

# CERN Cricket Club

## 2018 Annual General Meeting

Monday, 14 January 2019 @ 18:30 in Restaurant 1, CERN Meyrin

### MINUTES

**Present:** Chris Onions, Wayne Salter, John Osborne, Colin Carter, Alex Brown (partial), Andrew Hale, Aaron Farricker, Dave Allen, Pardeep Kumar (partial), Roshan Perera, Dawood Ahmed, Irsalan Ahmed, Achintya Rao

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

President Chris Onions opened the **53rd** AGM of CERN CC at **18:30**. The agenda was adopted. Apologies for absence were received from: Tim Goodyear, Claston D'Mello, Sabyasachi Siddhanta, Bilal Kiani, Jonathan Gall, Peter Crook

## 2 Minutes of the 2017 AGM

The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were agreed and accepted; they can be read at:

<https://cern.ch/cricket/2017/CERNCCAGMMinutes2017.pdf>

Matters arising:

- The Most Valuable Player award for 2017 was awarded to Partha Paul.
- Aaron Farricker helped the Club acquire new bats and helmets from the UK.
- Rhone CC participated in the 2018 CSPL, but Western Division clubs are unwilling to travel to Lyon in 2019.
- Although Cricket Switzerland has been accepted as a Member of Swiss Olympic, the ICC has demanded that both CS and the SCV be merged, through the appointment by the ICC of a neutral arbiter, who will help draft a new constitution for the unified body. However, at the time of the CS meeting in October 2018, no further news had been received from the ICC.
- CricHQ has continued to function during the 2018 season and will likely exist in the coming year as well. A final decision on which scoring platform the CSPL and PT20 will use will be made at the CS AGM on **23 February 2019**.
- A template e-mail from the CERN Staff Association was not sent to the CERN Clubs concerning the retaining of membership information in compliance with the GDPR. This action is therefore pending.

The AGM then heard the following reports from the Captain, the Treasurer and the Groundsman. The reports were well received and applauded.

### 3 Captain's Report for 2018

Imtiaz Ahmed was unable to attend the meeting in person, but sent his Captain's Report by e-mail to the President and Secretary prior to the AGM. Achintya Rao read it to the gathering.

Imtiaz thanked the Secretary Achintya Rao for scheduling 31 games for the year, with a total of 29 games eventually played. CERN CC lost 20 games, winning nine (one by forfeit). **Dawood Ahmed was declared Most Valuable Player for 2018**, having played 24 matches, with a haul of 20 wickets and 14 catches (the most taken by a CERN CC player in one season, other than as a wicketkeeper).

Imtiaz himself put in a stellar performance with the bat, scoring 475 runs at an average of 26.4 in 24 games, with a highest score of 79 in a friendly T20 game against Geneva XI Stars CC. Although he played only five games, **Roshan Perera scored CERN CC's only century of the season: 112\*** in the last (friendly) game of the season, against Geneva Sri Lankans CC. Besides Imtiaz, the other half-centurians were John Osborne, Matthew Martin, Andrew Hale, Pardeep Kumar, Jonathan Gall and Saud Ahmed.

With the ball, **Pardeep Kumar (25 wickets at 26.8)** and **Dawood Ahmed (20 wickets at 37.9)** were the standout performers. The youngest player of the team, Irsalan Ahmed, took 4 wickets for 51 in a friendly game.

The Eifion Jones Single-Wicket Competition was not held in 2018.

The full report can be read at:

<https://cern.ch/cricket/2018/CaptainsReport2018.pdf>

Chris Onions noted that the CERN CC scorebooks were not used often, with electronic scorekeeping via CricHQ the go-to tool. However, when the paper version was used, there were often errors in it, making official record-keeping problematic.

### 4 Treasurer's Report for 2018

Wayne Salter reported a gain of around 300 CHF by the club, bringing the Club's cumulative (positive) balance to **13,808.21 CHF**. The Staff Association's contribution was CHF 800.00. Although CERN CC's membership and other fees to Cricket Switzerland have risen, the Staff Association's contributions run in three-year cycles and cannot be revised at the moment.

