

# Draft minutes of Pyrford Cricket Club 2016 AGM

Held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Apologies received from Robin Milner, Mark Knowles

## **Previous minutes**

The Chairman explained that there had not been an AGM for 2015 as senior membership of the club had fallen below the level required for a meeting to be quorate. Happily the club now has sufficient senior members to allow the 2016 meeting to take place.

## **Finance and 2016 Accounts [HB]**

The honorary treasurer presented the accounts for the year 2015 – 2016 and explained that the club finances were robust despite significant expenditure on the clubhouse. Rob tipping has examined the accounts and found them to be acceptable. Following a discussion acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Simon Clifton and seconded by David Rousham. The chairman thanked the Honorary Treasurer for presenting a clear and unambiguous set of accounts

## **Ground Report [RR]**

New contracts are in place for Keens Park Rangers FC and Woking Town Boys FC allowing the ground to be used for football through 15<sup>th</sup> March 17. This will generate income of c£3000 over the winter and will ensure that the clubhouse remains in use.

New Arrangements are now in place with the Boot camp regarding use of the ground for Boot Camp. A fee of £10 per session is payable. This will generate income of around £2000 per year assuming 5 sessions per week over 40 weeks. The first £660 has been invoiced and paid.

Initial discussions have been had with the touch rugby team regarding them paying for use of the ground for their training sessions. These have been positive and I expect some additional income from this area

Ripley CC has used the ground this year for home 3<sup>RD</sup> XL matches and is keen to renew next year. This year we allowed them to prepare their own strips but I don't want to continue with this arrangement next year as I think we need one person accountable for the square. I have informed them that we will confirm once we have a plan for our own Saturday senior cricket in 2017 and that the rental will be £150 per game. Assuming that we can get out one Saturday team an arrangement that sees them using the pitch on alternate weeks would continue to work well.

Skyrose CC a Srilankan side from Kingston have also played 2 Sunday games this year and have expressed an interest in playing their home games at Perform in 2017. Again, if we could develop a

plan that sees them use the ground on alternate Sundays this would generate additional revenue and ensure that we have regular Saturday and Sunday cricket in place at the ground.

The club hosted the Pyrford and Wisley Flower show and their after show party and also hosted a successful although toned down Celebrate Pyrford event which went off very well and helped save the day for the organisers following the sad accident near St Nicholas's church.

We have again hosted the Woking Surrey Youth Games side for Girls at U11 and have additionally hosted two girls' schools competitions and a coaching day organised by Surrey CC. This has generated some income but more importantly is building credit with Surrey, which we hope to draw on regarding funding for the future.

Contractors used the ground during March and April for construction of the new school building. This paid for recovery work to the whole outfield and for a replacement tree and new car park gates. No significant damage occurred and the ground returned to normal quickly.

Two additional sources of ground income are under discussion. Firstly, the Coin church used the ground to host their Firework party on 5<sup>th</sup> November and would like to make this a regular event. I rather undercharged them this year as the event turned out to be much bigger than expected. I have said around £500 for next year and have suggested that they might like to look at giving us ticket to sell to help bridge the difference. They have responded suggesting we make it a joint event with profits being split 50/50 Secondly, Simon and I are discussing with Axa Nobel the use of the ground for another cycle event in May 2017.

Subsequent to the meeting the committee approved a plan to replace the existing nets and matting at the cost of approximately £12000

Finally, thanks go to Robin for the tireless work he carries out keeping the margins maintained and tidy.

## **Colts [SC]**

Another very successful year with membership around the 190 mark. Success at all levels but particularly for the u12 and u13 sides who won their leagues and progress well in the cup competitions.

Following a benchmarking exercise with other clubs locally we are intending to increase fees this year from £110- £125 to part finance our new net proposal. We will still be the cheapest in the area and I believe still offer great value for money.

The girls (Woking but with a Pyrford backbone) won the Surrey Youth Games title with Simon being named manager of the tournament. Our second team can 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12 so a great all-round performance. Two of the girls have been accepted for the district team.

Some outstanding performances across the board include 100 for Alex Lewis for Surrey against Essex.

An honours board have been bought by subscription following the sad death of David Harrower the father of one of our U13 players, this will be going up in the clubhouse shortly.

Main issue for next year is increasing the number of helpers particularly at U10 and below. **These are our main income generators so we need to find solutions for this over the winter.**

We will be hosting a Support Workers course at the club on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2017. This will provide the opportunity for helpers to pass LEVEL 1 coaching badge. **It is important that we get behind this and get as many regular and new helpers through the course as possible.**

### Club House Report [RR]

The club house continues to be an area of concern and as we all know will need replacing soon, uncertainty over the development plans for the village mean that we have had to hold fire on plans to redevelop it. In the meantime we have improved where we can do this opportunistically and repaired when we have had to. This year we have replaced the bar including the fridges, updated some furniture, rebuilt the veranda, replaced the doors on the undercroft and groundkeepers shed and replaced the dryers in both toilet blocks.

Going forward we need to replace some guttering, which is causing subsidence and will need to replace the electrical control panel. Fingers crossed nothing further arises over the winter.

