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*Wokingham Cricket Club
AGM Minutes 2018
13 Nov 2018*

Apologies:

Ahmar Ghafoor, Toqir Khalid, Craig Beales, Tony Matthews, Paul Dewick

Minutes

1. *Changes adopted*
2. *Matters arising – none*
3. *Chairman's speech followed*
 - *Summary in Appendix - I*
4. *Nigel's presentation on the financial status – WCC and Trading Company*
 - *Chris Harrison presented the portfolio growth of the investment*
 - o *Bexit impact assessment on the investment portfolio explained*
5. *Accounts approved - Favour – 25*
 - a. *Queries raised about the accounts addressed*
 - b. *Anyone required to review the audited accounts can email to Secretary and the copy will be shared accordingly*
 - c. *Link to the audited accounts and the printed copies in the AGM were avoided in the interest of the club (majority of the printed copies had to be shredded last year)*
6. *Club Coach Q & A*
 - a. *O&A side mainly development for kids, youngsters and any other adults not getting games lead by Roger Heath and Paul Hayter as a joint effort*
 - b. *BCL to continue in the league*
 - c. *All other TVL teams to continue in the league*
 - d. *1s did well in the league considering the young side to play the league against the opponents; team to look to move to the next Div in next 3 years time*
 - e. *Queries on the mid-week league fixtures*
7. *Junior teams yearly performance summary was provided by Paul Tatum*
 - a. *Summary in Appendix -III*
8. *Captain's selection process by interviews – proposal to make it permanent following the success of last year's trial period*
 - a. *Nominations for captaincy to be received on or before 01-Dec*
 - b. *Favour – 25*
9. *Election of officers*
 - a. *Changes to the EMC – Ahmar to take over from Raj as Secretary*
 - i. *Raj to continue as Ex-Officio*
 - ii. *Votes – Yes - 15*



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- b. *Mark Simmons to continue as Club Captain – Yes 15*
- c. *EMC members and efforts – Dan Reddyhough congratulated the EMC members for all their efforts in taking the club to a stable and more effective state over the last few years, than it has been in the past.*
- d. *Independent examiner – Yes 15*
- e. *Directors of the Trading Company – Yes 12*
- f. *Martin Wilson nomination for Life Member – Yes 15*

Summary of election of officers

| <i>Position</i> | <i>Nominated</i> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>President</i> | <i>Martin Wilson</i> |
| <i>Chairman</i> | <i>Paul Hayter</i> |
| <i>Vice-Chairman</i> | <i>Dersh Patel</i> |
| <i>Hon Secretary</i> | <i>Ahmar Ghafoor</i> |
| <i>Hon Treasurer</i> | <i>Nigel Pearce</i> |
| <i>Hon Facility Secretary</i> | <i>Craig Beales</i> |
| <i>Hon Media Secretary</i> | <i>Martin Clements</i> |
| <i>Club Captain (Seniors)</i> | <i>Mark Simmons</i> |
| <i>Womens Club Captain</i> | |
| <i>Juniors Club Captain</i> | <i>Toqir Khalid</i> |
| <i>Ex-Officio (Max 4)</i> | <i>Bryan Stabler</i> |
| | <i>Paul Tatum</i> |
| | <i>Simon Herrington</i> |
| | <i>Raj Acharya</i> |



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Appendix – I

Chairman's Summary

On balance it's been another good year for the Club, both on and off the field. Thank you to the EMC, staff coaches and volunteers, who work as a collective unit, giving up an enormous amount of time, to ensure we achieve our main objective, to facilitate cricket. Thank you to all Captains and players for their achievements on the field

Balancing the financial side, with the cricketing requirements is always challenging, whilst Nigel will be happy to answer any specific questions, I will highlight a few, bar sales are down, this has been a progressive change in drinking habits, functions have seen a downward trend of consumption over the year, players in the main, apart from the top and bottom teams are not coming back to the Club after matches on a regular basis, many of our players whether it be for age or other reasons do not consume alcohol. Similarly there is complete lack of support for club functions, including the awards night, causing some of them to be cancelled. Wages have increased, we have to pay a premium to staff for unsocial hours, the increase in minimum wage and pensions. To put the function wages into context, if we have an event for say 100 people, we have to employ numbers to cope, if the sales do not materialise, in effect it's costing the club a wages premium. All the aforementioned has a direct impact on the bottom line. We also increased depreciation by a further £4k on the building, ongoing this will be set at £24k pa.

