

CERN Cricket Club
2011 Annual General Meeting
Thursday 10 November 2011 @ 18.30h No.1 Restaurant, CERN Meyrin

MINUTES

Present: B. Pattison, J. Osborne, W. Salter, I. Ahmed, D. Bolton, C. Onions, S. Muzaffar, T. Elvin, R. Campbell, T. Goodyear, W. McNaught, C. Carter, J. Price, S. Chaudhuri, A. Sequira

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

President Bryan Pattison opened the meeting at **18.45 h**. The agenda was adopted. Apologies for absence were received from: P. Crook, C. d' Mello, A. Kamath, and C. Bee.

2. Minutes of the 2010 AGM

The Minutes of the 2010 AGM were agreed and accepted.

3. Captain's Report for 2011

Captain David Bolton thanked Tim Goodyear for scheduling 30 matches; 13 were won, 11 lost, 3 were rained off, there were 2 x "no-shows" and one forfeiture. In the SCA League CERN won 3 out of 6 matches scheduled; without the forfeiture CERN could have finished joint second in their group and, for the first time in years, perhaps have appeared in the semi-finals. During the season no less than 42 people played for the Club; there was in general a good available pool of players - and here, the re-emergence of CERN "students" on secondment had helped. Congratulations were due to John Osborne and Will McNaught for match-managing three successful tours (Bellingham, Milan and Cabris) and Chris Onions for putting the Eifion Jones Competition together once again. David concluded with a request that every time a 12th. man is nominated, he should be ready and available to turn up if required. The meeting showed its appreciation for David's report, by acclamation.

4. Treasurer's Report for 2011

Treasurer Wayne Salter reported a healthy financial situation for the 2011 season, with a positive balance of 26,571 CHF, an improvement on the 2010 season of 5,132. Credits in 2011 decreased by 536, a reduction in the Staff Association contribution of 885 more than accounting for this. Subscriptions were down by some 800 CHF and match fees by about 100 CHF. On the other hand, the 1,000 CHF loan to the SCA had been repaid and Kids' fees were up by 200. It was worth mentioning that, at 2,500, Kids' fees represented 29% of total income. Other items were relatively small and/or showed little change.

Debits had decreased by 1,012 CHF for the 2011 season. The largest single change arose from the fact that the SCA loan had been converted from a debit to a credit, from 2010 to 2011. Other significant changes were: hut and ground improvements down from 535 to zero; kit up from 329 to 558; refreshments down from 879 to 633; umpire fees and umpire registration fees up from 240 to 448. Wayne announced that SCA fees would now be paid by the CERN Staff Association, following the call for the matter to be resolved, at the 2010 AGM. Wayne also proposed that

CERN players should no longer pay match fees for “away” games in the Geneva area and that annual Club subscriptions should be retained at 100 CHF, with a reduced rate of 30 CHF for students. The AGM agreed and applauded Wayne for completing a difficult job, well done and at short notice.

5. Groundsman's & Kit Report for 2011

Mowers, grass-cutting rotas, anti-deer netting, stump repairs, pitch repairs and balls were all part of a lively debate at this juncture of the Meeting. Vice-President John Osborne advised against buying a completely new mower because of resulting unsought autonomy re. CERN “official” cutting – in 2011 CERN itself had cut 6 x times and CERN CC. x 6 times. But Tim Elvin's suggested rota of cutters was good. Rob Campbell was to embark on net repairs/replacement using stout anti-deer material. Colin Carter had repaired a set of stumps. John Osborne undertook to make (and completed during the close season) repairs to the edges of the strip, using concrete. Following the decision at the 2010 AGM to move towards sole use of Dukes balls, Will McNaught undertook to investigate a good source online. N.B. This was successful. The Club currently has a good stock of Dukes balls, at a cost below even that of inferior balls. The Meeting showed its appreciation for the good work of John, Tim E., Rob, Colin and Will

6. Election of Officers for 2012 Season

Rob Campbell had proposed an all-encompassing « ticket » before the AGM convened of : Bryan Pattison as President, John Osborne as Vice-President, David Bolton as Captain, Tim Elvin as Vice-Captain, Wayne Salter as Treasurer, Tim Goodyear as Secretary, Chris Onions as Webmaster, Rob Campbell as Coordinator of match-managers and Tina Osborne as Social Convenor for the 2012 season. The AGM accepted this proposal by acclamation.

7. Sharing ground with GRYCC/Swiss Colts

It was agreed that a new basis for ground-sharing was needed. John Osborne agreed to put all points to Michael George of GRYCC, asked for people to join him in a meeting with Michael and asked Tim Goodyear to contact Michael. N.B. Tim contacted Michael on 11 November, to learn that Michael had ended his formal association with GRYCC. Subsequently, a meeting was held between John Osborne and Wayne Salter, (for CERN) and Sandhya and Midhun Lal (for GRYCC), on 29 February 2012.

The Minutes of this meeting are on the CERN cricket website at : club-cricket.web.cern.ch/Club-Cricket/Minutes.html

8. Participation in SCA League

This item was the subject of a big and, at times, animated discussion – arising not least from an on-field incident during the 2011 season. The Meeting agreed that CERN CC. would elect to take part in the SCA League for the 2012 season and that the President would talk to representatives of the other club involved. N.B. In the event, the Secretary was able to report that he had met such representatives at an SCA Council meeting and all seemed to be well – a fact confirmed through later correspondence.

9. Ground improvements/Major expenditures

This item was bound up, to a fairly large extent, with Item 7. on the Agenda. It was agreed that

John Osborne would look at the costs involved in possible schemes during the close season.

10. SCA Affairs & Fixtures for 2012

President Bryan reported on an unchanged SCA situation w.r.t. the rebel group, but that the *true* SCA was in better and stronger shape than one year ago.

The one strong preference to emerge re. friendly fixtures was that the 2012 Milan tour should take place at a cooler time of year than in 2011. N.B. The Secretary duly arranged this – but the tour had to be cancelled, through insufficient CERN numbers.

11. Any Other Business

John Osborne proposed to ask Tina to arrange a Christmas dinner, as in 2010. N.B. Tina did so - and it was well- attended and much enjoyed.

Chris Onions urged match-managers to ensure that surnames, not first names, be entered in the score book and, that match-managers read the requirements for managing, before embarking on it. N.B. During 2012, some did and others didn't.

12. Close of the Meeting

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at **20.28h**