Wayne noted that only 20 members paid their subscriptions for 2018, even though a total of 52 players represented the Club in games over the course of the season. He proposes that penalties be enforced more strongly in 2019, suggesting that those who have played a reasonable number of games in 2018 – this number was undefined at the AGM – should not be eligible for selection in 2019 unless all dues are paid.

He also noted that Club members were consuming beer and soft drinks in the hut without paying for them subsequently: while 50 CHF remained unpaid in 2017, the amount was 40 CHF in 2018. Wayne proposes similar penalties for non-payment of drinks costs – players would be ineligible for selection unless their dues are paid.

The 2018 financial statement can be found at:

<https://cern.ch/cricket/2018/AGM-Accounts-2018.pdf>

## 5 Groundsman's Report for 2018

Aaron Farricker reported that the lawnmower's battery needs replacing. On a few occasions, Aaron had to jumpstart the lawnmower using his car.

Chris Onions raised the question about whether the outfield should be rolled in 2019. He noted that the CERN Softball Club might be interested in joining in and sharing the associated costs.

Achintya Rao noted that some nails and screws from the pitch had started to come undone. The pitch will need to be nailed in again.

The full report can be read at:

<http://cern.ch/cricket/2018/GroundmansReport2018.pdf>

## 6 Kit Report for 2018

A kit report had not been received from the Captain prior to the meeting. However, Dawood Ahmed noted that the left-handed gloves will need to be replaced as there are not many in stock, with many of the ones available severely worn out. He also noted that the umpire's coats in stock are worn out and need replacing.

Aaron said that one of the Kookaburra bats acquired in 2018 needs replacing, and the company have agreed to do it at no charge as the bat is less than a year old. In addition to the new helmets, 24 new balls were acquired in 2018.

Achintya noted that at the CS Council Meeting in October 2018, it was discussed whether future seasons (from 2020 onwards) of the Pickwick T20 should require coloured clothing. This was in order to use white balls for this format, instead of pink. Club members were overwhelmingly unwilling to purchase new coloured kit with personal funds and the Club will therefore have to investigate sponsorship options.

Imtiaz Ahmed informed Chris Onions after the meeting that the kit inventory for 2018 was almost identical to that of 2017, with two exceptions:

1. The Club is left with six (6) pink balls for league games
2. Two (2) balls are to be collected from Geneva CC and Bern CC, to whom balls were lent during the season.

The kit inventory **for 2017** is available at:

[https://cern.ch/cricket/2017/Kit\\_2017.pdf](https://cern.ch/cricket/2017/Kit_2017.pdf)

## 7 Election of Officers for 2019

Nominations were received by the Secretary for two of the positions: [1] **Captain:** Andrew Hale, [2] **Vice-Captain:** Pardeep Kumar.

The incumbent Vice-Captain, Matthew Martin, offered to step down, leading to Pardeep being duly elected (the nomination was seconded by Chris Onions).

Imtiaz's nomination for re-election as Club Captain was seconded by Dawood Ahmed, while Andrew's nomination for Club Captain was seconded by Alex Brown. The election for this position received 14 votes in total (including five sent in to the Secretary by Club members who were unable to attend the

AGM), resulting in ten (10) votes for Andrew and four (4) for Imtiaz. Andrew was therefore elected Club Captain for the 2019 season.

President Chris Onions thanked Imtiaz for all his years of service; he had been Vice-Captain from 2013, before taking over the reins of Captaincy in 2015. Chris expressed his hope that Imtiaz and his family will continue to be a part of the club in the coming years. Captain-Elect Andrew expressed his thanks to Imtiaz for his dedication.

No nominations were received for the posts of Match-Manager Organiser and Social Convener, and Pardeep kindly volunteered to help with the former responsibilities.

