

CERN Cricket Club

2020 Annual General Meeting

26 November 2020, 18h30 via Zoom

MINUTES

In attendance: Alex Brown (minutes), Chris Onions (President), Aaron Farricker, Pardeep Kumar, Achintya Rao, Ibtisam Aslam, Leo Joseph, Wayne Salter, Dawood Ahmed, John Osborne, Vignesh Sethuraman, Andrew Hale, Matthew Martin.

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

Chris welcomed everyone to the 55th AGM of CERN CC at 18h32.

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

Apologies for absence were received from: Saud Ahmed, Pascal Badan, Bryan Pattison.

2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the 2019 AGM were adopted; they are available at:

<http://cern.ch/cricket/2019/CERNCCAGMMinutes2019.pdf>

Alex thanked Achintya for his support in the transition of the role of secretary at the end of 2019.

Matters arising:

- Purchase of coloured playing kit: the Covid-19 pandemic postponed the order to next season at the earliest.
- New club logo: Achintya is in touch with the CERN graphic design service. Expecting an update in the coming weeks.

3. Captain's Report for 2020

Pardeep presented his report, which is available in full at:

<https://cricket.web.cern.ch/cricket/2020/CaptainsReport2020.pdf>

In summary:

- The 2020 season was significantly disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Nonetheless, 9 games were played.
- The highlight performance was a victory against Geneva XI Stars, securing CERN's place in the CSPL quarter-finals.

Chris remarked that it was good that we got as many games as we did given the circumstances.

4. Treasurer's Report for 2020

Wayne presented his report, which is available in full at:

<https://cricket.web.cern.ch/cricket/2020/AGM-Accounts-2020.pdf>

In summary:

- 2020 was an unusual season due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Membership fees were waived this year. The two players who had already paid their fees at the end of 2019 will see their membership carried over to 2021.
- There were the usual minor expenses (banking fees etc)
- Overall, there was a loss of 500 CHF, primarily because of not taking membership fees.
- Nevertheless, the club's account remains healthy.

Chris thanked Wayne for his continued work for the club.

5. Groundsman's Report for 2020

Aaron presented his report, which is available in full at:

<https://cricket.web.cern.ch/cricket/2020/GroundmansReport2020AGM.pdf>

In summary:

- The ground was not used in 2020 due to CERN banning club activities onsite during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- CERN maintained the ground well nonetheless.
- The lawnmower was jump-started and turned over a few times, this will need to be repeated in the off-season. A new battery is still needed, but was not bought this year because it was not needed due to the pandemic.
- The wooden decking around the kit hut continues to deteriorate and will need replacing before next season.

Aaron has now left Geneva. John has agreed to take over as groundsman.

Chris thanked Aaron for his work for the club.

A brief discussion followed concerning the decking. Depending on the materials used, this may be quite expensive. The merits of concrete versus wood were discussed. John will look into getting a quote from a contractor.

6. Kit Report for 2020

Dawood had no access to the CERN Preveessin site during the pandemic. He will make a report to the committee before the start of next season, assuming access for CERN externals is re-established.

For games this season, Anees and/or Aaron had to fetch the kit to and from the hut.

8 pink balls were used, mainly because opposition preferred them over red ones. We will need to investigate getting cheaper ones for friendlies.

Pardeep will ask Bilal to get an exact count of balls.

Leftie gloves may also be an issue, as well as wicket-keeper gloves.

7. Election of Officers for 2020

The incumbent committee consisted of: President (Chris), Vice-President (John), Captain (Pardeep), Vice-Captain (Dawood), Secretary (Alex), Treasurer (Wayne), Groundsman (Aaron), Webmaster (Chris), Match-manager Coordinator (Bilal), Coach (Aaron and Andrew), Social convenor (vacant)

Aaron and Andrew have left the Geneva area and so stood down from the committee. John agreed to take over as groundsman (a role he has held before).

The new committee was voted in as a slate, unanimously.

The positions of coach and social convenor are vacant.

8. Cricket Switzerland Affairs & CERN Fixtures for 2021

Cricket Switzerland affairs:

Chris presented the main points of interest as discussed at the Cricket Switzerland (CS) meeting held over Zoom in October:

- The CS application for membership of the ICC is progressing (more so than in previous years). Details on the CS website: <https://www.cricketswitzerland.ch/news/2020/application-for-icc-membership/>
- Changes to the league structure are expected to be ratified at the February 2021 AGM: there will be a two-tier system with clubs separated by level and geographically. The tiers will be based on clubs' results since 2017. CERN CC is most likely to end up in lower tier, (Western division).

Achintya asked about travel distances in the 2-tier system. Alex clarified that the discussion at the CS meeting suggested having the higher-rated clubs in a national tier, with geographic regions (Western and Eastern) in the lower tier, thus CERN will not have to travel cross-country for games before any knockout stages.

CERN fixtures 2021:

The timeline for the restoration of access to CERN sites for club activities is currently unclear. Access is not currently expected to be restored before April 2021. No further decisions are expected for several months at present. This makes planning (home) fixtures tricky. There is the possibility of the usual Bellingham (UK) fixture on 3-4 July 2021.

9. Any Other Business

Umpiring (Achintya):

Achintya and Andrew will not be in Geneva for the 2021 season onwards.

That leaves only Pardeep and Dawood as our remaining umpires. We should ideally provide more. Alex volunteered to become an umpire, assuming training courses can be organised ahead of the 2021 season given the Covid-19 situation.

Social media (Dawood)

Dawood asked for permission to (re-)activate CERN CC's social media presence.

Achintya pointed out that a Facebook (account) page exists, but that it has been inactive for years and that it is a human-type account and will probably get purged by Facebook. An entity-type page should be created instead.

The AGM approved the idea. Alex volunteered to support Dawood in creating and maintaining the pages. Ibtisam suggested using an official CERN CC email account for registering the various accounts.

End of year meal (Chris)

The current situation given the pandemic makes meeting for an in-person meal impossible. We will consider something for the start of the 2021 season, conditions permitting.

10. Close of the Meeting

Chris closed the meeting at 19h25.