

ASHBURTON CRICKET CLUB



Varwell Field, Balland Lane, TQ13 7BX
1889-1973, Reformed 1978
President – Graham Pascoe Esq
Chairman – Jeremy Crouch



Ashburton Cricket Club 2017 AGM Minutes

Held at Dartmoor Lodge, Ashburton on Friday 27th October 2017. 7.30pm.

Minutes taken by Chris Yeo, and written up on Saturday 28th October 2017.

Present:

Alan Churchill (AC), Karen Crouch (KC), Alison Churchill (AliC), Dave Churchill (DC), Marcus West (MW), Dan Coles (DanC), Steve Harvey (SH), Lloyd White (LW), Buzz Lacey (BL), George Marshall (GM), Jerry Crouch (JC) and Chris Yeo (CY). Vernon Coon (VC) joined meeting half way through.

Apologies:

Ash Harvey (AH), Ash Berry (AB), Emma Simpson (ES), Debbie Simpson (DS), Matt Coon (MC), Will Coon (WC), Pete Munday (PM), Dom Durman (DD).

1. Chairman JC opened the meeting at 7.40pm and thanked those present for coming.
2. Secretary CY read out apologies given prior to the meeting and SH passed on apologies from Dom Durman (see full list above).
3. JC began to read minutes from 2016 AGM when MW pointed out that he was not present at last year's AGM, but was recorded as being there. Similar mistakes were highlighted including Mel Harvey (MH) missing when she was present and Nick Yabsley (NY) and Matt Coon recorded as having attended when they hadn't. SH asked for his strong concerns about these inaccuracies to be noted and queried whether the remainder of the minutes could be relied upon to be accurate. However, with no further queries raised during the read through of the minutes, GM proposed the minutes could still be accepted and JC agreed, but with the concerns raised from the floor minuted and pending the list of attendees being amended.
4. JC read his Chairman's Report (see appendix I).

5. GM read his Treasurer's Report (see appendix II). He closed with following comments:

- i. As club accounts closed at the end of September, money in or out since then won't have been included, for example nearly £300 in sponsorship owed during the season has since been collected.
- ii. School arrangement for use of changing rooms has reduced in value to £500/term at the school's request.
- iii. Overall finances positive after a year of rebuilding in 2015/16 – current account up from approx. £1000 to £5500, with no change to reserve account. Need to continue diversifying income as multiple revenue streams working well.
- iv. Thanks to the bar committee, CY for sponsorship, LW for crowdfunding appeal following the break-ins, to sponsors, college, donors, town council for two lottery cheques this year, Devon County Council and AliC for banking money.

GM then answered the following queries:

- v. CY – why is dinner expenditure higher than dinner income? GM answer – because the 'out' figure is the cost of the 2016 dinner, whereas the 'in' figure is money received for 2017 dinner. This is an anomaly every year.
- vi. LW – what items fall under miscellaneous, as seems quite high? GM answer – to avoid having endless items on the summary of accounts all small items of expenditure e.g. fuel, toilet rolls, cleaning materials etc, are added here and it soon adds up.
- vii. SH – why is there no tea money 'out'? GM answer – tea money 'in' is the profit after payments out, i.e. the net income not the gross income.
- viii. JC – have we advised South West Water of the break-in and vandals leaving the taps running? GM answer – not yet, will follow this up in the hope of a reduced bill.

6. **Appointment of officers for 2018.** There were no alternative proposals for any position.

- i. **President** – Graham Pascoe – proposed by JC, seconded by DC
- ii. **Chairman** – Jerry Crouch – proposed by MW, seconded by BL
- iii. **Secretary** – Lloyd White – proposed by CY, seconded by BL
- iv. **Treasurer** – George Marshall – proposed by SH, seconded by DanC
- v. **Fixtures Sec** – Alan Churchill – proposed by VC, seconded by LW. *AC advised that he had intended to stand down at this AGM but offered to continue temporarily as no-one else came forward. Committee will attempt to recruit someone for this position.*

- vi. **Welfare Officer** – Vernon Coon – proposed by AC, seconded by DC
- vii. **Club Captain** – Ash Berry – proposed by LW, seconded by BL
- viii. **2nd XI Captain** – Chris Yeo – proposed by BL, seconded by LW
- ix. **Sunday / Friendly Captain(s)** – Lloyd White and Ash Harvey – proposed by SH, seconded by DC
- x. **Colts Co-ordinator(s)** – Marcus West & Steve Harvey – proposed by VC, seconded by AC.
- xi. **General Committee Members** - BL, NY, MC, AH, DC, PM offered themselves for re-election and DanC put himself forward from the floor. The seven were proposed en bloc by SH and seconded by MW. *Before CY began appointment of General Committee Members, he advised that the committee intends to allocate committee members to one of three roles – bar, fundraising or ground to provide support to that area.*
- xii. **Bar Committee:** JC, KC, AH*, SH, MH, AliC, DC, GM offered themselves for re-election. The eight were proposed en block by LW and seconded by DanC. *There was a little confusion over whether AH was formally on the bar committee and whether he wished to continue. Was agreed that we would elect AH and then we can amend this at the first meeting of the new committee if incorrect. JC informed those present that the committee had agreed at their last meeting that any full member of the club is eligible to help behind the bar. This was welcomed as members of the bar committee said they do need more help, particularly for extra events that are put on at the club.*

