

Cavaliers Cricket Club



Annual General Meeting

Meeting Date: Saturday 4th February 2017

Attendees: Phil Sadler (PS) (Chair), Dan Young (DY) (minutes), Peter Johnson (PJ), Ed Parry (EP), Darren Dellar (DD), Dan Smith (DS), Noman Jalib (NJ), Phil Everitt (PE), Neville Davidson (ND), Fowad Murtaza (FM), JJ Elliston (JE), Tony Mayhew (TM), Craig Finch (CF), Javed Patel (JP), Noman Hussain (NH), Rauf Rasheed (RR), Tariq Hijazi (TH), Raheel Akhlaq (RA), James Lawson (JL), Muhammadi Nadeem (MN), Usman Ghani (UG)

Apologies: Martin Vinter, Peter Rawlings, Pritish Singh

Minutes of Previous AGM

Accepted. EP proposed, PJ seconded. No objections.

Matters Arising from Previous AGM

None.

Treasurer's Report

PJ reported that the club has a healthy balance of £1,837.15, with dropped operational costs of £500 compared to last year. Overall costs are up compared to last year however. The club costs approximately £4,000 to run each year, but we can expect to bring in approximately £4,400 if all games are played, tour is a success and sponsorship is successfully brought in.

EP enquired about how much pitch hire costs are per game. PJ and DY advised this year it is £72 per weekend home fixture and £55 per midweek home fixture. Game costs also include teas, insurance, etc with a total cost to the club of roughly £160 per game played.

Various queries regarding what we get for our insurance were answered by PJ - Our public liability insurance covers player injury, damage to the pavilion, and damages caused to property through playing. Insurance costs £600-650 per annum.

NJ asked what the impact to the club would be if PBUK sponsorship was lost. PJ advised that would result in an immediate loss of £500. JP announced he would be happy to offer sponsorship on behalf of his firm.

ACTION: PJ to approach PBUK and JP about 2017 sponsorship.

Summary of League Memberships for 2017 Season

DY explained that the club is to continue fielding three teams; a Saturday XI, a Sunday XI, and a Tuesday evening XI.

The Tuesday league has two extra fixtures (up to 10) as Brightlingsea CC have joined the Tuesday league, bringing both CECL leagues to 6 teams. DD explained rule changes for 2017: The league will now play 10 weeks in a row, with two reserve weeks in July for rained off games, with earlier games prioritised. The CECL has also introduced a leg side wide rule. NJ asked if coloured balls are to be used in 2017. DD advised this is the case

if both captains agree. RA asked if coloured kit would be introduced - DD explained that this was discussed at the CECL AGM, but the league will still be played in whites.

DY announced that the Saturday XI have been promoted to Two Counties Division 8 as a result of finishing as the second-best runner-up in the regional Division 9 structure. The Saturday league will consist of 18 fixtures (two more than last season), with promotion involving more travel; games include fixtures in Frinton, Ipswich and Elveden (near Thetford Forest). There are no major rule changes on Saturdays.

The Sunday XI remains in Division 3, playing 14 fixtures (two less than 2016). There are no major rule changes on Sundays.

All fixtures are confirmed, and pitches have been booked. DY will email a full fixture list to members shortly.

Election of Officers

It was announced that DY, DS and NJ were all stepping down from their roles as Saturday VC, Sunday captain and Sunday VC. All officers standing for their currently held positions were re-elected unopposed - Proposed by EP, seconded by JE.

Chairman: Phil Sadler (re-elected, unopposed)

Secretary: Dan Young (re-elected, unopposed)

Treasurer: Pete Johnson (re-elected, unopposed)

Saturday Captain: Darren Dellar (re-elected, unopposed)

Saturday Vice-captain: Noman Hussain (newly elected, replaces Dan Young)

Sunday Captain: Noman Jalib (newly elected, replaces Dan Smith)

Sunday Vice-captain: Craig Finch (newly elected, replaces Noman Jalib)

CECL Captain: Darren Dellar (re-elected, unopposed)

TCL League Representative: Darren Dellar (re-elected, unopposed)

NECL League Representative: Ed Parry (re-elected, unopposed)

Child Welfare Officer: Dan Young (re-elected, unopposed)

Chairman of Selectors: Ed Parry (re-elected, unopposed)

NJ and CF are to share the Sunday captaincy, with NJ being named captain and CF vice-captain for official purposes. There were no objections to this arrangement.

2017 Tour

PJ reported that the 2016 tour was a success with all four games played. The 2017 tour is to take place on the weekend of 26th-30th May. Cost to remain at £90 which maintains the excellent value for the trip. We are to stay at the same venue, with the usual arrangements. PJ/DY confirmed that all four fixtures have been booked for 2017, with a change to the Friday T20 match; we will be playing Whittington Wanderers, a team very local to our accommodation. This means our usual opponents on a Friday, Chatsworth House, will host us for a full day game on the Saturday. The Sunday and Monday fixtures will remain at Apperknowle and Elton. PS asked that as many players as possible try to attend.

