

# **CERN Cricket Club**

## **2008 Annual General Meeting**

**27 November 2008 @ 18.30h COOP Restaurant, CERN**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Bryan Pattison, J. Osborne, W. Salter, R. Campbell, D. Bolton, I. Ahmed, S. Muzaffar, M. Elliott, A. Kamath, T. Elvin, C. Onions, M. George, T. Goodyear, E. Smith (part)

#### **1. Opening of the meeting/Adoption of the agenda/Apologies for absence**

President Bryan Pattison opened the meeting at **18.40 h**. The agenda was adopted. Apologies for absence were received from: C. Carter, M. Grant and P. Crook

#### **2. Minutes of the 2007 AGM**

The Minutes were approved as being a true record of the 2007 AGM. There were no matters arising.

#### **3. Captain's Report**

Tim Elvin noted that 2008 was another good club season. We played 23 games, winning 16 and losing 7; five fixtures were cancelled and two postponed, due to no fault of CERN; 33 players represented the club during the 2008 season. Thanks to Tim Goodyear for setting up so many games. CERN qualified for the SCA League semi-finals for the first time in several years – and lost to Basel only after a tight and well-contested game. Congratulations to David Bolton on scoring the highest number of runs and the highest average, in his first CERN season; also to Mike Elliott (highest number of wickets) and Anthony Morley (best average).

Tim Elvin recorded his pleasure at lifting the Eifion Jones trophy for the first time and thanked the committee and the entire membership for their support during his 5 seasons as captain. Due to pressure of other commitments he was now standing down, but would play in the 2009 season. The meeting showed its appreciation for Tim Elvin's captaincy, by acclamation.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Wayne Salter presented a report which showed an improved Staff Association contribution, and a slightly improved overall balance in hand (CHF 10,308 versus 9,935). Match fee receipts were up, but subscriptions were slightly down. A disappointment was the failure of some players to pay their beer debts. The meeting approved the report and thanked Wayne for his tireless efforts to improve revenue.

#### **5. Groundsman's & Kit Report**

John Osborne noted that the new sit-on lawn mower had resulted in a big improvement in grass cutting during 2008; new turf had been laid along the edges of the strip, rendering it more bowler-friendly; improvements to/painting of, the hut, had been carried out; new wheels and a new aluminium frame had been fitted to the nets; a container had been installed on the adjacent tarmac, for storage; pre-season rolling had been done, with the cost shared with the softball club. For

spring 2009, the new tea table needed fixing/painting and a rota for grass cutting was required.

John presented a complete kit inventory. It was hoped that Colin Carter could perform his customary miracles on 4 cracked bats and that St. John Skilton could repair one poor helmet; 3 new bats should be purchased, plus 2 pairs of gloves, 12 Readers and 12 Dukes balls, 3 strapped boxes, 2 thigh guards and one forearm protector.

The meeting thanked John for his report and showed particular appreciation for the big improvements to the playing environment over the past few seasons.

## **6. Election of Officers for 2009**

The following were elected: Captain John Osborne, Vice-Captain David Bolton, Secretary Tim Goodyear, Treasurer Wayne Salter, Groundsman & Kit John Osborne, Match Manager Coordinator Rob Campbell, Social Convenor Tina Osborne. A special vote of thanks was passed for the efforts, over many seasons, of Joan Bell Davenport in arranging so many social events for CERN CC. Thanks were also expressed for many fine efforts for the club, to Mike Elliott – who was moving to Basel.

## **7. SCA Affairs & Fixtures for 2009**

It was noted that the SCA player registration process seemed to be working more smoothly, with names carried over from previous seasons. It was suggested that the visitors from Swansea in 2008 could be visited, in turn, instead of a Newcastle tour in 2010, rather than in 2009 (N.B. in the event, contact was lost with this side and a (good) Newcastle tour took place in 2009 and is also scheduled for 2010). An approach would be made to visit Milan (N.B. this didn't happen in 2009, but is on the fixture list for 2010). A Cabris 2009 tour would be sought (N.B. an enjoyable 2009 tour took place and the weekend is on the fixture list for 2010). A Young Bloods v. Golden Oldies game would be fixed for April (and, duly took place).

## **8. Any other business**

David Bolton undertook to investigate new CERN insignia kit (N.B. this effort was highly successful, in good time for the 2009 season). David also suggested a 20/20 six-a-side at CERN (N.B. a lot of extra fixtures – including those involving GRYCC participation in the SCA League – took place on the CERN ground in 2009. And CERN took part in the GICC festival at Bout-du-Monde).

John Osborne undertook to look into (with Michael George) the practicality of new nets, to be placed behind the CERN hut and to be shared between CERN and GRYCC.

## **9. Close of the meeting**

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at **20.05**.