7. **Membership Subscriptions** (GM). Subscriptions and definitions to remain the same unless otherwise specified.

- i. Proposal to define a colt (previously undefined) to U15. Counter proposal by MW to define as U18 at the beginning of the season. MW proposal seconded by SH and carried unanimously with no objections.
- ii. Proposal to define a student (previously defined as being U21) as being in ‘full-time education or training’. SH queried whether this also applied to mature students. GM confirmed yes. Proposed by LW, seconded by JC and carried unanimously with no objections.
- iii. Proposal to define the reduced tea charge (previously £3 for U21) to ‘£3 for colts and students’, reflecting the new definitions above. Proposed by GM, seconded by MW and carried unanimously with no objections.
- iv. The paperwork provided to attendees included a proposal to increase student membership from £20 to £25 but a last-minute check by GM found that this was proposed and accepted at our 2015

AGM but not enacted. Since this change has already occurred, there was no vote on it.

- v. GM advised that all subscriptions will be continually reviewed by the committee, particularly the £5 colt membership which has remained the same for some time.
- vi. SH queried whether there was a second class of colt membership for colts that played senior cricket. CY said he had not come across this during his time as secretary but committee will look back at this and consider whether it would be appropriate, given you could have a very young colt who just plays on Monday nights and an older colt who plays a dozen games of senior cricket a year, who both pay the same - £5.

8. Any Other Business:

- i. **Membership Payments:** There was a long discussion about the long-running issue/anomaly of some players who play a handful of games in a season paying full membership, some paying a portion of their membership at the treasurer's discretion, and some not paying at all, with a feeling that these variations are unfair. DC felt we'd let the issue slide because of other revenue streams, but important we get back on top of it. MW proposed the committee consider a guest match fee of £3 so players who play occasionally pay £8/match instead of £5, but then aren't hit with the £80 membership fee. BL suggested separating the dinner ticket from the membership fee on the basis that £60 might be more palatable for those only playing a few games.
- ii. GM, KC and others wanted to keep the dinner tickets included. The discussion concluded with the following resolutions:
 - 1. Committee to consider guest match fee for those who play a handful of games.
 - 2. Players who pay their membership in one go must have paid it by May 31st to be considered for selection. Players who pay in instalments must have paid £30 by the same date.
 - 3. A signing on night / social planned for 20th April 2018 with the intention of collecting most membership subscriptions in one go.
- ii. CY asked SH and MW if they could advise the committee in the near future with their views on colts' membership fees as per item 7.5 and 7.6 above. They agreed.

Meeting closed at 8.55

Appendix I – Chairman’s Report

With the 2017 season now fading into the distance it is time for some brief reflection and an outline for next season. First my sincere thanks to all involved who have made this record breaking season so memorable – however we can always do more and the club is in no doubt, heading in the right direction.

The ground has never looked so good and that is testament to Ashley Harvey’s groundsmanship, ably assisted by Alan Churchill and others. Runs were racked up at Varwell Field on a handful of occasions and there was always something in it for the bowlers – so a big thanks to Ash and his team for producing some fantastic cricket wickets. The improved netting around the ground, sightscreens and absence of the artificial wicket have all been a big step forward this year.

Staying on the pitch, Ashley Berry led the First XI within touching distance of the B Division and no doubt, with a similar team bond and enthusiasm, they will be bang there again in 2018. A huge thank you also to Vernon Coon for umpiring all season, and to Nick Yabsley and Steve Harvey filling in when required.

The 2nd XI had a somewhat mixed season, but six youngsters made their second team debuts - a very good sign for the future. Thanks to Chris Yeo for organising the team throughout the year even when he was up in the ones, and I know how grateful he was to Marcus West, Buzz Lacey and Chris Pascoe for handling the captaincy between them in his absence.

Off the field and staying with Chris, we managed to raise over £2,000 again in sponsorship this year. We say a huge thank you to Chris as he steps down as Honorary Secretary after 7 years at the helm, having helped bring in literally thousands of pounds during the past 7 years and generally help build a much better relationship between us and the wider community in Ashburton. He has asked me to take this opportunity to remind all club members to thank sponsors where appropriate – our sponsors are listed on our website, on our fixture card, on our end of season newsletter and are up in the pavilion. Please make sure you are aware who they are and if you happen to pop into their business for something, please say thank you on behalf of the club.