The small grants fund of Surrey CC is targeting Kitchens this coming year and the club has completed a funding application request to replace the kitchen. A contribution of around £1000 from us would be matched by £4000 [if successful] so this would be well worthwhile and would allow us to replace the dishwasher, fridges and cooker and modernise the kitchen making the venue much more rentable.

The council are now consulting on a plan that would see development around the Martyrs Lane area and not in Pyrford. This is by no means a done deal and we will continue to monitor the situation. If this plan was to go ahead we will switch our attention back to replacing the clubhouse.

As instructed at the last committee meeting I formally objected to the designation of the ground as a local green space as proposed by the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum. Should this have been adopted it could potentially have impacted on the footprint of any new clubhouse.

### Equipment [RR]

Both mowers and the roller will need servicing over the winter. The bowling machine is also in need of repair. Total for these could easily exceed £700. On-going we should seek to get a portable cover for the strip as Ripley have done. The current cover is just too awkward and time consuming to manage and is getting past its sell by date. Cost is around £4000 so will need to look out for specific grants- something for next year.

### Club Mark [RR]

All work necessary for the annual Club Mark health check was completed before the deadline and submitted. Thanks to Simon, Jane and David for their contributions. Club Mark is changing next year but it's not clear yet exactly what it will look like. The ECB seems to be taking a bigger role and the Counties slightly less. This year the health check was submitted directly to the ECB and not via Surrey CC. Watch this space!

## Senior Saturday Cricket [RT]

**The Chairman has approached** Fullers league regarding our possible admittance next year. Following an exchange of correspondence with the league secretary they informed the club that they cannot take us next year as we would need to enter two teams. That would be far too much of a stretch.

Discussions with the Surrey Cricket League have proved more fruitful and they are very keen to have us but we have missed the boat for 2017. They provide a useful stepping-stone to the Fullers at some stage in the future. I have informed the SCL that we are interested in joining for the 2018 season. Rob Tipping has agreed to be Saturday captain and we aim to play 8-10 friendly Saturday fixtures next year on the days alternating with Ripley for home matches. . **This does of course mean that we will need to get our skids on to get organised for the 2017 season!**

## Strategic priorities for 2017

The Chairman reported that the committee's main objectives for the year are as follows:

- Re-establish Saturday senior cricket with the aim of entering one side in the Surrey Cricket League in 2018
- Build on the success of Sunday afternoon cricket
- Repair / upgrade the Nets. Ensuring that investment is portable in the future.
- Maintain funds at between £16000-£20000
- Maintain colts numbers at around 200 and whilst significantly growing the number of adult helpers.
- Continue to take advantage of grants to upgrade facilities as and when these arise.
- Appoint recruit a competent and energetic club secretary
- Appoint a women's coordinator

## **Key Dates for 2017 [subject to volunteers ton help]**

<b>11/3/17</b>	<b>End of Football season and hand over</b>
<b>13/3/17</b>	<b>Provisional date for kitchen refit [subject to grant]</b>
<b>20/3/17</b>	<b>Provisional date for installation on new net facility</b>
<b>25/3/17</b>	<b>Work day number 1 – Club House</b>
<b>1/4/17</b>	<b>Work day number 2 – Ground</b>
<b>14/4/17</b>	<b>Shirt Night and Social</b>
<b>15/4/17</b>	<b>Coaching course at Pyrford CC</b>

<b>21/4/17</b>	<b>First day of Colts training</b>
<b>30/4/17</b>	<b>First Sunday match – away at Ripley</b>
<b>20/5/17</b>	<b>First Saturday match - tbc</b>
<b>13/5</b>	<b>Dulux / aXa Cycle Event</b>
<b>8/7/17</b>	<b>Pyrford and Wisley Flowershow</b>
<b>30/7</b>	<b>Ride London [celebrate Pyrford]</b>
<b>11/8/17</b>	<b>Official End of colts season</b>
<b>4/11//17</b>	<b>Firework Event with Coign church.</b>

### **Situations Vacant**

The following positions are vacant and need to be filled over the winter

- Secretary [Roger covering but this one is urgent]
- Ground manager [Roger covering but manageable]
- Pavilion Manager [Roger covering but manageable]
- Various colts' team managers
- Communications / Website [Jonathan covering]
- Social secretary
- Funding secretary to pursue grants on behalf of the club.
- Women's co-ordinator

### **Election of Officers for 2017**

The following committee members were elected en-bloc to serve for the 2017 season. Proposed by J.P Way and seconded by Rob Tipping

Roger Reed	Chair / Ground / Pavilion
Secretary	Vacant
Howard Bridgwater	Hon treasurer
Jane Quelch	Welfare Officer
Simon Clifton	Colts / Bar manager

David Rousham	Sunday Captain
Rob Tipping	Saturday Captain
David Clinton	Junior liaison
Jonathan George	Without portfolio
Chris Woods	Without Portfolio
Robin Milner	Without Portfolio

### **AOB**

No AOB items were raised. The chairman thanked the committee for its continued hard work and commitment to the club on behalf of all members. The meeting was then closed.