

**CERN Cricket Club**  
**2009 Annual General Meeting**  
Tuesday 16 March 2010 @ 18.30h COOP Restaurant, CERN Meyrin

**MINUTES**

**N.B. The 2009 Annual General Meeting** was postponed from its usual date in the preceding November in order that CERN CC. committee meetings could take place to establish policy in regard to **Geneva Region Youth Cricket Club (GRYCC)**, GRYCC use of the CERN ground and a meeting could take place to secure the agreement of GRYCC to CERN's proposals: see **Agenda item 6**, below

**Present:** B. Pattison, J. Osborne, W. Salter, I. Ahmed, S. Muzaffar, C. Onions, T. Goodyear, M. Barrett, C. Carter, R. Curtis, J. Nash (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: T. Elvin, C. d' Mello, R. Roebuck, A. Kamath, D. Allen, C. Gribben, D. Bolton, R. Campbell, P. Crook, M. George, C. Bee, W. McNaught.

**2. Minutes of the 2008 AGM**

The Minutes were approved as being a true record of the 2008 AGM. There were no matters arising.

**3. Captain's Report for 2009**

Captain John Osborne thanked Tim Goodyear for arranging a season of 27 matches (as a point of information, John himself arranged 5 of them). In the event 22 matches were actually played, of which 9 were won and 13 lost. The meeting showed its appreciation for John's report (see page 3 below), by acclamation.

**4. Treasurer's Report for 2009**

Wayne Salter was able to report an improved financial situation for 2009. No major investment was recorded; subscriptions were down marginally; match fee income was about the same; Wayne announced that some people were not paying for their beer. This news, unprecedented in the 45-year history of the Club, was greeted by stunned silence. It simply did not seem possible. A claim for SCA League umpiring fees would be made to the Staff Association. The meeting applauded Wayne for his continuing efforts to keep the Club solvent (see **AGM Accounts.pdf**).

**5. Groundsman's & Kit Report for 2009**

Following extensive ground improvements and the mower acquisition in 2008, John Osborne provided news of further good work in 2009; Steve Crook painted the tea table for several months; the mower now mulches. Tim Elvin was deputed to install rigid mesh netting on the net. N.B. reduced deer-culling in 2010 is a tribute to those who carried out this work. But, for carnivores, there is still a fresh supply of moles and mice. A rota for grass-cutting was *still* needed. Colin Carter continued his customary bat-repairing miracles, which saved the Club considerable money. See **Cern Cricket Kit October 2009.xls** which earned John a second round of applause.

## **6. CERN CC. and GRYCC**

Expanded – and, as CERN CC. views it, welcome – activity at the Preveessin ground on the part of GRYCC had prompted a re-think by the CERN CC. committee during 2009 of the relationship between the two Clubs. CERN's thinking was based on three things: usage of the CERN permanent strip and a fair price for that use; coordination of fixtures, following GRYCC's very late decision to enter the SCA 2009 League; the possibility of joint investment by CERN CC. and GRYCC in new facilities.

At the time of the AGM, following discussions between CERN and GRYCC, it had been agreed that GRYCC should pay CERN CHF 50 per junior player on GRYCC's lists. Better coordination of fixtures was an objective for (and became a reality in) 2010, with one point of contact between the CERN CC. and GRYCC fixture-making processes. At the time of the AGM a guarantee was being negotiated between CERN and GRYCC to design and finance 2 x practice nets on the edge of the cricket playing area at Preveessin (see **CERNCricketfieldAGM2009.ppt**). It was noted that GRYCC was concentrating on a U17 rather than a U19 team for 2010. In theory, that should have freed up players for CERN CC.

## **7. Election of Officers for 2010**

A proposal to create the new post of Vice-President had been adopted by the CERN CC. committee, prior to the AGM. The Vice-President would represent CERN CC. at internal CERN meetings. John Osborne was elected unopposed as Vice-President. A secret ballot saw David Bolton elected as 2010 captain. Tim Elvin was confirmed as Vice-Captain, Tim Goodyear as Secretary, Wayne Salter as Treasurer, John Osborne as Groundsman and i/c kit, Rob Campbell as Match Manager Coordinator and Tina Osborne as Social Convenor. A new post of beer/drinks monitor was won, following a hard-fought election campaign, by Will McNaught.

## **8. SCA Affairs & Fixtures for 2010**

Any tendency to view the SCA as a comic soap-opera received a boost in early 2010, when the actions of certain individuals resulted in the de-facto existence of *two* SCAs. But the International Cricket Council failed to see the joke and suspended payments to the real SCA, of which Bryan Pattison is Vice-President. Suspension of ICC payments causes real harm to youth cricket development and to Swiss international teams. The AGM voted to make CHF 1,000 available to the real SCA's fighting fund – to attempt to end the impasse. A SCA Council meeting in Berne immediately after the CERN AGM defined the League programme for 2010, in which the Western and Central divisions were combined. Bryan P., Tim G., Imtiaz and Shahzad all attended SCA meetings at various times, as the unsought drama unfolded.

## **9. Any other business**

Matthew Barrett suggested that more could be done to encourage new players; displaying more posters and attaching them to emails to members and other people were two possibilities. A Club “presentation night” of awards was proposed by Rod Curtis; this torch was taken up by Will McNaught in recent months. GRYCC were proposing a celebrity fund-raising dinner at CHF 200 per person to aid their funds; CERN CC. would publicise this via the CERN membership list.

## **10. Close of the meeting**

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at **20.37 h.**

## **Captain's report 2009 at March 2010 AGM :**

Thanks to Tim Goodyear for arranging another busy season in 2009.

We played 22 matches in 2009, won 9, lost 13, 5 cancelled (Euratom weekend was called off and Gateshead Fell rained off (as usual)).

Sometimes difficult during the holiday season to get players, hopefully poster campaign will provide some new players in 2010.

Rather disappointing 5<sup>th</sup> place in Swiss West League (out of 6!)

Congratulations to :

-Tim Goodyear for his 5 for 3 against Trafford Solicitors

-Rob Campbell for toping bowling & batting averages and for representing Switzerland

### **3. Groundman's report 2009 :**

#### **2. 2009 Works:**

Tea table repaired and painted (thanks Steve Crook for many hours of painting!!)

Sit-on lawnmower serviced at blade changed for mulcher type

Hut cleaned out / general tidy up Autumn 09

Two new metal storage cupboards put in the hut during the winter

#### **3. 2010 season :**

New netting (rigid mesh type as deer's keep getting caught in traditional nets)

ROTA for grass cutting needed

New 2 lane-nets under discussion with GRYCC

**Note that from now on we will use toilets in Bld 926 (see attached drawing)**

#### **4. Kit :**

Kit inventory on separate file (**Cern Cricket Kit October 2009.xls**)

Need to order bat grips and league balls (DUKES)

Thanks again to Colin for repairing damaged bats

J.Osborne March 2010