Minutes of the Seaford Cricket Club - Annual General Meeting 2019

Held on 17 February 2020 at 19:00

At the Clubhouse, The Salts Recreation Ground, BN25 1DR

In attendance: The Committee and approximately 20 other members.

1. Apologies for Absence

John "Smudger" Smith, Steve Hearsey, Tim Page, Peter Grey, Derek Twyning, Arthur Bradbury, Mike Bennison, Dan Tuite, Gavin Wright, Mark Lucas, Martin Lamprecht, Tony Marks, Geoff Beal

2. Minutes of previous AGM held on 11th December 2018

These were agreed by those in attendance.

Proposed by: John P Smith Seconded by: Ian Carter

3. Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising.

4. Chair's Report

lan Carter presented his report & highlighted the key achievements for Seaford CC in 2019 as follows:-

Adults & Junior sides

- Adult & Junior sides fulfilled all their fixtures, Adult 2's team have been promoted & 1's, 2's and 4's finished their leagues in a very respectable position.
- Adult 2 's team won T20 plate final & Rob Gravett received MOM.
- U16/17 team went through to the Cup final for their competition beating Burgess
 Hill in the semi-final. The team were due to play the final at Hove Cricket ground on
 28th September, however, heavy rainfall meant the game was unfortunately unable
 to be played.
- The Women/Girls Cricket Festival took place in June & was well attended & enjoyed by all that took part.
- Josh Pride our overseas player made great contributions to the team as wicket keeper.
- All Stars cricket was held for the 5 8 year olds which took place on Sundays **Club House**
- New flooring fitted behind the bar and cellar.
- New Club house door and frame fitted.
- Broken shutter replaced.
- Lease has been renewed.
- Unfortunately the club has encountered some vandalism during the winter. CCTV
 has been erected at various points around the club house. Funding for the CCTV
 was supported by Seaford CC and the Council.

Cricket Square

- As everyone can see, there has been extensive work on the square which is looking extremely healthy & particular thanks to Geoff for all his hard work and efforts on this project.

General

- Ollie Smith has made significant efforts & progress with the SPOND application in relation to match & membership fees & this will make life easier for the Team Captains & Club Members/Parents.
- A survey went out to all Club members in November & feedback has been very positive. The results have been published on the website.
- The club has bought a new bowling machine and is being used at winter training evenings.
- Funds raised by the club included bag packing at Morrisons, evening food on a Saturday after matches & Sunday refreshments. These have all been successful ways of the club receiving extra income.

Moving forward to 2020

- There will be a new T20 tournament called `Sussex Slam`, more details to follow.
- The state of the committee is looking healthy, there have been three new additions.
- The Adult 4's are moving to the Central Division which will mean less travelling.
- Women/Girls cricket will continue to be supported by the club. ECB are keen for clubs to provide an outlet for Women/Girls to play cricket in a safe environment.
- On-line access to buy Club kit is now available.
- All Stars cricket for 5 8 years old will continue. Dynamos cricket for 9+ year olds to start up this year. This will continue to provide our Junior's an excellent pathway.
- A call out for more volunteers, there can never be too many!
- The committee have been and will continue to be in discussion about plans & funding to improve the facilities at the Clubhouse such as showers, changing rooms & toilets. More to come on this topic.

Phil Court expressed kind words of thanks to Ian for Chairing this meeting & doing an excellent job in covering the Chair's role during 2019.

Questions on the Chair's report

- Q Are there signs to be put up in relation to CCTV?
- A Some signs have already been put up, there will be more to follow
- Q In relation to the new bowling machine & the `Square` outlay costs, has this been communicated to Club members as it would be good to share how club funds are distributed?
- A Agreed, Ollie can produce a pie chart to share this information and publish on the website

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Simon Lewis presented draft accounts which were circulated to those in attendance. Once these are reviewed they will be approved by the committee. Simon spoke in detail about the accounts and their attached notes. The balance sheet was presented. Assets and liabilities were explained. The club net worth is approximately £50K

Mike Miller (Lottery Manager of the 100 club) addressed the attendees and encouraged those who are not already enrolled to please sign up. For those members that are interested, to give Mike their email addresses at the end of the meeting.

Simon stated that he is confident that the accounts are an accurate representation of the investments and state of the clubs finances.

Phil introduced John Robards, Chartered Accountant, to the attendees & John has agreed to independently examine and finalise the accounts.

Proposer: John P Smith Seconded: Karl Wootten

Phil expressed kind words of thanks to Simon for all his efforts on the accounts, plus the other tasks he performs at the club.

