



## 2021 CERN CC Annual General Meeting 18 November 2021, 18h30 via Zoom Minutes

**In attendance:** Alex Brown (Secretary/minutes), Chris Onions (President), Dawood Ahmed, Saud Ahmed Shahzad Ali, Ibtisam Aslam, James Baker, Mark Baker, Sam Baker, Arnold Bucheli, Claston Dmello, Ravi Kanitkar, Bilal Kiani, Leo Joseph, Pardeep Kumar, Matthew Martin, Shazhad Muzzafar, John Osborne, Achintya Rao, Wayne Salter, Vignesh Sethuraman, Jibran Shabbir.

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

Chris welcomed everyone to the 56<sup>th</sup> AGM of CERN CC at 18h32.

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

Apologies for absence were received from: Irsalan Ahmed, Mehar Ali, Pascal Badan, Louis Brittain, Alex Bucheli, Nelson Burrell, Amir Khan, Paul Partha, Elmer Sharp.

### 2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the 2020 AGM were adopted; they are available at:

<https://cricket.web.cern.ch/cricket/2020/CERNCCAGMMinutes2020.pdf>

#### Matters arising:

- Facebook page: The AGM heard from Saud and Bilal that there was good engagement with the occasional posts on the CERN CC Facebook page. Chris thanked them for their continued efforts.  
<https://www.facebook.com/CERNCC>
- New club logo: The new logo (see top of the page) was created shortly after the 2020 AGM. Chris thanked Achintya for his help in coordinating the work with the CERN graphic design service.

### 3. Cricket Switzerland Affairs

Chris presented the main points of interest as discussed at the Cricket Switzerland (CS) meeting held over Zoom on 30 October. The notes are available at:

<https://cricket.web.cern.ch/cricket/2021/CS-Council-Meeting-2021-10-30-Summary.pdf>

#### In summary:

- Despite a delayed start due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the competitive CS season was busy, with competitions being played in T10 (new), T20 and 40-over (with a new, two-tier Premier/National division system) formats.
- There were many fewer disciplinary issues this season than usually.
- The CS application for ICC membership has been approved. This is positive news and will have several consequences for CS clubs.
- Clubs are invited to submit proposed local rules changes for 2022 to CS. CERN CC members are therefore invited to send their suggestions to the secretary and president.
- As of 2022, white balls will be used in all CS competitions. Clubs with white kit (including CERN CC) will therefore need to change to coloured kit. CS Premier League have to do so in 2022 already, whereas National

League clubs (including CERN) have until the 2023 season to adapt to the change. However, in 2022, all clubs will already need to have a coloured bib for bowlers and coloured covers for batting pads.

- Several new teams were admitted to CS for 2021, more are expected for 2022.
- Umpires are invited to submit their expense claims to sFOCUS (or notify them in case they don't want their expenses reimbursed).
- CERN will remain in the CSNL West group for the 40-over competition.
- CS is looking into getting a single provider for all club kits to achieve a consistent quality and look across the country.
- CS strongly encourages all clubs to recruit women into cricket. CERN CC members are invited to help with this important initiative.
- The CS governance structure will be changed in the coming years because of ICC membership to increase professionalism and transparency. This will entail an increased workload. The CS executive committee is therefore seeking volunteers to help on sub-committees. CERN CC members are invited to step forward.

#### **4. Captain's Report for 2021**

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

<https://cricket.web.cern.ch/cricket/2021/CaptainsReport2021.pdf>

In summary:

- 2021 saw the return of cricket in Switzerland, albeit under strange circumstances because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We regained access to our home ground at CERN Preveessin.
- 17 games were scheduled and only 1 was cancelled. 25 players played at least 1 game.
- The highlight performance was a victory in the CSNL against Geneva XI Stars, securing CERN's place in the CSNL quarter-finals.

Pardeep chose not to stand for re-election as captain for 2022. Chris thanked Pardeep on behalf of the club for his work as captain during two challenging seasons.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report for 2020**

Wayne presented his report.

In terms of income:

- Membership fees are not as high as pre-pandemic.
- Club kit sales seem to have been fairly successful, effectively cancelling out the up-front cost.
- Beer consumption in the club hut is significantly lower than in previous years! This is due to not having access to the ground until late August.

In terms of debits:

- The major item is the repair to the patio for which the CERN Staff Association contributed half. Hence, the club paid CHF4335.22.
- As the CERN SA contributed to the repair of the patio, they did not cover the Cricket Switzerland fees this year (or at least, the funds had not arrived on the account by the time of the AGM).
- The purchase of the club kit was also a major expense this year (1229.8) but a large fraction has already been recuperated.
- Otherwise, the expenses are in line with previous years.

