

# CERN Cricket Club

## 2019 Annual General Meeting

Monday, 25 November 2019 @ 18:30 in Restaurant 1, CERN Meyrin

### MINUTES

**Present:** Chris Onions, Wayne Salter, John Osborne, Dawood Ahmed, Irsalan Ahmed, Colin Carter, Alex Brown (partial), Andrew Hale, M. Anees Akhtar, Dave Allen, Pardeep Kumar, Achintya Rao

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

President Chris Onions opened the **54th** AGM of CERN CC at **18:30**. The agenda was adopted. Apologies for absence were received from: Tim Goodyear, Claston D'Mello, Bilal Kiani, Peter Crook, Bryan Pattison, Aaron Farricker, Ravindra Kanitkar, Matthew Martin.

## 2 Minutes of the 2018 AGM

The Minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed and accepted; they can be read at:

<https://cern.ch/cricket/2018/CERNCCAGMMinutes2018.pdf>

Matters arising:

- The Most Valuable Player award for 2018 was awarded to Dawood Ahmed.
- Former Captain Imtiaz Ahmed left the Club at the end of the 2018 season and was therefore unavailable to join the Selection Committee. Aaron Farricker was appointed the third member of the Selection Committee by President Chris Onions.
- Switzerland's membership to the ICC remains pending.
- Balls lent to Geneva CC and Bern CC were collected.
- New left-handed batting gloves were not acquired.
- The outfield was not rolled in 2019.
- No penalties on selection due to unpaid membership fees were imposed.
- No complaints were received about access to the CERN site for games. However, Bern CC requested that CERN CC play out home fixture against them at Bout-du-Monde; some Bern CC players needed special permissions to leave Switzerland due to their status as refugees.
- The matter of a template e-mail from the CERN Staff Association regarding GDPR is still pending.
- A fixture with Riviera CC could not be arranged.
- The migration of the Club website to a content-management system remains pending.

The AGM then heard the following reports from the Captain and the Treasurer. The reports were well received and applauded. The Groundsman's Report was submitted after the meeting.

### 3 Captain's Report for 2019

Andrew Hale presented his first Captain's Report, noting that it was a privilege to captain the CERN Cricket Club for the season.

Andrew thanked the Secretary Achintya Rao for scheduling 26 games for the year, of which 23 were played. CERN CC won seven games and lost 20. Andrew expressed his pride in the players putting in strong efforts throughout the season and fighting hard in all of the Club's games.

This season, the players were asked to rate the three biggest contributions from their teammates at the end of each game, in order to determine the Most Valuable Player at the end of the season, with the final votes taking into account those who played at least a quarter of the games. Based on these votes, **Claston D'Mello was declared Most Valuable Player for 2019**, who put in all-round performances in six games. Andrew highlighted the Pickwick T20 game against Cossonay CC in which Claston top-scored and returned with the best bowling figures, while also contributing to wicket-keeping during the day. Claston finished with an average of 19.2 with the bat and took 9 wickets at 14.9.

Andrew himself scored 883 runs [the highest for the Club in one season] at an average of 55.18 including three centuries in the year [a Club record] and five half-centuries. Partha Paul was the Club's other centurion, while half-centuries were also scored by Anees Akhtar, John Osborne, Matthew Martin, Amir Khan (Lala) and Paul. With the ball, Majid Khattak took the only fiver – 5/48 against Geneva CC in a CSPL game – in his first season with the Club. Dawood took the most wickets, returning with 19 from 13 games, while Anees took 11 at an average of 10.5 and an economy rate of 4.4 (the best for the season). Matthew took 11 catches over 11 games.

In total, 53 players represented the Club this season, with 17 playing five or more games, and Andrew expressed his pleasure in welcoming the many new players who joined the Club this year. He also expressed his thanks to Chris and John for their enthusiastic leadership, Achintya for his contributions including umpiring, Pardeep as Vice-Captain and umpire, and everyone who contributed to the Club.

The full report can be read at:

<https://cern.ch/cricket/2019/CaptainsReport2019.pdf>

Dawood Ahmed proposed that Andrew himself be declared MVP for the season, for his record-breaking contributions with the bat.

### 4 Treasurer's Report for 2019

Wayne Salter reported a gain of around 2000 CHF by the club, bringing the Club's cumulative (positive) balance to **15,833.01 CHF**. This was mostly because payments were lower by around 1000 CHF due to lack of any purchases for kit or otherwise. The Staff Association's contribution was CHF 800.00.

Wayne noted that only 31 members paid their subscriptions for 2019, even though a total of 53 players represented the Club in games over the course of the season. He reiterated the request from the 2018 AGM that penalties be enforced more strongly: those who have played a reasonable number of games in 2019 – this number was undefined at the AGM – should not be eligible for selection in 2020 unless all dues are paid.

Club members had become better at paying their dues for consumed beer and soft drinks: only 17 CHF remained unpaid in 2019, down from 40 CHF in 2018.

The 2019 financial statement can be found at:

<https://cern.ch/cricket/2019/AGM-Accounts-2019.pdf>

## 5 Groundsman's Report for 2019

The Groundsman's Report was not received prior to the AGM, and Aaron Farricker was unable to attend. The report was subsequently submitted.

Aaron noted that the lawnmower itself functioned well through the season. He informed the Club that the hut will need to be prepared for the season, which will also involve cleaning of the fridges and freezer, and that the petrol cans will need refilling before the season's start. The wooden façade was repaired by CERN, but the wooden decking around the hut has started to rot and will need repair to fix unstable sections.

