

Rayleigh Cricket Club – Minutes of AGM held 29th November 2022 7.30 held at clubhouse.

The following members were present at the club house (28)

John Attfield, Mark Bailey, Duncan Baldwin, Alan Brown, Paul Cox, Brian Dawbarn, James Ellis, Steve Gosling, Murray Hall, Paul Harmsworth, Andrew James, Robert Littler, Joshua Mantle, Terry Martin, Sam Mayfield, Geoffrey Morgan, Richard Nolde, Kuldeep Palk, Tom Neale-Pepiatt, Sangeet Prasad, Marc Smith, Ian Turnbull, Matthew Verrinder, Richard Verrinder, Samuel Verrinder, Bradley Walker, Matthew Walker

Non-members (2)

Richard Abley, Danny Mantle

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from members (22)

Freya Barnard, Duncan Bond, Duncan Ferguson, Ben Francis, Lorraine Frost, Tom Godfrey, Nick Green, Phil Hammond, Samuel Harmsworth, Simon Harwood, Jack Himpfen-Jones, Steven Lynch, Richard Mantell, Aaron Mayfield, Calum Mayfield, Katrina Mayfield, Mike Mayfield, Colin Mayor, Neil Noble, Trevor Nunn, Mihir Patel, Andy Thurogood

2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Minutes of the previous AGM (30th November 2022) were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. Management Committee report 2023

Brian Dawbarn presented the report on behalf of the committee and it is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Neil Noble (via the Secretary) asked why there was no mention about the veteran's team. Brian Dawbarn apologised.

Tom Neale-Pepiatt explained about the change of clothing suppliers and about sponsorship logos to be added to said kit. Details to be released in the New Year.

4. Report of T Rippon Mid-Essex league AGM 2023

See attachment

Brian Dawbarn explained that all players will have to be on Play-Cricket next season before 12 noon on the day of the game, which the club already complies with.

Chelmsford Spartans reinstated after disciplinary action this year.

There will now be 121 teams in the league, with all the new clubs added. With the bottom 3 division having anywhere between 8 and 14 teams in them.

Change to the way points are allocated when a club withdraws from a league.

Introduction of 3 achievement awards in each division for most runs, most wickets taken and most wicket-keeper dismissals.

5. Accounts for 12 months ending 31st October 2023

Brian Dawbarn presented the accounts for 12 months ending 31st October 2023 on behalf of the treasurer.

The club made a loss this year due to rising bills. Resolution 2, below, is designed to address this matter. Bar made a profit, helped by removal of the pumps and we had an increase in sponsorship.

The accounts were then approved and are attached as an appendix to these minutes.

6. Resolutions

Resolution 1

a) In the club constitution section 4.2 replace member categories with the following: Life member, Adult playing member (19-23, 24-64, retired, 65+, unemployed), Young member (aged 15-18), Ladies playing member, Colt playing member (under 15), Associate member and Vice-President.

Alan Brown asked for an amendment to the new membership categories with the removal of the retired category and an upping of the age limit to the state retirement age of 67+. It was discussed that if you can retire before 67 then you do not need a discount. This amendment was seconded by Ian Turnbull and Chris Frost.

This resolution was carried unanimously.

b) In the club constitution section 4.2 **add sentence**

Application for membership of the Club shall be by completion of a membership application form and payment of the appropriate fee.

c) In the club constitution section 4.4 **remove words shown struck through below**

4.4 Membership of the Club shall be determined by payment of the appropriate Annual Subscription Fee. This fee must be received, in full, by 31st March of the year following the Annual General Meeting. If payment is not received by this date, membership of the Club will be considered terminated until such time as payment is received in full (including any applicable late payment fee).

Those wishing to join the Club after 31st March of the year following the Annual General Meeting, shall be charged a match fee and, where applicable, an appropriate Annual Subscription Fee at the discretion of the Management Committee.

d) In the club constitution section 7.1 **add wording in bold**

in final sentence Notification of any **changes to sections 5 or 6** will be made within 28 days to the Chief Officer of Police and the Rochford District Council Licensing Unit.

e) In the club constitution section 8.3.1 **amend**

Vice Chair to Deputy Chair

Club Welfare Officer to Club Safeguarding Officer

Colts Coaching Co-ordinator to Youth Manager

f) In the club constitution sections 8.4.2.2 and 8.4.2.4

amend Vice Chair to Deputy Chair

g) In the club constitution section 8.5.2

amend Colts Coaching Co-ordinator to Youth Manager

h) In the club constitution section 9.3

Amend 9.3 ~~The quorum for all general meetings is 10 members present or 5% of the total membership whichever is greater.~~

To read 9.3 The quorum for all general meetings is 10 members present or 15% of the total adult membership whichever is greater.

i) In the club constitution section 12.1.1

Amend 12.1.1 ~~If the Management Committee consider the misconduct to be of a relatively minor nature it may decide to impose a penalty or penalties as set out in 12.2.1.1 to 3 below.~~

To read 12.1.1 If the Management Committee consider the misconduct to be of a relatively minor nature it may decide to impose a penalty or penalties as set out in 12.2.1.1 to 12.2.1.3 below.