Overall, the expenses were much higher than the income this year which of course correspondingly impacts the club bank balance, which nonetheless is still healthy.

Chris thanked Wayne for his continued work for the club.

#### **6. Groundsman's Report for 2021**

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

<https://cricket.web.cern.ch/cricket/2021/GroundmansReport2021AGM.pdf>

In summary:

- The decking around the hut was completely replaced, with a concrete base.
- A new battery was purchased for the lawnmower. The lawnmower may need to be serviced in 2022.
- The CERN fire brigade had to free a deer from the nets. The net and frame were damaged in the process. They have asked us to solve this problem to avoid endangering animals and firefighters. The nets from the practice frame are damaged and will need to be repaired before they can replace the main net, which is unusable. New wheels are needed to turn the practice frame into the new main frame. Solutions to prevent deer getting trapped include: barriers around the frame and nets, or raising the nets, at the end of each session.
- The end-of-season hut tidying session was well attended, thanks to all who attended. The broken net frame was dismantled (the pieces were removed by CERN transport). The inside of the hut was tidied and cleaned. Most of the external wood was re-painted.

There was a question about whether the outfield could be rolled again to smoothen it out. John said there were also many molehills appearing, so he would look into solving this ahead of next season.

Chris thanked John for his work for the club.

## **7. Kit Report for 2021**

Dawood presented his report, which is available at:

[https://cricket.web.cern.ch/cricket/2021/Kit\\_2021.pdf](https://cricket.web.cern.ch/cricket/2021/Kit_2021.pdf)

There was a question about bats. The club has many bats, but many of them are not game standard. We will need to recycle some of the older bats and possibly buy some new ones over the winter.

## **8. Election of Officers for 2021**

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

All positions except captain and vice-captain had only one candidate and were voted in as a slate, unanimously.

Votes could be sent by email to Alex as secretary in advance of the meeting. Remaining votes were cast using the direct messaging feature in Zoom to send votes to Alex. Voters had to have paid their membership fee before the AGM to be eligible to vote.

There were two candidates for captain: Bilal Kiani and Matthew Martin.

There were two candidates for vice-captain: Dawood Ahmed and Leo Joseph.

Matthew Martin and Leo Joseph were elected as captain and vice-captain, respectively, both by 16 votes to 10.

A third member of the selection committee was also needed. Shahzad Muzzafar was elected unanimously.

The CERN CC committee for 2022 is therefore:

- President: Chris Onions
- Vice-President: John Osborne
- Treasurer: Wayne Salter
- Secretary: Alex Brown
- Captain: Matthew Martin
- Vice-captain: Leo Joseph
- Match manager coordinator: Saud Ahmed
- Groundsman: John Osborne
- Webmaster: Chris Onions

The positions of coach and social events coordinator remain vacant.

## **9. New constitution**

Alex pointed out that the current club statutes date back to 1998 (<https://cricket.web.cern.ch/cricket/CCC-Statutes.1998.pdf>) and that they are light on detail in several matters, including voting procedures, membership categories, committee member responsibilities, membership fee payment deadlines and so on. Alex volunteered to expand the statutes, based on similar documents used by other CERN clubs, to be approved at a meeting in time for

next season. Alex invited anyone interested in helping with this task to contact him with their ideas. There was general agreement from AGM attendees. Chris thanked Alex on behalf of the club for volunteering with this task.

#### **10. Juniors**

Pardeep mentioned a possible future collaboration with Gings Cricket Club to give younger players (age 15 and up) more opportunities to play cricket. He volunteered to support Alex in setting additional fixtures for friendlies to achieve this. Alex welcomed the support.

#### **11. Umpiring**

CERN CC is expected to provide umpires throughout the season. The current contingent is Alex, Pardeep, Dawood and Nelson. More umpires would be welcome to help improve the standard of games in Switzerland. Anyone interested in following the ECB ACO Stage 1 course (required for new CS umpires) if and when it comes back online should contact Alex to be put on a waiting list.

#### **12. A note on behaviour in meetings**

There were several interruptions from members during the election process as one candidate was presenting their ideas ahead of the vote. This quickly descended into defensiveness, accusations and even name-calling. This was very much against the Spirit of Cricket. The President and Secretary had to intervene and clarify for everyone the basic rules of politeness and sporting behaviour in meetings. It is hoped by the incoming committee that such events shall not be repeated in future.

#### **13. Close of the Meeting**

Chris closed the meeting at 20h15.