

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Worcestershire Sunday Club Cricket League
Held at O. E.'s Cricket Club
On Tuesday 30 November 2010

Present:

Martin Johnson (Chairman), Mike Yapp (Astwood Bank and Minutes Secretary), Bill Tansell - Disciplinary Officer - & Alan Roberts (both Barnards Green), Tom Neale (Barnt Green), Andy Halkon (Bewdley), Daniel Birrn (Coombs Wood), Ralph Davies (Droitwich), Steve Daniels (Feckenham and Fixture Secretary), Andrew Biggs (Himley), Kevin Davies (Ombersley), Gary Roberson (Redditch), Dave Colesby (Stourbridge), Adrian Stringer (Swindon), Roger Weston (Worcester), Clare Marsh - Webmaster & Results Co-ordinator - & Chris Marsh (both Worcester Nomads).

Apologies: Richard Hope (Bromsgrove), Bretforton, Colwall and Evesham

Halesowen, Kidderminster and Studley not present.

Minutes: Minutes of the last AGM on 1 December, 2009 had been circulated and were proposed, by Kevin Davies, and seconded, by Roger Weston, for adoption. This was agreed by the meeting.

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

Presentation Evening: Martin reported that the function was well attended, with 82 present, and made a profit of £64.61. Some monies are still owed by clubs not attending. It was agreed by those at the meeting who attended that the event was excellent, boosted by a big turnout from Coombs Wood the winners of the 2nd XI competition.

Election of Officers: Martin advised that all serving officers were willing to stand again for 1 more year and the en-bloc re-election of existing officers was agreed unanimously by the meeting. The trade-off for Martin continuing as Chairman is the delegation of 2 roles for other/s, being i) compilation of information for the handbook, and ii) organisation of the Presentation Evening. Chris and Clare Marsh offered to do i) but there were no offers for ii). Club representatives were asked to give this item serious thought because without an organiser there will be no Presentation Evening next year.

Amendments to Rules: No proposals from member clubs had been received. The Executive proposed the following Rule Change relating to Administrative Rule 13:

Add text in italics so as to read..... "Results, *including concessions and abandonments*, must be submitted to the League's play-cricket.com website by 10.00pm on the Monday following the match. *BOTH clubs to enter concessions and abandonments*. A penalty of 3 points deduction will be incurred for every failure to meet this deadline."

Following an explanation of the reasoning behind the proposed change its acceptance was proposed by Gary Roberson and seconded by Roger Weston and agreed by the meeting...

Competition for 2011: Bretforton, Colwall and Evesham have confirmed their resignations from the League. Applications have been received from Beacon (2 teams), Dominies & Guild (1 team in 2nd XI competition) and Oldswinford (1 team in 2nd XI competition). In addition Feckenham have asked for their 1 team to play in the 1st XI competition and Barnards Green are entering a team in the 2nd XI competition only. The meeting accepted all 3 new applications and the net result is that the 1st XI competition loses 4 teams and gains 2 = 15 teams. The 2nd XI competition loses 1 team and gains 2 = 17 teams. This imbalance in numbers means the proposal to start the season a week later on 8 May cannot happen unless Coombs Wood (as winners of the 2nd XI competition last season) agree for their 1 team to play in the 1st XI competition. Their representative was asked to take this suggestion back to the club and feed back to Martin as soon as possible so that the fixtures may be compiled. Martin then explained that efforts will be made with the 1st XI fixture list to pair together in early season the clubs that are likely to be conceding matches because of their involvement in the various cup competitions - the aim being to minimise the number of conceded matches.

Financial Report: Martin reported that the balance, as at 16 November, stands at £3,596.24. He then put to the meeting the Executive's proposal to increase the subscriptions for 2011 by £5. Asked for the reason he gave two - i) the Executive's wish to obtain liability insurance cover and ii) to allow for any unforeseen costs rather than ask clubs for monies retrospectively. On the understanding that the insurance cover sought is obtained the £5 increase was proposed by Adrian Stringer and seconded by Bill Tansell and agreed by the meeting. Subscriptions for 2 team clubs will, therefore, be £90 and for 1 team clubs will be £65. Club Treasurers will be contacted with requests for payment.

AOB: i) Roger Weston informed the meeting that his club (Worcester) feel that the best way forward for the format of the League is for regionalisation, the main benefit being to reduce the amount of travelling and encourage more players to make themselves available to play. Something along the lines of 3 divisions of 6 teams, on a home and away basis, with the 3 winners and the runners-up with the highest points total playing in semi-finals and then a final. It was agreed that it is too late for this to be considered for 2011 so it was suggested that he consolidates the proposal and circulates member clubs for their views and then to bring the details to the April, 2011, meeting for discussion for the 2012 season format.

- ii) Kevin Davies asked that, in view of no balls' sponsorship, were the balls from Fearnleys still the same price as they were to the clubs in the Sunday League. The answer was "yes" at £5 per ball.

Clubs are reminded to notify any ground requests to Steve Daniels within 14 days of the meeting i.e. by 14 December.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19 April 2011 at O.E.'s at 7.30pm.

Dates for other 2011 meetings were set for 20 September and the AGM on 29 November

Proposed Date of Presentation Evening: Friday 7 October