2017 Nets

DY advised that nets have been booked at the University of Essex for 2017. Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings, 8-10pm, on March 28th, April 4th, April 11th, and April 18th (with the first fixture of the season on April 22nd). Each session costs £58 to the club and will include use of a

bowling machine, as per last year. This means we need 12 people to attend each session to break even. It was noted that last year's sessions were poorly attended, but the University offers the best value for money and quality of practice.

CF brought up the suggestion of mid-week nets during the season, but DD suggested this may detract from the Tuesday XI - He often struggles to get a playing XI together and suggested that if players wish to have mid-week practice, they could play for the Tuesday XI, with everyone having an opportunity to take part in those games.

EP suggested some sort of net or practice session before/during Tuesday matches.

FM announced that he has booked net sessions at the University of Essex on Sunday evenings, 6-8pm, for 8 weeks. Cost for these sessions is approximately £5 per person. These sessions are for university staff, but FM is happy for Cavaliers members to attend.

ACTION: DY to send emails and texts as reminders for net sessions.

Fielding Sessions/Drills

NH would like further practice sessions to improve fielding standards as the Cavaliers move up through the leagues. All agreed, and it was suggested that players could meet on Tuesday 2nd May to run through some drills. DY mentioned that as Mill Road is not a public playing area, we may need to book the facilities if organising a club event.

ACTION: Committee to discuss plans for potential practice sessions at their next meeting.

Match Fees and Subscriptions

PJ is happy to keep fees at current levels - Season ticket: £100, weekend match fee: £10, midweek match fee: £5, net sessions: £5, and concessions at half price as usual. It was agreed that the season ticket must be paid in full by the end of May 2017 in order to take pressure off of the captains and vice-captains when collecting fees. Last year we had 14 members pay for a season ticket and approximately 40 members playing throughout the year.

FM asked about the possibility of reduced fees for regulars, or a half-season ticket scheme. PS suggested that the possibility of lower match fees would depend on the club's income from sponsorship, and whether an increased income could be invested elsewhere (playing equipment, facilities, etc).

After a lengthy discussion, EP suggested that if the club were to receive an extra £500-£1,000 in sponsorship, that could warrant an examination of the match fees for 2017. All agreed that the fees will provisionally stay the same as last year, with the committee reassessing the match fees for the 2017 season once sponsorship revenues have been confirmed.

ACTION: Committee to discuss match fees at a future date.

Any Other Business

DY advised there would not be a Cavaliers quiz night in 2017 due to a lack of support from members over the past few years. TM was thanked for all of his efforts in organising these events for the club in the past. TM

advised he is running a quiz night at the end of April 2017 for his friends and family, with Cavaliers members welcome to attend.

DY also spoke of the proposed ground move to Mile End Recreation Ground. Colchester council will begin work on a new cricket square at Mile End this year, with a view to us moving in 2018. If the pitch is not ready by this date, we will move the following year (2019). The council has promised to improve the facilities at the new ground, and to provide us with a new clubhouse and all required equipment such as sightscreens. It was mentioned that Essex County Cricket Club are also involved with this project to ensure that adequate facilities are provided.

MEETING CLOSED

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Awards Ceremony

Date: Saturday 4th February 2017

Saturday XI Captain's Report (Darren Dellar)

We remained unbeaten until August last season, ending the season with only two losses. The Saturday XI finished as runners-up and have been promoted to division 8. The 2016 season was a good one, with club records broken (highest team total and highest partnership to mention just two), with FM reaching his first Cavaliers century and UG claiming a hat-trick (the first for the Cavs for a few years). Hopefully 2017 will see a repeat, with the club going up to division 7.

Sunday XI Captain's Report (Dan Smith)

The 2016 season was a difficult year, and could re-use the previous year's report from EP. The league contained several tough sides, and the team finished seventh in the league, staying up in the process. The team highlight was beating eventual champions Halstead at the beginning of the season despite only having 10 players.

Batting was a problem as usual, with DS top-scoring for the Sunday XI and NJ having the best average. Individually, batting highlights included a Vinnie century at Kirby, MN scoring 77 not out on debut, NH reaching his first fifty for the club, and DY scoring a career-best 30 against Kirby in a tight win.

Fielding was a let-down again, with several chances being missed, especially at Kelvedon in the last match of 2016. ND took 8 catches on Sundays, and DY won the NECL wicketkeeping award.

Bowling was a strength of the Sunday XI, and was one of the stronger attacks in the league, with no teams getting on top of our bowlers. ND took 18 wickets, including a 5-fer at West Bergholt, while DS, TM, and MN took more than a few wickets themselves.

Thanks to NJ as vice-captain and TM for the teas, which are the best in the league. Thanks to everyone for their help throughout the 2016 season.

Awards for 2016 Season

Saturday Batsman of the Year: Fowad Murtaza (478 runs @ 95.60)

Saturday Bowler of the Year: Noman Hussain (25 wickets @ 6.00)

Sunday Batsman of the Year: Noman Jalib (184 runs @ 30.67)

Sunday Bowler of the Year: Dan Smith (13 wickets @ 14.38)

Club Player of the Year: Fowad Murtaza (won with 10 votes)

Clubman of the Year: Craig Finch

Fielder of the Year: Neville Davidson

Most Ducks: Tariq Hijazi (6 ducks)