Andrew also offered to attend every nets session to help with coaching.

Chris offered to continue being the Website Manager, with Achintya and Andrew offering to help transition the backend to a dedicated content-management system.

The Selection Committee needs a third (CERN-affiliated) member, and Chris said he would reach out to Imtiaz to ask if he would be willing to take on this role.

**The CERN CC Committee for the 2019 season is:**

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President	Chris Onions
Vice-President	John Osborne
Secretary	Achintya Rao
Captain	Andrew Hale
Vice-Captain	Pardeep Kumar
Treasurer	Wayne Salter
Groundsman	Aaron Farricker
Club Coach	Matthew Martin
Match-Manager Organiser	Pardeep Kumar
Social Convener	<b>POST STILL OPEN!!</b>
Website Manager	Chris Onions
<b>Selection Committee</b>	Captain, Vice-Captain, TBD

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## 8 Cricket Switzerland Affairs and CERN fixtures for 2019

Achintya Rao reported on the Cricket Switzerland meeting held in October 2018.

On the subject of **ICC membership for Switzerland**, it was noted that no further word had been received from the ICC following their demand that CS and SCV merge under the aegis of a neutral arbiter.

The CS meeting was also informed of plans for a **European T20 league** that would feature the domestic T20 winners from 16 European nations facing off in a two-week contest, starting potentially in 2020. This would require teams participating in the Pickwick T20 competition to commit to representing Switzerland should they win the competition. However, following the CS meeting, it was confirmed that only ICC members would be eligible to participate in the proposed European league.

Competitive and friendly fixtures have mostly been finalised for 2019, with the participation of Rhone CC in the CSPL still under debate. However, CERN are happy to play friendlies with Rhone CC even if they no longer feature in the CSPL.

John Osborne made a request that we try and schedule a friendly fixture with Riviera CC in the South of France, even though we were unable to visit them last year.

## 9 CERN Umpires

Cricket Switzerland maintains a list of [umpires per club](#). Umpires registered for CERN as of December 2018 are Imtiaz Ahmed, Dawood Ahmed, Bryan Pattison and Pardeep Kumar. However, Imtiaz and Dawood have shouldered the umpiring responsibilities for the club all year. Pardeep noted that he had not been reimbursed by CS/SwissFOCUS for umpiring in the past.

It was noted that CERN CC should have more qualified umpires registered with the club so as not to put this burden on a small number of individuals. Andrew asked about the accreditation process, and Chris noted that trainings and exams are organised by CS.

Roshan Perera suggests that umpires be paid a more substantial fee to encourage more people to take up the role, but this matter was brought up during the CS meeting in October 2018 and had been ruled out due to a lack of funds.

## 10 Access to the CERN site

Chris Onions notes that there are specific procedures for non-CERN members of CERN CC to have access to the CERN site.

These procedures are now available here:

<https://cern.ch/cricket/AccessstotheCERNsiteAGM.pdf>

Since one CS club has complained about the access procedure for external players to enter the CERN site for games, it was asked whether CS could pass on the details to all the visiting clubs. The Club Secretary should inform visiting clubs of the procedure when confirming/finalising fixtures.

## 11 Any Other Business

Pardeep Kumar asked whether there are spare balls normally used for friendlies and league games that can be used during nets. Dawood Ahmed noted that the Club has enough in stock for some of these balls to be used for practice.

Chris Onions and Achintya Rao have been contacted by the *Association Genevoise de Cricket* (AGC) to invite CERN CC to their AGM. Chris noted that CERN CC has not been involved in AGC matters in the past. In any case, no-one from CERN is available to attend this year's AGM.

John Osborne informed the meeting that Brian Whitworth, chief organiser of the annual fixture against Bellingham CC, had passed away that morning. Chris led CERN CC in raising a toast to Brian, who was fondly remembered by those who knew him.

## 12 Close of the Meeting

President Chris Onions closed the meeting at 20:00.