

# Cavaliers Cricket Club



## Annual General Meeting

Meeting Date: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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Attendees: Phil Sadler (PS) (Chair), Dan Young (DY) (minutes), Peter Johnson (PJ), Ed Parry (EP), Sudarshan Pillalamarri (SP), Darren Dellar (DD), Dan Smith (DS), Noman Jalib (NJ), Phil Everitt (PE), Simon Gilhooly (SG), Neville Davidson (ND), Jon Rawlings (JR), Fowad Murtaza (FM), Zubair Ahmed (ZA), JJ Elliston (JE), Tony Mayhew (TM), Peter Rawlings (PR), Roy Paris (RP), Jon Walton (JW)

Apologies: Martin Vinter, Noman Hussain, James Lawson, Greg Moncrieff

### Minutes of Previous AGM

Accepted. EP proposed, TM seconded. No objections.

### Matters Arising from Previous AGM

None.

### Treasurer's Report

PJ reported that the club had a deficit of £450 during 2015, though it is worth noting that the 2015 included two costs for AGM food (totalling £400) and a £230 cost for repairing the pavilion after a recent break-in (no losses or damage beyond the doors & locks of the pavilion were reported). The club made £3,000 from match fees and subscriptions, and the club currently has a balance of around £2,465. PJ reported that day to day costs, such as pitch hire and insurance have increased this year, with the expectation for this trend to continue into next year. It was mentioned that the 'season ticket' subscription hinders profit somewhat, but it does help with administration and handling of match fees. PJ was able to confirm that Property Book UK have confirmed their continued sponsorship of the club in 2016.

### Summary of League Memberships for 2016 Season

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

Both weekend leagues have re-structured, with the Two Counties League (TCL) expanding to eight non-regionalised and three regionalised divisions. The Cavaliers will be in Division 9 South, playing 16 fixtures in 2016 with no major changes to the playing rules, though bonus points may change for reduced over matches.

EP explained that the North Essex Cricket League (NECL) has reduced to four divisions, with the Cavaliers in Division 3, with 16 fixtures to be played. There is no Cup or Plate competition this season. The NECL are also running a separate T20 competition in parallel with the Sunday league – Eight teams have joined this competition, but after some consideration the committee opted to not enter the Cavaliers into this tournament for the 2016 season. There are no major rule changes to be considered, but NECL are also bringing in a rule to change bonus point thresholds in reduced over matches.

## Election of Officers

The committee announced the creation of a new position on the committee. The new position would involve sending texts, co-ordinating the availability of Cavaliers players and the chairing of a selection panel consisting of this new officer and both captains. The proposed name for this role was Availability Co-ordinator, but this was amended to Chairman of Selectors at the suggestion of SG.

It was also announced that SP is moving to Kent in the new year and would be standing down. EP also announced his intention to step down as captain. Both were thanked for their contributions to the club.

**Chairman:** Phil Sadler (re-elected, unopposed)

**Secretary:** Dan Young (re-elected, unopposed)

**Treasurer:** Pete Johnson (re-elected, unopposed)

**Saturday Captain:** Darren Dellar (newly elected, replaces Sudarshan Pillalamarri)

**Saturday Vice-captain:** Dan Young (newly elected, replaces Darren Dellar)

**Sunday Captain:** Dan Smith (newly elected, replaces Ed Parry)

**Sunday Vice-captain:** Noman Jalib (newly elected, replaces Dan Smith)

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

**TCL League Representative:** Darren Dellar (newly elected, replaces Sudarshan Pillalamarri)

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

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

**Chairman of Selectors:** Ed Parry (new position, elected unopposed)

## 2016 Tour

PJ reported that the 2015 tour was a success with all four games played, including only one loss. Paying cash directly to the school worked well, and the plan is to continue paying in this manner.

The 2016 tour is to take place on the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May. Cost to remain at £90 which maintains the excellent value for the trip. After some discussion it was agreed that we will aim to play the same four sides/fixtures this year.

JW suggested that the club consider producing tour t-shirts for the weekend, which PJ and PS were open to if it was cost neutral to the club. SG suggested a tour bus. PJ mentioned that due to the logistics of people arriving and leaving at various times it may be more convenient to look into hiring a bus in Derbyshire for transport between matches rather than the trip to/from Derbyshire.

**ACTION: PS, DY and PJ to contact clubs to confirm fixtures.**

**ACTION: Committee to investigate the costs involved in producing tour t-shirts.**

**ACTION: PJ to investigate costs involved in mini-bus hire.**

## 2016 Nets

PJ reported that the club made a loss of £40 on nets this year – An improvement on 2014. DY pointed out that £30 of that loss was due to the club playing a Sunday fixture on the date of the last net. Many members mentioned that the number of attendees was disappointingly low, with the number of quality of bowlers affecting the quality of practice.

DY advised that he is contacting various venues for costs and availability of nets next Spring. It was agreed to book 5-6 net sessions (as per last year), but to investigate the possibility of splitting them over two venues, with Holmwood House School and the University being preferred options as both may allow the use of a bowling machine to improve the quality of practice. If booking the university, SP suggested asking FM to book the sessions in order to secure a cheaper rate. The club will also look into the possibility of outdoor nets at the University in Spring/Summer.

**ACTION: DY to investigate costs and availability of nets, with the committee to decide the best course of action.**

### **Teas for 2016**

The committee thanked TM for his outstanding efforts during the last season. It was noted that many opposition sides were very complimentary about the quality of food on offer.