6. **Election of Officers**

Please note

At the start of the meeting lan outlined there had been a change of personal circumstances for a couple of individuals on the committee & therefore proposals to elect a new President, Chairman and Vice Chairman effective from today are as follow;-

Name	New Role		Proposer	Seconded
Geoff Beal	Vice Chair	(was President)	John P Smith	Martin Edmunds
Phil Court	President	(was Chairman)	John Milham	Karl Wootten
Ian Carter	Chairman	(was Vice Chair)	Phil Court	Nicky Hughes

Phil introduced all members of the committee and it was proposed to re-elect the below as follows:-

Role	Name	Proposer	Seconded
Hon Treasurer	Simon Lewis	Mike Miller	John P Smith
Hon Secretary	Nicky Hughes	Sean Wootten	Phil Court
Welfare Officer	Katy Smith	Mike Miller	Phil Court
Fixture Secretary	John P Smith	Nicky Hughes	Oliver Smith
Cricket Manager	John P Smith	Phil Court	Ian Carter
Club Development Officer	Ian Carter	Phil Court	John P Smith
Membership Secretary	Oliver Smith	Mike Miller	Ian Carter
Bar Committee Manager	Kate Smith	Phil Court	Nicky Hughes
Junior Coordinator	Kelly Moore	John P Smith	Oliver Smith
Volunteer Coordinator	Carla Kenward	Nicky Hughes	Phil Court

Phil advised the good news that that there will be additional coaches to the Club in 2020 & they are Paul Mason, Billy Wootten and Jon Saunders who are currently in the process of taking their appropriate coaching qualifications.

7. Election of Vice Presidents

The list of current Vice-Presidents is displayed in the fixture booklet. There are no new members.

It was proposed that the current vice-presidents be elected.

Proposer: Karl Wootten Seconded: John P Smith

Phil advised his role this year will be to keep in touch with the Vice Presidents & hopefully increase this population.

8. **Subscriptions**

The committee have considered current subscription fees & have proposed some minor changes. Ian shared the proposed changes to the attendees.

Questions on Subscriptions

Q – What happens if a player doesn't pay their Membership/match fees?

A- The SPOND application will enable the Club to keep a better track of players that do not pay. Our policy is, if the player hasn't paid, they will not be able to play & will also be asked to pay any back pay if due. For a Junior parent who has any issues with payment of Membership/match fees, they should speak with the appropriate Team Captain/Junior Coordinator.

Ian went on to outline the Membership includes many benefits such as the use & up keep of the Clubhouse & facilities, coaching, up keep of the ground & nets, insurance & subsidised drinks & food at the bar to name a few.

Q – As Junior match fees are being eliminated, does this mean the club loses potential income?

A – The projection for this does not suggest this to be the case. In fact, with the Membership fee changes, All Stars & the introduction of Dynamos for Juniors as the next pathway to Junior cricket, both of which have a fee of £40, the income is slightly better and aligns Membership fees for all Junior cricket.

Q – Junior festival week, are match fees being charged?

A – Junior festival week match fees will be charged as this money contributes to the wonderful match teas provided by the volunteers. This will need to be added to the section under Subscriptions in the fixture booklet & website.

Proposer: Sean Wootten Seconded: Richard Cummins

Q – Family membership, please can this be clarified?

A – This includes for example, one Adult player, a Social member and two Juniors, however, this can be adapted to incorporate three Juniors where relevant. Members should speak to Ollie independently with any queries.

It was proposed that the changes to the Subscriptions go ahead

Proposer: John Smith Seconder: Sean Wootten

9. Update to Club Constitution

There are a few out of date aspects of the Club constitution, in particular points about committee/finance which require updating.

It was proposed that the amendments are updated

Proposer: Sean Wootten Seconder: Richard Cummins

10. **AOB**

Sean Wootten advised the attendees that the James Daniel Trust run by James parents Paul & Sarah have offered to fund Billy's coaching qualification. The trust is aimed at Adults & Juniors who are wanting to coach Juniors & is an excellent cause. Any further information about the Trust, please speak to Sean.

Phil closed the meeting by expressing his sincere thanks to everyone that has volunteered to do work for the club, particularly the Smith/Lewis family who always make such a massive contribution each year. Also, thanks to Geoff for his constant hard work on the square & the grounds & who is instrumental to the ears and eyes of the club. Thanks to Kate & the team who run the bar and their contributions, also to the host of tea ladies who produce such fabulous teas and meals for the players & who create such vibrancy within the club. There is a vacancy for the bar committee so please let Kate know if you are interested.

Also a special thanks to the Vice-Presidents for their contributions, the Team Captains who do a wonderful job & finally the committee whose main objective is to make Seaford CC a great place to be & who aim to provide better conditions & planning of the current facilities.

Phil also expressed his thanks & appreciation to everyone who has supported him.

AGM closed at approximately 8.15pm