We continue to invest in our playing surfaces and infrastructure, at a rate that is prudent with our financial constraints, the changes made to our investment strategy have enabled the club to do this on a planned and sustainable platform.

In the context of voting for the forthcoming positions I will make a statement before the votes take place.

I won't ramble on anymore and let the proceedings continue.

Thank you.

Appendix – II

Treasurers Summary



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Appendix – III

Juniors Captain Summary

This season saw the U9's and U11's enter teams into the North Hampshire Youth Cricket League (NHCL). We did this mainly due to the fact that the Berkshire Youth Cricket League (BYCL) decided to go forward with a proposal to move away from pairs cricket to Charley cricket. As a club, we were fundamentally opposed to this new format. The NHCL were still going to play pairs cricket, so we decided to enter an U9's and U11's team. The U9's performed really well, winning Div 2 and the U11's came 2nd in Div 2. Due to this success, we are looking to enter a team at each age group in the NHCL, along with team in the BYCL too.

In agreement with all the coaches and managers, this season we tried to streamline the two teams across the age groups. Irrespective of age, the Golden Oaks was designed for those players who's cricket has developed further than other children who need further development. This has worked out well, given that across the age groups the feedback was that players were playing with similar ability and the games were more enjoyable. We'll be looking to continue this next season. The structure of the Monday and Wednesday training was also changed to provide more emphasis on doing specific drills and focusing on the technical side of the game. We'll be looking to further refine this for next season to improve on this with more dedicated drills. With the addition of matches in the NHCL, this focus on the technical side of cricket should help in matches.

Once again we had a number of our U14's and U15's making their debuts in the senior teams. We also saw 3 U13's playing regularly in the mens teams too. Next season, we will be introducing an Oaks & Acorns team in Div 9 of the Thames Valley Cricket League. This team will consist mainly of juniors to give them experience of senior cricket and playing against adults. We are fortunate that we have a very strong senior membership, but as a club it's important that the juniors also filter through into the senior teams. Having the Oaks & Acorns team playing proper league games will help with the transition into the higher senior teams.

The winter indoor training sessions were very good and we had a total of 68 kids signed up for the 8 week course. The outdoor training was also a success with a total of 172 kids attending outdoor training on a Saturday morning, Monday and Wednesday evening. The numbers for the outdoor training is as follows:-

- U9's (51), U10's (13), U11's (17), U12's (14), U13's (14), U14's (18), U15's (12), U16's (19), U17's (8), Girls (6)

The club also registered for All Stars cricket, which is a new initiative being run by the ECB to get 4-8 year olds into cricket. We ran 8 sessions on a Friday afternoon in the summer and had over 50 children attend. A huge thank you to some of the volunteers that helped out in these sessions Many parents were very keen to continue cricket for their child/children next year. We're going to look at doing a 1 hour session for those All Stars parents that would like attend Indoor sessions at Forest School prior to the other age groups starting.

Academy training



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10 sessions were planned during the summer from June to September for U13's+ players who are either playing in senior teams or are on the cusp of playing senior cricket. Unfortunately, attendance was low for the 2nd year running and with this in mind we'll be looking to change the way academy sessions are run next year.

Summary

In terms of overall squad numbers, the juniors section remains healthy and on par with the last few seasons. We have seen new junior members join the club and the coaching sessions delivered over the winter and summer were a success. However, there is a lot more that can be done and we will be focusing more on providing the right level of coaching for the age groups and individual players.

As always a huge thank you to all the volunteers and parents at the club, without whom we wouldn't be able to run the juniors section and run the number of teams that we do. The help of parents getting involved with coaching, managing teams, helping with scoring and various other activities that are involved on match days is hugely appreciated by the committee. It's also very pleasing to see a number of the older junior boys and girls now helping out with coaching of the younger age groups throughout the winter and summer sessions.