These sections were carried unanimously.

Resolution 2 – Committee resolution

Changes to membership subscription rates and match fees and method of payment.

Richard Verrinder (RV) outlined what the proposed changes were and the rationale to the increases (as documented in the attachment).

The Club needs £33,390 to run cricket next year and current subs and match fees will be about £8k short of this at current rates so increases are needed.

Collecting and accounting for match fees from member players and the 23 occasional players who do not pay by standing order is difficult due to the variety of different methods everyone uses to pay.

RV then explained that this current money collection process causes problems for captains, coaches, Brian and himself and particularly for Lorraine Frost who has to attribute monies paid into the bank to the correct place in the accounts. In particular, some bank transaction entries are not labelled clearly and so can be posted to alternate account codes. This has made it appear that there is a difference between match fees expected to be paid and those that are shown in the match fees account code.

Alan Brown said that he considered that members should not be covering for other people who do not always pay.

Matthew Verrinder said that because of the number of colts playing Saturday league games the revenue will be effected.

James Ellis asked for clarification on the dates shown on the resolution. The dates which referred to colts as at 1/9/22 should have read 1/9/23 for 2024 membership. RV apologised for the error and said it would be corrected in the 2024 membership forms.

The resolution recommends the removal of the occasional players option and that as only members will be playing this will help with collection of money, and also help ensure that the new league rule of every player needing to be on Play-Cricket is complied with.

Any potential new player will be given a 2-3 week grace period while they decide whether to become a member.

It was proposed that payment for both subscription and match fee be spread throughout the year and paid in equal amounts each month as a standing order. The amount to be calculated based on the number of games played in 2023 or expected to play in 2024 with any surplus/deficit repaid/paid at the end of the season. This will apply to both adults and colts. If any member does not want to pay by standing order then they can pay an appropriate amount as a lump sum at the beginning of the year to cover subs and their expected match fees.

Standing orders should start in December or January and be continuous and will include indoor nets.

Paul Cox asked if the 7th XI could be exempt, but due to movement of players between teams it was not thought that this would work.

Resolution was passed by a majority vote with 3 objections.

7. Nominations for President, club officers and adult team captains

All members had been invited to nominate officers and captains via email to the secretary by 14^h November or made orally at the meeting. Valid nominations are shown below. It was noted that other nominations were received but not considered as the nominee did not wish to stand for the position for which they had been nominated.

Members were asked if anyone else wanted to stand for any of the committee positions. No one responded.

Post	Member nominated	Proposed by	Seconded by
Officers			
President	Bradley Walker	Not an elected post	
Chairman	Brian Dawbarn	Proposed by the committee Agreed unanimously	
Deputy chairman	Ben Francis		
Treasurer	Lorraine Frost		
Secretary	Samantha Mayfield		
Fixture secretary	Matthew Walker		
Bar manager	Chris Frost		
Ground manager	Bradley Walker & Matthew Walker		
Social secretary	Tom Neale-Peppiatt		
Membership secretary	Richard Verrinder		
Trustees	Bradley Walker Brian Dawbarn Richard Verrinder		
Safeguarding Officer	Brian Dawbarn	Not an elected post	

Post	Member nominated	Proposed by	Seconded by
Deputy SGO	Geoff Morgan	Not an elected post	
Captains			
1 st	Matthew Verrinder	Mihir Patel	Samuel Verrinder
2 nd	Matthew Walker	Brian Dawbarn	Brad Walker
3 rd	Neil Noble/ Brad Walker	Ben Francis	Trevor Nunn
4 th	Geoff Morgan	Tom Neale-Peppiatt	Sam Mayfield
4 th	Marc Smith	Rob Littler	Chris Frost
5 th	Marc Smith	Dave Turner	Terry Martin
6 th	Simon Lennox	Duncan Baldwin	Ray Hart
7 th	Paul Cox	Duncan Baldwin	Ray Hart
Sunday	Sam Harmsworth	Ben Francis	Brian Dawbarn
Midweek	Sam Harmsworth Ben Francis	Matthew Walker	Brian Dawbarn
Veterans	Brad Walker	Neil Noble	Matthew Walker
Ladies		Committee to decide later	
Youth Manager		Coaches to decide	

The 3rd team Captain role will be shared.

A secret vote was conducted for the position of 4th team captain with the result that Geoff Morgan was elected.

All other captains shown above were elected.

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1st Brian Dawbarn

2nd Anita Ashworth

3rd Mark Merchant

The meeting closed at 9.07pm