

Devon Seniors Cricket Club 2015 Annual General Meeting

The Dartmoor Lodge

Saturday 21st November 2015 at 6.15pm.

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The following members were in attendance: D Gambie, C Theedom, S Munday, N Mountford, D Amery, S Lott, R Cavendish, G Coish, G Darke, R Wensley, G Keen, P Shephard, B Flicker, T Overthrow, G Munday, M Trout, E Clarke, M Giles, T Farkins, P Luchetti, N Matthews, S Taylor, P Berman, M Hunt. I Western, N Rogers, M Heather and P Rose

APOLOGIES: P Bees, D Daniels, A Rose, G Peach, G Watts, N Ashplant, G Watts, R Eames, B Howard, D Tall, M Canning, S Preston, R Pyle, J Page

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

No matters arising.

Proposed by: B Flicker. Seconded by: M Heather.

CHAIRMAN'S 2016 REPORT:

The Chairman described the 2015 season, despite a few problems a fairly good season. The captains had done a good job and although there were no trophies won but we were in contention. However, the Club side has now been disbanded despite our best efforts and that of Andy Gibson, the captain, to get sides out there has been a poor uptake and matches had to be cancelled. It is hoped that in the future we may be able to rectify matters.

We had now more than 100 seniors wanting to play cricket. We will have a vacancy for a secretary and fixture secretary at the next AGM so I ask you to consider these vacancies. We don't have many on the committee and we meet about 4 times a year.

I wish to thank the committee for their hard work and those that undertake various roles within the club.

He wished all the captains and their players all the best for the 2106 season. There is nothing like success to attract more players. Let us see if we can win a trophy

Proposed by: Stuart Lott. Seconded by: Roger Wensley,

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Another season has drawn to a close and once again our sides performed well and three progressed through to the National Knockout stages. The Over 50's had a stunning win over Warwickshire but were beaten in the next round by ex-professional batsman Kim Barnett (Shropshire). Then our problems started. The Over 60's 1st XI were drawn away against Kent and due to a rain cancellation the day before

they were unable to select a team to play them the following day. We had to concede. This was due to a series of injuries and unavailability. However, we must congratulate Somerset, from our group, who won the National Championship beating Yorkshire. The Over 60's 2nd XI after being beaten by Surrey were unable to select a side, by consensus, to travel to Horsham to play Sussex in the Plate final, when Sussex refused to meet half way. This will be taken up with the National Seevent Committee. We will also see three sides with new captains next season as Phil Bees, the over 50's 2nd XI captain and Chris Theedom and Peter Shephard have stood down from their respective over 60 sides. We thank them for the unstinting part they have taken to take our club forward under their captaincies. We wish their successors all the best for the 2016 season. May I ask all captains and players to ensure that we play within the Spirit of Cricket. I know that the vast majority of us are determined, focused and play to win but everybody should respect those that manage our matches even though decisions may go against you. After all we are senior cricketers and should be setting an example. As a club we now have our own developing website and this should be used by all members. I would like to thank Peter Shephard and Rob McIver for their hard work in establishing this web site. I would also like to thank Graham Peach who was initially involved and also to thank the donors who have assisted tremendously with financial assistance. I know there have been some problems in updating but your committee is working to smooth these problems out. Next year will be my last as secretary and I know that Danny Daniels is relinquishing his post as fixture secretary. I do ask that members consider taking on roles within the club and make themselves known. We need to look at a seamless transition as some have been doing executive roles for some years now and the club needs to go forward. As one of the tourists, may I thank Chris and Jackie Theedom for their, as usual, impeccable organisation of the tour to Canada in June. Superb weather good company and lots of laughs were enjoyed by those who visited Vancouver and the trip to Calgary. Glorious scenery, hard hitting batsmen on artificial wickets but winning the series 3 matches to 2 was exhilarating. Remembering the tour and stories will linger on for years. A tour to Sri Lanka is currently being organised for Easter 2016 where 42 tourists will be travelling. I do urge you to support should there be any future tours as you have done with others. It does build camaraderie and friendships in some beautiful parts of the world. In time honoured tradition and as usual we look to encourage more and more players to join and if members know of players who have now attained seniors age please get them to make contact. The overs 50's now play against counties that are beginning to introduce ex professional players and the competition is really excellent. Again, may I make my annual plea on behalf of the Committee to members to try and find a sponsor to include their adverts in our club handbook. A sum of £40.00 will secure a whole page advert and £25.00 will secure a half page advert. There is also scope for sponsorship and advertising space on our website.