The full report can be read at:

<https://cern.ch/cricket/2019/GroundmansReport2019AGM.pdf>

Andrew Hale noted as part of the Kit Report (see below) that one panel of the hut needed to be painted. John Osborne noted that the lawnmower's old battery had been removed during the hut cleaning and that Aaron will get a replacement battery. He also noted that the Club may need to replace the pallets that surround the hut.

## 6 Kit Report for 2019

Andrew Hale submitted the Kit Report (or Gear Report, as the original draft stated!), noting that a substantial clear-out was undertaken at the end of the season to remove broken, worn-out and unusable kit. Further, Pardeep Kumar graciously donated some items to the Club. Recommendations were made for the purchase of right-handed pads, left-handed pads, left-handed gloves and two bats. Andrew and Pardeep have offered to look into bat suppliers.

The kit inventory is available at:

[https://cern.ch/cricket/2019/Kit\\_2019.pdf](https://cern.ch/cricket/2019/Kit_2019.pdf)

Dawood Ahmed had noted at the 2018 AGM that the umpire's coats in stock are worn out and need replacing.

## 7 Election of Officers for 2020

Nominations were received by the Secretary for three of the positions: [1] **Captain:** Pardeep Kumar, [2] **Vice-Captain:** Dawood Ahmed, [3] **Match-Manager Organiser:** Bilal Kiani.

Andrew Hale informed the AGM that he was stepping down from Captaincy as his availability in 2020 was limited. Andrew received a warm applause for his contributions to the Club as Captain in only his second year, and for his dedication at nets. With the position now vacant, Pardeep was duly elected Captain (the motion was seconded by Dawood), allowing Dawood to be duly elected Vice-Captain (the motion was seconded by Achintya).

The incumbent Match-Manager Organiser, Pardeep Kumar, stepped down due to taking on the mantle of Captaincy, leading to Bilal Kiani being duly elected (the motion was seconded by Chris).

Because of their dedication at nets sessions and their experience with coaching, Chris nominated Andrew Hale and Aaron Farricker to take over coaching responsibilities from Matthew Martin. The motion was seconded by John Osborne and the motion passed. Matthew Martin was thanked for his contributions as Club Coach for several years.

Achintya Rao had informed the President and Vice-President that he would no longer be able to assume the responsibilities of Club Secretary and would be stepping down after two years on the Committee. Therefore, a new Secretary would need to be elected. Alex Brown offered to help the Club and nominated himself; the motion was seconded by John and Alex was duly elected.

Achintya stated that he would assist Alex with the transition, acknowledging the support he himself received from Tim Goodyear when taking over the role for the 2018 season.

No nominations were received for the post of Social Convener, and the position remains vacant.

**The CERN CC Committee for the 2020 season is:**

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President	Chris Onions
Vice-President	John Osborne
Secretary	Alex Brown
Captain	Pardeep Kumar
Vice-Captain	Dawood Ahmed
Treasurer	Wayne Salter
Groundsman	Aaron Farricker
Club Coaches	Andrew Hale and Aaron Farricker
Match-Manager Organiser	Bilal Kiani
Social Convener	<b>POST STILL OPEN!!</b>
Website Manager	Chris Onions
<b>Selection Committee</b>	Captain, Vice-Captain, Match-Manager Organiser

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## 8 Cricket Switzerland Affairs and CERN fixtures for 2020

No representatives from CERN were available to attend the Cricket Switzerland meeting held in October 2019. The circulated minutes of the CS meeting mentioned two matters that are relevant to the Club: (1) The possibility to register new players on the day of the game was discussed. (2) The powerplay rule if there are fewer than 11 player on the field will be clarified.

No fixtures, barring the annual trip to the UK in the summer, had been scheduled at the time of the AGM. Achintya Rao noted that Pickwick T20 fixtures limit the possibilities of playing friendlies, but the Club did not express a desire to pull out of this competition.

The *Association Genevoise de Cricket* (AGC) would like to organise a Geneva-region 40-over league this season, in addition to the weekend T20 tournament. However, CERN CC is not interested in participating in such a tournament, desiring instead to play friendlies when schedules permit.

## 9 ICC membership situation and impact on CERN CC

The draft constitution proposed by the ICC for a unified cricket body in Switzerland may impact CERN CC's membership to such a body, as the Club plays its games in France. Chris Onions noted that the Club should take a "wait and see" approach.

## 10 Any Other Business

The matter of coloured clothing for the Cricket Switzerland competitions was once again raised. Pardeep noted that coloured clothing is not yet required explicitly, but he noted that players should wear CERN's official kit. Club shirts are nearly out of stock and need to be replaced. Pardeep noted that Kookaburra clothing for the official kit could be available for 30 CHF for the shirt and trousers; he offered to get a formal quote. Achintya Rao was asked to contact CERN's Design and Visual Identity service to find out if the Club could use the official CERN logo on the kit. He informed the meeting that he had reached out to the Design service earlier in the year to request the creation of an official logo for the Club.

All members of the Club received a personal e-mail from Daris Rao, President of the AGC, imploring them to discuss CERN CC's membership to the AGC. Club members strongly

expressed their distaste for this tactic from the AGC; AGC membership had been discussed and ruled out by the Club at the 2018 AGM, and members felt it was inappropriate to reach out to individual members in a mass e-mail, despite the availability of the e-mail addresses on the CERN CC website.

Finally, Sabyasachi Siddhanta, who could not be at the meeting, expressed his thanks to the Club via e-mail for organising a seminar by his brother Satyarup Siddhanta, in September 2019. Satyarup spoke about his experiences mountaineering around the globe on his way to becoming the youngest person to scale the Seven Summits and the Seven Volcanic Summits (the highest mountains and volcanoes respectively on each of the seven continents).

## **11 Close of the Meeting**

President Chris Onions closed the meeting at 19:33.