We have also benefited financially from another good season behind the bar and I’m very grateful to the bar committee for all their hard work, particularly handling a few extra events this year that brought in several hundred pounds.

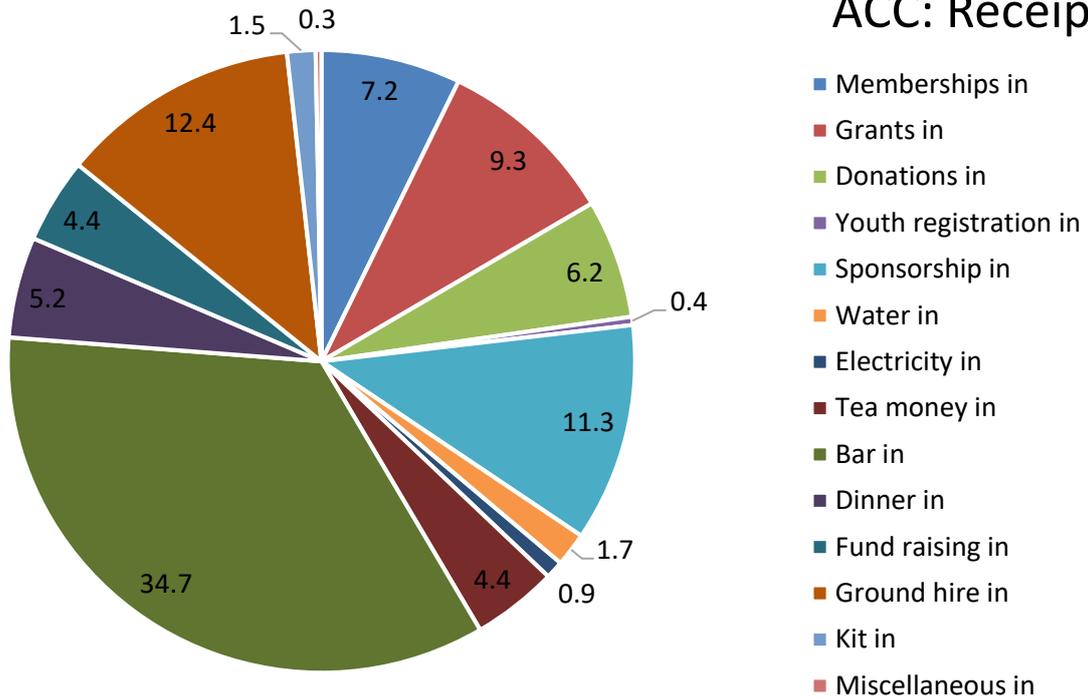
The Colts progressed in every match I watched and that is credit to Marcus West and his superb coaching and management team on a Monday night.

Whilst thanking people, the main committee work have again been outstanding in running and organising the club on your behalf and I remain very grateful for the efforts of our treasurer, whose work with the school and applying for grants, in addition to the general managing of our accounts, helps enormously.

Appendix 2 – Treasurer’s Report

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1st OCTOBER 2016 - 30th SEPTEMBER 2017			
BROUGHT FORWARD		END OF YEAR	
GENERAL A/C	4402.00	GENERAL A/C	5417.34
RESERVE A/C 1	986.28	RESERVE A/C 1	986.43
TOTAL	5388.28	TOTAL	6403.77
RECEIPTS: CURRENT ACCOUNT		COSTS: CURRENT ACCOUNT	
Memberships in	1350.00	Pavilion out	-2927.79
Grants in	1750.00	Insurance out	-1073.46
Donations in	1157.81	Ground maintenance out	-2455.14
Youth registration in	80.20	Plant/ground equipment out	-620.94
Sponsorship in	2125.00	Sponsorship out	-401.64
Water in	327.63	Water out	-653.05
Electricity in	173.56	Electricity out	-601.73
Tea money in	828.00	Balls and registration out	-823.50
Bar in	6502.00	Bar out	-4246.43
Dinner in	981.50	Dinner out	-1060.00
Fund raising in	827.04	Fund raising out	-162.17
Ground hire in	2318.14	Engraving out	-55.82
Kit in	275.00	Kit out	-1032.00
Miscellaneous in	55.30	Website out	-160.37
		Courses out	-30.00
		Playing equipment out	-646.20
		Miscellaneous out	-785.60
Total	18,751.18	Total	-17,735.84
BALANCE	1,015.34	IN ACCOUNT	5,417.34

ACC: Receipts



ACC: Costs

