

CERN Cricket Club
2012 Annual General Meeting
Monday 26 November 2012 @ 18.30h No.1 Restaurant (NOVAE), CERN Meyrin

MINUTES

Present: B. Pattison, J. Osborne, W. Salter, I. Ahmed, D. Ahmed, C. Onions, S. Muzaffar, T. Elvin, R. Campbell, P. Badan, T. Goodyear.

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. Cookman, D. Allen, R. Pratap, C. Carter, W. McNaught, N. Chohan, D. Bolton and S. Chaudhuri.

2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM

The Minutes of the 2011 AGM were agreed and accepted.

3. Captain's Report for 2012

Captain David Bolton apologised for frequent absences during the season arising through serious health concerns regarding his son and thanked Tim Elvin and Rob Campbell for deputising. David himself would not seek re-election for 2013. He thanked Tim Goodyear for scheduling **29** matches (with 9 won, 10 lost, 1 drawn, **but no less than 9 rained off**). The “home” highlight was, once again, the visit of “Fleet Street Strollers.” The SCA league did not provide any joy; but thanks were due to John Osborne for two excellent tours; 46 people played for the Club during the season (perhaps a record) – with Sayan Chaudhuri and Rob Campbell the front runners, each playing more than 15 games. Congratulations were due to Sayan for scoring the most runs (564); to Rob for taking the most wickets (20); to Dawood Ahmed for taking 12 wickets in a very promising first full season; to Chris Onions, for all his work on the CERN cricket website and for taking the season's only 5 wicket haul. The meeting showed its appreciation for David's report, by acclamation.

4. Treasurer's Report for 2012

Treasurer Wayne Salter reported a positive balance in the Club accounts of some 28,380 CHF at the end of November 2012. For 2012, total Credits were about 5,900 and Debits 4,100. The increase over the 2011 positive balance, of about 1,800 CHF, was less than the increase from 2010 to 2011 (about 5,100) – but the Club remained financially very healthy.

The loan to (much-appreciated and well-used, by) the SCA no longer featured in the CERN accounts – thus removing a source of artificial swings in the debits and credits.

On the credits side, the Staff Association contribution of nearly 700 was not significantly changed, from 2011; neither were the much larger items of subscriptions (at 2,300) and match fees (at about 1,200). Kids' Use of Facilities (at close to 1,200), although down by more than 50 percent, still represented about 20 percent of the total. Beer money was a relatively smaller item – at 440 CHF. But nearly 150 of beer money was still owed. At this point, John Osborne pointed out that both

“Kids” and “Beer” could do with better record-keeping. Who was there? *and* who drank what?, were not always getting written down. A few hundred francs could be at stake. The problem was made worse through people leaving and not being followed up.

On the debits side the largest item was Cricket Kit, at 1,575 CHF. But this reflected relatively low expenditure in the previous two years. The same applied to Hut & Ground improvements, at 650 CHF. The marked decline in Umpire fees and umpire registration fees reflected the announcement at the 2011 AGM that SCA fees would now be paid by the CERN Staff Association.

Wayne observed that Kids' use of the ground continued (on Friday, some Saturdays and Sunday mornings) since the Gingins ground was not yet finished. Wayne concluded his remarks by reminding the Meeting that Staff Association money was not something to be accumulated from year-to-year, but demonstrably to be used on projects. The AGM applauded Wayne for his usual, first-class, work.

5. Groundsman's & Kit Report for 2012

Vice-President and Groundsman John Osborne reported that the ground had been rolled for a half-day by a CERN contractor at the start of the season, with a very heavy roller (this cost, of about 200 CHF, was reflected in Wayne's report); the lawnmower had been sent for service at the end of the season; netting had been replaced at the start of the season but would need some maintenance at the start of the 2013 season; GRYCC had bought a small metal hut for their kit, to be installed at the back of the CERN hut; gravel and cement had been put down at the edge of the mat at the start of the 2012 season but the only lasting solution to the problem area was laying a new, wider, strip. The condition of the mat itself was not bad – but work should start on the replacement in September 2013. N.B. This has been delayed by very bad weather during the target time. John said that in 2013 some of the hut external wood required treating.

Vice-Captain Tim Elvin presented a very full kit inventory – down to the ZA One and ? 12/09 (fyi, they are left-handed bats). A good stock of Dukes match balls and of practice balls existed (as of November 2012. Tim E. identified a need for more bowling-machine balls, 2 pairs x wicket-keeping glove inners, 2 x pairs of wicket-keeping pads, 4 x bail sets, and 6-12 match balls. N.B. More practice balls and match balls were purchased during 2013; the need for more equipment, for 2014, will be informed by Imtiaz Ahmed's kit report for 2013 (see below – Election of Officers).

Both John O. and Tim E. were thanked, for jobs well done.

6. Election of Officers for 2013 Season

Apart from David Bolton's decision to step down, the Meeting was faced with Tim Elvin's resolve not to serve on the 2013 Committee and John Osborne's willingness to serve as Vice-President and Groundsman but *not* as Captain or Vice-Captain. These personal decisions were important in the context of a variety of nominations/proposals for the latter two posts, available before the AGM. The Meeting chose the following line-up for 2013: Bryan Pattison as President, John Osborne as Vice-President and Groundsman, Chris Onions as Captain and Webmaster, Imtiaz Ahmed as Vice-Captain (and i/c Kit), Wayne Salter as Treasurer, Tim Goodyear as Secretary, Rob Campbell as Coordinator of match-managers and Tina Osborne as Social Convenor.

The 2013 Selection Committee would be: Chris Onions, Imtiaz Ahmed and Rob Campbell.

7. SCA affairs and CERN fixtures for 2013

The question of whether CERN should participate in the SCA League was discussed – as it seems to be, every year. This time, rather more “nays” were heard. In the end, most of those present agreed that *not* to participate would send a signal to other SCA Clubs that one of the founders of the SCA was no longer interested in playing seriously competitive cricket.

President Bryan raised the question of attendance at the SCA 2013 AGM (in the event, both Bryan and Tim G. attended). Bryan also mentioned the date of 20 December 2012 as the date of the first court hearing of the SCA's case against the “rebel” group of clubs – not least, for “impersonation.” N.B. The SCA dropped its case during 2013– partly because of high expenditure versus an uncertain outcome, but mainly because the “rebels” are no longer perceived as a serious threat to the work of the SCA.

The usual three tours – to St. Vallier (Riviera), Bellingham and Milan were envisaged for 2013 (in the event, the Milan tour *again* did not take place). Fleet Street Strollers would visit in 2013.

8. Any Other Business

A request was made for better time discipline on the part of Kid's cricket (particularly, finishing matches on time).

One point of contact should, again, be insisted upon, for Kids' cricket. N.B. Mme Lal ceased to be that point of contact, early in 2013. The current coordinators are Annabel and Richard Keigwin.

Imtiaz's query on «family» rates for CERN cricket membership was resolved.

Following an incident late in the 2012 season, an addition to the «Match Manager Responsibilities» was made, viz. «In the event that a decision to cancel the match has to be taken, the Match Manager should consult with the captain of the day before taking that decision!»

9. Close of the Meeting

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at **20.10h**