TM advised that he is happy to continue to produce teas in 2016, although Saturdays may sometimes be a problem. TM will advise the club if he is unable to produce tea for a match, and a contingency plan for these situations will be discussed during the season.

### **Match Fees and Subscriptions**

PJ pointed out that due to cost increases the club was looking into changing the fees for subscriptions and match fees. Two suggestions by the committee were as follows:

1. Membership to rise to £30, with match fees remaining at £8
2. No membership fee, with match fees rising to £10

SG questioned how the committee would keep track of who had joined the club and the admin related to membership if deciding on option 2. JE suggested a third option of a membership fee of £10 with match fees of £10. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that that membership will remain at £10, match fees rise to £10, and all members get their first match for free (£0 match fee) – This was agreed by all. Concessions for full-time students and unemployed are to remain as half price.

The 'season ticket' option will again be available to members. A heated discussion took place between members, but it was agreed that the fee remain at £100 due to the decrease in matches to be played in 2016.

All members will be expected to fill in a membership form for the 2016 season – DY will send these via email and carry hard copies to nets and matches.

### **2016 Quiz Night**

TM advised that the quiz night will be held at the usual venue (Shrub End Community Centre) on either 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> of April with an entry fee of £2.50 per person. Members were asked to show more support for this important club fundraiser. PS asked what the club can do to encourage more non-attendees to come, but no suggestions were forthcoming.

JE asked if it was possible to contribute if members were unable to attend.

It was suggested that supplying a raffle prize would be helpful.

TM was thanked by all for his efforts in organising and hosting the annual quiz.

**ACTION: TM to finalise details of the quiz night.**

## **Any Other Business**

NJ asked about rumours regarding the future of Mill Road Sports Ground. DY advised that the council is looking to build a new sports complex on the other side of the A12, called the Colchester Northern Gateway (CNG), with Mill Road being developed for housing. The plans for the CNG are still being developed, with planning permission to be applied for next year. The club is unlikely to be moved in the next five years.

PJ advised that he and EP attended a meeting with Colchester Rugby Club and Colchester & East Essex CC to discuss the use of pitches at Mill Road. It has been agreed that the main cricket square will be available for cricket from 1<sup>st</sup> May until 31<sup>st</sup> August, with the second square not available all year. The club will continue to share facilities with CEECC next year, though DY noted they need to work around us with regards to home fixtures this year as the TCL have already announced our fixture dates.

NJ asked if anything is to be done about the quality of the pitch at Mill Road. EP noted that the move to one square will allow the groundsman more time to ensure the quality of the playing surface. It was noted by all that 2015 was the first truly poor season with regards to pitch quality.

JW requested that members do more to ensure they arrive for matches on time and that everyone takes time to help before and after matches. This was agreed by all. DY pointed out that there is a club code of conduct in the club handbook and PS suggested that new players should be shown this so they know what is expected. JW and EP noted that arriving on time for matches would allow the players more time to warm up and practice before matches, improving the team performances.

DS announced a new idea to reward longstanding playing members of the club, which has been agreed by the committee. New caps are to be ordered in three designs with bronze, silver and gold panels to show that a player has achieved certain landmarks with the club:

Bronze – 100 wickets/2,000 runs/150 dismissals

Silver – 200 wickets/4,000 runs/300 dismissals

Gold – 300 wickets/6,000 runs/500 dismissals

DS mentioned that SG, TM and Stuart Johnson would be eligible for gold caps under the new scheme, with 4-5 members earning silver and 5-6 earning bronze. PS noted that the scheme is a good way to encourage members to stay on.

FM suggested a numbering system for the new caps.

**ACTION: DS to continue looking into the design of the new caps, including a possible numbering system.**

**MEETING CLOSED**

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## Awards Ceremony

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### **Saturday XI Captain's Report (Sudarshan Pillalamarri)**

Thanks to everyone who played on Saturdays. It was a successful first year in the TCL, but it could've been better as the team lost some close games. The availability of players was good, especially at the start of the season, but it tailed off towards the end of the year. Special thanks to Dan Young, Tony Mayhew for the teas, Darren Dellar for his support as vice-captain and Fowad Murtaza for his help in recruiting new players. It's sad to be leaving and emotional, but hoping to return next year and play as a guest.

### **Sunday XI Captain's Report (Ed Parry)**

The Sunday league was a struggle this year, with previous 1<sup>st</sup> XI players unavailable and injuries taking their toll. The team was somewhat found out during the season, but some good performances in the middle of the season (especially at Purleigh) meant that the team wasn't out-classed. To win three games and to not finish bottom of the league was an achievement. Thanks to Dan Smith as vice-captain, Tony Mayhew for teas, and also to Pete Johnson and Dan Young for their help. Looking forward to 2016 after an enjoyable four years of captaining various teams at the Cavaliers.

### **Awards for 2015**

**Saturday Batsman of the Year:** Fowad Murtaza (347 runs @ 43.38)

**Saturday Bowler of the Year:** Noman Hussain (34 wickets @ 8.09)

**Sunday Batsman of the Year:** Dan Smith (343 runs @ 26.38)

**Sunday Bowler of the Year:** Dan Smith (15 wickets @ 23.33)

**Club Player of the Year:** Noman Hussain (won with 11 votes)

**Clubman of the Year:** Dan Young

**Fielder of the Year:** Noman Hussain

**Most Ducks:** Peter Johnson/Neville Davidson (5 ducks each)