

CERN Cricket Club
2014 Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 2 December 2014 @ 18.30h No.1 Restaurant (NOVAE), CERN Meyrin

MINUTES

Present: B. Pattison, J. Osborne, W. Salter, I. Ahmed, D. Ahmed, P. Crook, C. Onions, S. Muzaffar, C. Carter, R. Parker, S. Siddhanta, M. Martin, T. Goodyear.

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

President Bryan Pattison opened the **49th AGM** of CERN CC. at **18.38h**. The agenda was adopted. Apologies for absence were received from: N. Chohan, P. Badan, D. Allen, T. Elvin, and S. Chaudhuri.

2. Minutes of the 2013 AGM

The Minutes of the 2013 AGM were agreed and accepted.

These can be read at:

<http://cern.ch/cricket/2013/CERNCCAGMMinutes2013.pdf>

The AGM then heard reports on 2014 from Chris Onions (Captain), Wayne Salter (Treasurer), John Osborne (Vice-President & Groundsman) and Imtiaz Ahmed (Vice-Captain, i/c kit). **All were well-received and applauded.**

3. Captain's Report for 2014

Chris reported on a “two-tier “season for results, the division largely being occasioned by the laying of CERN's magnificent new mat (see Wayne's and John's reports, below). By the end of June CERN had won 2 and lost 7 matches, all of which had been played away; thereafter the record was won 9 and lost 4. Four club records were broken. **Chris blamed himself** for CERN losing the Cricket Switzerland League semi-final (the first time the club had featured in it since 1992), but strong murmurs from around the table said **“not guilty.”** **Sayan Chaudhuri** had donated a handsome trophy to CERN, to be awarded annually to the player who had made the season's best contributions. **Matthew Martin fully deserved it for the 2014 season.**

The unfortunate incident involving Dawood was agreed by the Meeting to have been handled harshly and one-sidedly by Cricket Switzerland. **Shahzad undertook to take up the matter in a future meeting of sFOCUS, of which he is a member.**

Thanks were due to Sarah Franzen for donating a new practice net and to Tim Elvin for transporting and assembling it. But deer-hunts had to be arranged for the new season. **Peter Crook offered to organise flowers for Sarah;** a special vote of thanks to Chris was proposed by Rich Parker and passed by acclamation.

Read Chris's full report at:

<http://cern.ch/cricket/2014/CaptainsReport2014.pdf>

4. Treasurer's Report for 2014

Wayne was able to report a continuing healthy positive balance in the accounts of over CHF 31,100. But this figure disguised the fact that bills of around CHF 18,000 for the new permanent strip were, at that time, awaited (see Item 5., below). Items within the accounts showed their usual fluctuations. Nearly CHF 2,500 had been spent on new playing equipment (see Item 6., below). But this figure reflected the normal cycle of wear-and-tear, replacement and buying a new stock of good-quality balls.

CHF 800 "Subscription to Cricket Switzerland" featured in the 2014 debits (against CHF 680 from the Staff Association under credits). Bryan pointed out that the CERN Staff Association has a system whereby CERN CC. can claim annual fees such as Cricket Switzerland, but that they are fixed over a 3-year period. The current period ended in 2014 and therefore the Club can claim the correct Cricket Switzerland fees at the 2015 claim date. The Club had not been allowed to increase the amount requested from the Staff Association during the past two years, to match Cricket Switzerland's increased fees.

Wayne's 2014 financial statement is at:

<http://cern.ch/cricket/2014/AGM-Accounts-2014.pdf>

5. Groundsman's Report for 2014

John Osborne gave full details of the extensive ground work carried out during April-July and thanked everyone who helped lay the new permanent match strip and re-lay the old strip on a new tarmac practice bed near the woods. The first match on the new strip was on 19 July.

John referred to the deer damage (photos on the cricket website) and said the **nets needed to be lifted at the end of each season.**

New netting was needed before the start of the 2015 season; likewise the outfield needs a heavy roller and the hut external wood needs painting.

