. This sought to arrange clubs into groups – referred to as "Divisions" 1 and 2 for convenience - that separated those that are likely to be conceding matches because of participation in outside knockout competitions from those clubs not involved in this way. This being an attempt to minimise the number of conceded matches in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI competition. There was lengthy discussion with club reps putting the case for their clubs and the likely impact of this arrangement.

There was also debate on other proposals that had been submitted by Halesowen and Worcester which sought a structure based on a geographical split of clubs, rather than a reduction in the number of clubs in one of the "divisions" resulting in less League cricket for these clubs. The views expressed demonstrated that opinion was divided. As such a proposal was made by Phil Coldicott to vote on whether or not the existing structure should be changed in order to establish if further voting, on what alternative structure to adopt, was necessary. A vote was then taken with 9 voting for keeping the existing structure, 9 against, and 1 abstention.

This prompted further debate and after establishing that only 2 clubs were keen on a smaller "division" as proposed by the Executive the Chairman used his casting vote to decide that the existing structure shall be retained for another season and the options be re-considered at the end of the 2010 season in readiness for the next AGM. Martin confirmed that no formal applications for League membership had been received. In response to Clare Marsh's point that a gap exists because of Feckenham's departure Martin and Andrew Eastgate confirmed that Barnt Green will be reverting to a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd XI set up next season so the 1<sup>st</sup> team will compete in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI competition thus filling the gap. The meeting accepted this arrangement.

#### **Amendments to Rules:**

**The Executive** proposed the following Rule Change relating to Playing Rules 1 and 7:

**All matches i.e. in both competitions, shall be 40 overs per side with a maximum of 8 overs per bowler.**

A brief discussion preceded a vote which was 4 for this proposal and many against, therefore it **FAILED. 1<sup>st</sup> XI matches will remain as 45 overs per side.**

**The Executive** proposed the following Rule Change for Playing Rule no. 9:

**All matches shall start at 1.30pm.**

A brief discussion preceded a vote which was 10 for this proposal and 7 against, therefore it was **CARRIED. ALL matches will now start at 1.30pm. As per Playing Rule 9 it follows that in a weather delayed game, play must start by 4.30pm.**

Another proposal was then put forward by **Clare Marsh** to help her with the results service and getting the results sorted in time for the local press. This relates to Administrative Rule 13:

**Submission of results to be by 10.00pm on the Monday following the match.**

After discussion this proposal was **CARRIED** unanimously. Administrative Rule 13 will be amended to incorporate this new time but otherwise remains unaltered.

#### **AOB:**

- i) Richard Hope proposed that, in view of no balls' sponsorship and the healthy state of the League's funds, consideration should be given to the League subsidising the cost of the balls for clubs next season and possibly the following 2 years also. Martin advised of the cost of the balls (288 for each 1st XI at £6 each) and that Fearnleys will charge the same price to all clubs in the Sunday League. The general feeling of the meeting was that the League's funds should not be used in this way, as unexpected costs may occur for which we would need funding.

- ii) Martin confirmed with Steve Daniels when fixtures for 2010 might be ready. Clubs were asked to notify any ground requests to Steve within 14 days of the meeting i.e. by 15 December. A draft fixture list will be prepared for early January and circulated to all clubs. Any problems for any clubs to be raised with Steve by the end of January otherwise the fixtures will be issued as drafted.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20 April 2010 at O.E.'s at 7.30pm.**

**Dates for other 2010 meetings were set for 21 September and the AGM on 30 November**