

CERN CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting held on 19th. January 2006 in Restaurant No.1, for approval at the 2006 Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18 January 2007.

Present: I. Ahmed, S. Akhtar, D. Allen, R.Campbell, C. Carter, N. Chohan, P.Crook, B.Damodaran, M.Elliott, T. Elvin, T.Goodyear, S.Muzaffar, J.Nash, C.Onions, J.Osborne, B.Pattison, W.Salter, E.Schyns, X.Stucki

Apologies: N.Dyde, M.George, A. Goodwin, M.Grant, P. Gregory, J.Mason, D.McNamara, V.Ramakrishnan, R.Nanjungud, M.Stimpson

The meeting was formally opened by the President-for-Life at 18.40h. and the Agenda adopted as proposed. The President thanked those involved in the good work done on the hut during the past year – mainly Messrs. Osborne and Schyns.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of November 2004 were accepted, as written.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Captain's Report

Captain Tim Elvin reported on a very competitive season in which 17 games had been played and another 6 cancelled (all due to our opposition pulling out at the last moment). A lot of good cricket had resulted, several new and young players had turned out for the Club. There had been no turmoil on the pitch, but there had been "last minute" problems with the venue and timing of some SCA league fixtures because some opponents proved unwilling or unable to obtain "Schengen" visas, to play at Preveessin (see, also, "Treasurer's Report" and "SCA Affairs & Fixtures").

He apologised for missing 6 weeks of the season and claimed this was due to work commitments. He thanked John Osborne and Mike Elliott for taking on captain's duties in his absence and promised to be available for 90 percent of the 2006 season.

Treasurer's Report

Wayne Salter compared the healthy 2004 financial situation with a less healthy 2005.

- Income suffered through nobody from the Club buying disco tickets (-350 CHF, a point also made by John Osborne); reduced subscriptions (-300); reduced grant from the Staff Association (-1,000). Match fee income was down slightly and beer expenditure was on its way to being covered.
- Expenditure was subject to a lot of "one-off" items – mainly on the hut. The tour to Durham had incurred a CHF 350 loss to the Club – mainly through items for people who were not Club members (N.B. it is understood the 2006 Newcastle tour did not incur such loss).

In reply to Dave's query on a payment to Cossonay for use of their ground, Tim Goodyear said that he himself had made the decision, on his own initiative, in order that a league game originally scheduled for Preveessin could actually take place.

Wayne pointed out that the Club's *guaranteed* income covered only items such as SCA subscriptions and entry for competitions. At the same time it was unlikely that the grant from the Staff Association would ever increase. The Club badly needed more income – from such sources as subscriptions, higher charges for beer, fund-raising events (and possibly raising charges for non-Club use of the cricket field).

After a debate on the above, the AGM agreed, for 2006, to increase annual subscriptions from CHF 60 to CHF 100 per person but to make a (discretionary) charge of only CHF 30 per person for students; to charge CHF 2 per can of beer; to keep match fees at CHF 10 per person per home game but to extend the definition of "home" to include all games in the Geneva area.

Groundsman's & Kit Report

John Osborne reported from the front-line that 50 moles were advancing on the pitch. He had killed 4 moles and one rat. Work on the further hut extension was well under way. General painting of the hut had been completed. Rolling had not been done in 2005 – but such rolling costs CHF 270. More work was needed – and therefore more volunteers.

Mike Elliott said that one or two Kookaburra bata were needed, plus 2 pairs of right-handed gloves, one pair of wicket-keeper inners, one large pair of wicket-keeping gloves and one thigh pad. Badri offered to check out prices in India and talk to Mike. Mike said he would make a kit inventory.

In reply to Emile's query, Tim Elvin said netting was in hand. Bryan would secure new pass-cards for CERN entry, for external players.

Election of Officers for 2006

The following line-up was established:

Tim Elvin as 2006 CERN CC captain

Michael Elliott as vice-captain

John Osborne as groundsman

Wayne Salter as treasurer

Tim Goodyear as secretary

Rob Campbell as “manager of match managers.”

Bryan thanked **Joan Davenport** once more for her work as social secretary and said he would ask her to continue in 2006.

SCA Affairs & Fixtures for 2006

Whatever format for the SCA league that transpired in the 2006 season, the AGM resolved that home games *meant* home. That is, such games would be played at Preveessin, or not

played at all. N.B. The SCA later fixed a regional format for the 2006 season – and is likely to do so again for the 2007 season.

A full CERN attendance at the SCA AGM, scheduled for 18 March 2006, was seen as vital. N.B. Tim Goodyear and Nic Chohan attended that meeting and the result was satisfactory for CERN.

CERN would participate in both the league and the Pickwick Cup.

On individual fixtures for 2006: the Club would try to secured a place for the Lodi Festival; a tour to Newcastle had been organised and also a weekend in Limerick. An attempt would be made to play the E. Jones trophy before the end of June; the opening game would be against the Rugby Club, in April; we should try to play Riviera CC. (ex-Cabris) at the end of September. N.B. In one of CERN's latest-ever cricket weekends, the trip took place in mid-October. Bryan said he would email John Thorpe re. a Milan fixture

Any other Business and Close of Meeting

A motion from Mike Elliott, that Club averages should not be put on the website until the end of the season, was defeated.

The President closed the meeting at 20.50h.