I would like to thank all the clubs in Devon that have welcomed us to their grounds, mostly without charge. It is greatly appreciated by the club and especially the players. The club thanks all the scorers, the umpires and tea ladies for giving up their time during the 2015 season. To the President, the Chairman, the captains and the committee for their unsung and voluntary hard work during the 2015 season. Also to Rob Phillips at the Dolphin Inn at Bovey Tracey for allowing us the use of space for the meetings. Lastly the club thank all those sponsors, advertisers and vice presidents that assist the club and especially Keith WHITE MBE of MICHAEL SPIERS, the Jewellers who so generously are the main sponsors of the Club.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer circulated members with copies of the Club Accounts. The Treasurer commented that we had a balance of £3026.00. There was still £300.00 outstanding on clothing. He stated he was disappointed that despite notifications there was still people who owed for clothing. He stated that from now on captains will only receive clothing once team members had paid for it. He stated that the club was indebted to a member that had donated £1000.00 to inaugurate the website. The member agreed that he should be named - Dave GAMBIE. There was an immediate vote of thanks from Dave Amery. Pete ROSE raised the issue of travelling expenses especially when travelling and teams did not turn up or ground was not available. The Cheshire over 60's 2nd XI match was given as an example. He asked whether the teams should share costs in this event. To be discussed at next committee meeting and raised at Seevent AGM.

The President thanked the Treasurer for his report.

Proposed: Dave Amery. Seconded: Geoff Coish.

SUBSCRIPTION RECOMMENDATION FOR 2016:

Vice Presidents £10, Players £10, Match Fee £10

Committee proposed the above subscriptions remain the same.

The meeting agreed unanimously

Passed unopposed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Election of the President – Mr D GAMBIE - **Unanimous**

Election of Officers – All the Club Officers were elected unanimously

- A) Chairman – Mr Chris THEEDOM
- B) Secretary – Mr Stuart LOTT
- C) Treasurer – Mr Stuart MUNDAY
- D) Fixture Secretary – Mr Danny DANIELS

There was a ballot between Mr Graham Munday and Mr Steve Luffman for captain of the over 50's 1st XI. The President announced the winner as Mr Graham Munday.

The secretary stated that Mr Steve Preston had agreed to take on the role of over 50 2nd XI captain and would be honoured to do so.

The following were elected as Captains for 2016: -

- E) Captain Over 50's 1st XI – Mr Graham Munday
- F) Captain Over 50s 2nd XI – Mr Steve Preston
- G) Captain Over 60's 1st XI – Mr Nick Rogers
- H) Captain of Over 60 2nd XI – Mr Stuart Munday

The President thanked Chris Theedom and Peter Shepherd for their captaincy of the Over 60's 1st XI and 2nd XI. He wished all Captains the best for 2016.

Members Vote.

A discussion took place on who was eligible to vote for the captains of the respective teams. After a lively debate it was agreed unanimously that officers and captains should be proposed and seconded annually. If there was a ballot due to more than one person being proposed and seconded then those that had played in that relevant team over the past two seasons were allowed to vote. It remained a secret ballot with the President announcing the winners name only at the Annual General Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Richard Cavendish raised the point that our web site had not been updated since 2013. Surely we could get this accomplished and further information added. A discussion on what could be held on the website followed. We had just started to look at this problem and the committee were looking at the best ways of communicating to all members. The website was the best way and Peter Shephard was our webmaster. However he needed information. It is your website use it. There was concern that we will be independent of County Boards. However the DCB were currently updating their site. We would look at a link to our County Board.

Pete Rose was concerned at the commitment of players and the ability of captains to request players to play at short notice. This had come about when the Over 60's 1st XI had to cancel their match with Kent. There was acknowledgement that there was work commitments and very late match cancellations. Transport was also a consideration. Pete suggested we buy a bus. An explanation of the circumstances that caused the cancellation versus Kent was given by the Chairman. This was caused by the Bank Holiday weekend, the weather and unavailability of players when further dates were offered later in the week. It really meant that players had to be available to travel numerous days in the same week. There was also the further complication of getting the matches played within the time scales set by Seevent Committee.

Election of Scrutineer – Mr Mark HORWELL – Unanimous

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 7.20pm.