

Old Doms Cricket Club

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 27th September, 2008, at 7.30pm at Bromsgrove Cricket Club

Present: John Anstey (in the chair)

Alan Last	Tom Perry
Rob Rolls	Tom Hickin
Phil Walshe	James Hickin
Mark Hunt	Jemma Greenway
Colin Hunt	Alan Rowan
Mrs Hunt	Manoj Sukumaran
Stuart Rich	
John Hodgson	Steve Morris

1 Apologies for absence

Tony Peck, Karim Ladha, Lorraine Ladha, Kath Adie, Dave Wright, Nick Rowan, Dave Moore and Sam Moore.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting - 19th October, 2007

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th October, 2007, considered.

Alan Last questioned whether in section 6 the additional post of dietitian, physio and coach were suggested. It was confirmed by Stuart Rich that these suggestions had indeed been made, probably in the latter stages of the meeting by which time those present had partaken of liberal refreshments.

The Club President, John Anstey asked whether the minutes should be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting, this was proposed by Colin Hunt, seconded by Mark Hunt and agreed unanimously.

3 Treasurer's Report

Mark Hunt tabled the financial report for 2008, and reported that the club currently had total assets of £1,376.00.

The existing commitments were; £130 for the DJ, £599.15 for the Presentation Night, £238.82 for trophies and £35.18 for website expenses. This left an operating surplus of £250.82 for the season.

Mark gave details of the savings accounts and suggested that all members who were planning to join the tour to Spain should start making regular transfers into the savings account.

Mark stated that the Beer and Skittles evening would increase the club balance thus giving a healthy end of season financial situation.

Alan Last questioned the item in the accounts indicating that 79 pence had been spent on sugar. Mark referred to his financial records and produced the receipt for this expenditure.

John Anstey thanked Mark for his hard work in achieving a such a healthy financial position. .

4 Chairman's Report

John Anstey welcomed the new members to the club and said that it was good to have new members who could play cricket.

John reported that Tony Peck had sent his apologies as he was unwell. John stated that he and Alan Last had visited Tony in his side ward at the hospital. His account of the visit and the incidents involving a clock and a water bottle created a vivid image.

All present at the meeting sent their best wishes to the Skipper.

John thanked Mark for all his work on the fixtures and the finances and stated that his energy and enthusiasm had contributed greatly to the successful season.

John also thanked Colin for organising the Presentation Evening, Steve for the sterling work on the stats, Tom for the tour shirts and Alan for the excellent website.

The Players' Player of the Year award was presented to Phil by the Chairman.

In concluding his report John thanked Jemma, Mrs Hunt, Lorraine and all of the Old Doms dedicated followers for their support and hard work throughout the season which was greatly appreciated by all of the players.

5 Vice Captain's Report

Steve commenced his report with some stats – won 13, lost 14 and drawn 2, not a bad season.

Steve stressed that the Doms had played some new and better teams this season, but he felt that the club could improve next year (good weather would help).

Steve confirmed that net sessions would be organised next year but pointed out that commitment to attend was needed to make the sessions useful.

6 Election of Officers

After some discussion it was agreed that the posts would be dealt with in a block.

It was agreed that the following Officers would be elected:

Treasurer – Mark Hunt

Fixture Secretary – Mark Hunt

Captain – Tony Peck

Vice Captain – Steve Morris

Social Secretary – Colin Hunt

7 Fixtures

Mark Hunt requested views on any fixtures which the members wished to see dropped from the list. The consensus was:

- Whitehill Wanderers – play once only
- WMD – no matches to be arranged
- Sportsman – we need to support them with fixtures next year

8 Spain Tour

Mark reported that Monarch flights were £207 return at that time. It was agreed that last year's apartment costs would be used to give an estimate of cost and Mark suggested that with the exchange rate of 1.2 euros to the £ we should expect a minimum of £1,200 per apartment.

Mark stated that he needed firm commitment of intention to tour by early December.

Mark reminded the members that they could pay into the Club account on a monthly basis.

9 Shirts

The possibility of arranging for club blazers and ties was discussed and John pointed out that the club colours were green and navy (with green predominant).

Colin suggested that the club members should look smart and Alan proposed that Yorkshire shirts should be banned.

The subject of shirts was debated at length and it was agreed that there should be T shirts or polo shirts for players and supporters and that there should be a match shirt which could be used throughout the season.

The suggestion was made that Tom uses his contacts with Samurai to look at options for shirts – proposed by Colin and seconded by Rob and Phil, and passed unanimously.

10 Nets

The need for practice was discussed and Tom felt that more commitment was needed, especially bowlers to give batters practice in the nets. Alan agreed with Tom and suggested that coaching could be arranged. John pointed out that it was also helpful to have sessions which combined batting, bowling and fielding.

Steve agreed and suggested that for matches at Bromsgrove, players should arrive one hour before the start of play for practice drills. Rob suggested that this would be particularly appropriate for Sunday matches and Colin added that the Captain could delegate a player to lead the practice session.

There was general agreement that commitment was required for players to arrive at the ground one hour early.

The suggestion was put forward that Tom leads the pre-match warm up and Steve coordinates the net practices – proposed by Steve and seconded by Rob and passed unanimously.

11 Social Activities

Colin Hunt thanked everyone who supported the Presentation Evening and helped to make it a very successful and enjoyable event.

Colin reported that a Beer and Skittles evening at BCC was planned for 22nd February, 2009, with a raffle to raise funds. Colin invited members to donate prizes for the raffle.

Colin suggested that future events could include a dinner to celebrate the 25th Anniversary and a quiz (it was noted that Tom has a friend who could run a quiz evening).

12 Match Fees

In keeping with tradition, Alan tabled a proposal that the fees be increased.

Mark reminded members that the current rates for fees were £6 for a home weekend match and £5 for a home midweek match. Mark reported that there was no indication that BCC would increase fees for next season and it was noted that Mark would check with Tracey. Mark suggested that there was no need to increase the match fees if the BCC fees did not increase.

The cost of balls was discussed and it was agreed that better quality balls should be purchased.

The options for match fees were:

Increase by 50p

Retain current fees but review if BCC increases it's fees

It was agreed that the current fees should be retained, but reviewed if necessary.

Alan stated that in view of the fact that the existing fee structure was being retained, he presumed that this meant that the unemployed, students and pensioners would continue to enjoy reduced rates. The responses to Alan's statement could not be minuted in the interests of decency.

12 Any Other Business

Hope University

John asked whether there had been any developments and Stuart reported that there had been no contact from the University or their agents.

14 Close of Meeting

John Anstey thanked everyone for attending and contributing to a highly successful meeting and declared the meeting closed.

Old Doms Website

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