Read John's full report at:

<http://cern.ch/cricket/2014/Groundmansreport2014AGM.pdf>

6. Kit Report for 2014

Vice-Captain Imtiaz Ahmed presented a full kit inventory, following quite heavy expenditure before the start of the season. One set of spring stumps had suffered a break, but no new equipment was required for 2015 – other than **two boxes of pink League balls, rather than one, from Cricket Switzerland.**

During discussion of kit, and particularly with the tragic injury in Australia freshly in mind, **the question of insurance was raised. This question should be raised at the next meeting(s) of Cricket Switzerland, in February.**

Imtiaz's 2014 kit inventory is at:

http://cern.ch/cricket/2014/Kit_2014.pdf

A post-script to the above: Imtiaz has said that **we need a new water-barrel to replace the existing one, before the start of the 2015 season.**

7. Election of Officers for 2015 Season

President Bryan said that he had not been able to give the post the attention he would have wished and that it deserved, during the past year. He wished to step down, after 36 years, and proposed **Chris Onions** as his replacement. This was approved by acclamation.

Secretary Tim Goodyear announced that, after Chris indicated his wish to stand down, two proposals for **Captain** – Imtiaz and Matthew – had been received. **Imtiaz was elected** on a show of hands. The process was repeated, between Matthew and Peter Crook, for **Vice-Captain (and i/c kit)**; **Peter** was elected. Rich Parker had said that his work and travel commitments did not allow him to be truly involved in the job of Coach. **Matthew agreed to be CERN's new coach.**

Other posts had not involved multiple nominations – and the current holders agreed to continue in 2015, viz. John Osborne as Vice-President and Groundsman, Chris Onions as Webmaster, Wayne Salter as Treasurer, Tim Goodyear as Secretary and Shahzad Muzaffar as Coordinator of match-managers. John Osborne undertook to arrange a seasonal dinner – for 24 January – but, **CERN C.C. still needs a new Social Convenor. This is particularly important in 2015, CERN CC.'s 50th anniversary year!**

Following the established formula of Captain, Vice-Captain and Coach, the **2015 Selection Committee is:** Imtiaz Ahmed, Peter Crook and Matthew Martin. **But for future reference, the Selection Committee *must*, as now, always contain a direct representative of CERN.**

Rich Parker said that what he missed in the election process was a sense of objectives: why candidates were standing, their priorities, how available they were, what they hoped to achieve and how they intended to achieve it. President Bryan said that these were valid points – but were for the Committee to discuss in a separate meeting.

8. Cricket Switzerland affairs and CERN fixtures for 2015

Secretary Tim G. said that 2014 had not been the easiest season in which to make fixtures, with no home games until July. Tim also questioned the readiness of Club players to undertake tours. St. Vallier (Riviera CC.) had to be cancelled at short notice and Italy (Milan CC.) never got off the drawing board.

For 2015:

- ▲ Early indications – from Shahzad's attendance at the autumn Council meeting - are that the **Cricket Switzerland** current **40-over** regional **League** structure will be maintained. **CERN CC. will participate.**
- ▲ A vote was taken on playing in **Cricket Switzerland's T20 competition** (to be played on Saturdays). **CERN CC. will participate.**
- ▲ Thanks to **John Osborne**, one tour is already fixed - versus **Trafford Solicitors** at the idyllic grass strip and ground of Riverdale Hall Hotel at **Bellingham, Northumbria, U.K.**, during **July 4 and 5**. This tour is highly recommended – not least because it's **the only current chance that CERN CC. has to play on grass.**
- ▲ Tim G. will seek **a tour to St. Vallier (south of France), but not to Italy.**
- ▲ The search for a Fleet Street Strollers substitute weekend will continue. But teams from the

UK are, obviously, being priced out of Switzerland.

- ▲ **CERN CC. will offer Uprising CC. the opportunity to play at Prévessin, for every match involving the two sides.**

9. Any Other Business

Peter Crook pointed out that relatively **few match reports were getting written**. The CERN cricket website – to which all Members referred for their up-to-date information – began to look silly, with ten or a dozen references to «**Report Yet To Be Written**», in the Results section.

The meeting decided that it is, under current rules, **the responsibility of every match-manager to ensure that a match report is written**. And, **any match-manager can ask someone other than himself to write the match report (even if that person wasn't at the match!)**.

The question of the quality, relative abundance, cost, and remuneration for providing – **home fixture teas**, was raised. There is a 50-year history on this subject. The new Committee was tasked with looking at the subject, again.

10. Close of the Meeting

President Bryan Pattison thanked everyone for their attendance and, **after a tenure of 36 years since taking over from Eifion Jones (who in 1965 had been a founding member of the Club), closed his final meeting as President of CERN CC. at 19.55h**

Photos of Bryan handing over to Chris, and Chris presenting the Sayan Chaudhuri Trophy to Matthew Martin are at:

http://cern.ch/cricket/images/2014/20141202_191953.jpg

http://cern.ch/cricket/images/2014/20141202_200133.jpg