

CERN CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th. November 2003 in Restaurant No.1, for approval at the next Annual General Meeting in 2004.

Present: D. Adams, S. Akhtar, D. Allen, R.Campbell, M. Dasgupta, J.Evans (part), T.Goodyear, C.Onions, J.Osborne, B.Pattison, W.Salter, E.Schyns

Apologies: C. Carter, N.Dyde, T.Elvin, M.Grant, P. Gregory, V.Ramakrishnan, J.Roberts

The meeting was formally opened by the President-for-Life at 17.40h. and the Agenda adopted as proposed.

Apologies for absence were noted: at that point the Secretary pointed out that Colin Carter had mended yet another bat for the coming season; that Nic Dyde had pointed out the need for new inners and wicket-keeping gloves; that Malcolm Grant had queried the quality of balls used by the Club; and, that Justin Roberts wished to record his appreciation for the captaincy of Rob Campbell in 2003. Justin had enjoyed “his most enjoyable season ever, anywhere.”

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of November 2002 were accepted, as written.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Captain’s Report

Rob Campbell reported on one of CERN’s best seasons for many years. Games had been both competitive and enjoyable; 15 of the 22 games had been won. There had been a slight falling-off in terms of enthusiasm and playing ability at the end of the season – but that was after CERN had narrowly failed to get into the semi-finals of the SCA Cup.

No less than 16 scores of 50 or more had been made; on 6 occasions individual bowlers had taken 4 or more wickets in an innings. Luke Kirwin had turned himself into a wicket-keeper and had beaten the record for number of catches in a season (at which point messrs. Allen and Onions proposed a new category for wicket-keepers alone.)

The pool of players from which sides could be picked had expanded quite healthily during the season; once again, it had not proved possible to play for the E. Jones trophy (see also under “Fixtures for 2004”); the Durham event had not come off in 2003 (see also “Fixtures”), but many enjoyable away fixtures *had* been played.

Treasurer’s Report

Wayne Salter made the following points, in presenting his report:

- It was good housekeeping to ensure that the match fees collected for every home match should cover the costs of refreshments for that match and even generate a modest surplus – but should *not* cover the cost of beer. Otherwise, match fees

would have to be raised, considerably! **The AGM agreed that an “honesty box” should be placed in the hut – to accommodate a fee of CHF 1 per can of beer consumed.**

- Subscriptions (40% of the Club income for 2003) should continue to be chased up. Specifically: students and non-playing members should pay a half-fee (except Joan and all the other ladies); when a non-payer is chosen to play a match, the match-manager should be advised by the treasurer and the subscription secured; if there is a “surplus” of potential players at the start of the season, their ability to play should be conditional on their paying the subscription. The new committee should address these points.
- Extraordinary items of expenditure (e.g. Emile’s new scoreboard or the club barbeque) were mostly fine in practice – but the committee should have a chance to decide on them *before* expenditure was committed.
- Potential capital expenditure required during 2004 involved the building of a verandah for the hut, painting the hut and rolling the pitch. The new committee should get estimates for these and decide yes/no (see, also, “Groundsman’s & Kit Report”). The possibility of a sand-pit for children and the organisation of a crèche was also raised.

Bryan thanked Wayne – in particular for his persistence and success in securing greater subscription income.

Groundsman’s & Kit Report

John Osborne presented a kit inventory, a report on the hut and the state of the ground.

Main points:

- The Club needs, before the start of the season, three new bats, a new pair of wicket-keeping gloves (plus three pairs of inners), 12 x Dukes balls and 12 x Eclipse balls (N.B. in reply to M. Grant’s comment on balls – the difference in cost between the best and worst ball was about GBP 15 a shot. And even the best ball available had a doubtful symmetry after a couple of excursions into the woods or bounces on the tarmac). Bryan would try to do some kit-shopping, up North.
- The pitch surround should be rolled in early April – preferably after heavy rain; **the exterior wood of the hut was in desperate need of staining/painting**; the old manual roller should be moved to opposite the electrical sub-station since it is a hazard in its present position; the moles must be persecuted once more.

Chris Onions pointed out that the kit stock no longer bore any reference to the numbered itinerary. The Club did not know what had happened to individual items. **The AGM agreed that all kit should be marked, that the match manager should check the kit after each game and that defined areas should be decided for home/away sides’ kit, outside the hut, during games.** Emile offered to make some kit boxes in which CERN equipment could be stored outside the hut during the course of each home game.

Election of Officers for 2004

The Secretary had received two sets of proposals, prior to the AGM. Emile Schyns proposed Rob Campbell as captain for league games and Tim Elvin as captain for friendlies, with Allen Goodwin as Club vice-captain and with responsibility for special projects, and Justin Roberts and Mrinal Dasgupta as coaches. Shabir Akhtar proposed himself as Club vice-captain.

After a series of votes, the following line-up was established:

Rob Campbell was elected CERN CC captain *and* manager of match managers

Tim Elvin was elected CERN CC vice-captain and i.c. kit

John Osborne agreed to be groundsman and to notify net practice

Wayne Salter agreed to remain treasurer

Tim Goodyear agreed to continue as CERN CC secretary.

Bryan thanked **Joan Davenport** once more for her work as social secretary and said he would ask her to continue in 2004.

SCA Affairs & Fixtures for 2004

The shape and potential fixture commitment of the SCA League, to which CERN remained committed, would be known only in the new year (N.B. in the event, not until the end of March 2004).

On individual fixtures for 2004: the Club should avoid long-distance away fixtures during August; we should try to play the E. Jones trophy during June; the opening game should be against the Rugby Club, in April; we should leave September free for possible League semi-finals/finals; we should avoid long-distance away games on consecutive weekends; Durham (with CERN players as part of Alpenhorn) was on the agenda for 2004; three other long-distance away weekends were in prospect – Porlezza, Cabris and Amsterdam.

Any other Business

David Adams introduced his ideas for “Developing Young Talent.” There was considerable latent interest – particularly at the Geneva English School. He undertook to get the ball rolling through liaison with the schools. It was proposed that he, Justin Roberts, Rob Campbell and Tim Elvin could form a sub-committee, to pursue the ideas. Mrinal was willing to coach and Justin Roberts should also be asked to do so.

The President closed the meeting at 19.40h.