

**ROWLEDGE CRICKET CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**21 FEBRUARY 2017 at 8 p.m.**

**1. President's Welcome.**

David Gill thanked all those attending the AGM. The Club had a successful season last year and are looking forward to the coming season and playing more cricket, especially in this our 130<sup>th</sup> year as part of the Rowledge community. However, it must be noted the fast pace of change within sport at present especially in the professional game with the adoption of 20/20 cricket and proposed changes at the amateur level within the game as well in draft at present. Cricket like most sports has identified a decline in uptake of the sport over the past few decades and will try to reverse this trend. At the grass roots level RCC face these changes with enthusiasm and will develop innovative plans to lead the way in maintaining cricket and cricketing links within the community over future potentially challenging but exciting years.

David also acknowledged and thanked Carl Baker, Club Chairman, for all his work within the Club. Carl undertakes a variety of roles a short notice from bar staff to scorer and not forgetting his contribution on the pitch.

Dave's thanks was followed by a round of applause.

**2. Apologies for Absence were received from** – Dave Royan, Wyatt Ramsdale, Bob Blightman, David and Sally Metcalfe, Tony Watts, Paul Brook,

**3. To approve the Minutes of 2015 AGM and matters arising.**

There being no questions or matters arising the Draft Minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved by a show of hands.

**4. To receive the Chairman's 2016 Report.**

Chairman's Report 2016 Season

I would like to thank you all for attending tonight's Annual General Meeting.

I must start by thanking every member of RCC, to make this one of the biggest & best clubs in the area. Since I have been Chairman so many people tell me what a wonderful club we have and we are blessed with such wonderful people who make it such a joy to be part of. Everyone who gets involved should be proud of what you do and I really appreciate your efforts.

Like any club, we need regular income and one area it comes is from sponsorship & I would like to thank every sponsor who has been part RCC & we have been in a very fortunate position that we tend not to lose many, in fact all but one have been on board for 4 years or more, so they are very much part of the family.

The other area is the bar, with Friday night being the main day, due to the junior coaching that takes place. As you all know if it rains then we struggle, so I am thankful to very little cancelled nights and I would like to thank Swanny and his team for their efforts, especially as we put in new procedures for them and I am pleased that these all worked well.

I think everyone saw that the work we did on the REC is paying off, it drains so much better than before, this does help in getting games played and keeps the club open on a Friday night where in the past we would have had to cancel.

My role is made easy by the excellent support I get from the other senior committee members, as I have said before there is so much work that is done behind the scenes and out of season, I thank you all for your support, all of you go above and beyond your duty and it a real pleasure to work with you guys.

We had successful social nights on the Rec and a brilliant Xmas ball, which will fall into next year accounts so I thank Haidee for arranging these and I look forward to this year. I am pleased to report majority of our new

coaches have passed and will be in action this year on a Friday and I thank them & wish them well as they begin on their new roles for the club.

Our Youth is one of the biggest and to have a least one team from each year group is a massive achievement to our coaches, managers & admin help to do this over a very short summer to get games played. It was also good to see a lot more of the juniors getting a game on here at the Rec, as I know they love to play at Rowledge when possible. Our U15 managed to reach two finals but came up just short in both.

We did struggle with our ladies/girl's side due to some of our older ladies moving on, and we did unfortunately have to pull out the league but I am pleased to say we still have one of the largest number of girls in the area so things are picking up and we will have 3 girl's youth sides which will then role into our young ladies. We have put in a lot of effort both on & off the field, applying for grants and in search of a new sponsor to assist them, so watch this space.

Now our 3s under Carlo, once again had a fantastic season, continuing the fine form from 2015, and playing youth and experience helped by one of the best teas in the area, support was high weirdly when tea was being served but to get promotion again was a huge achievement and well done to him and his players. Losing only 2 games in the whole season.

Our 2nds under Steve also had a great season and also having the ability to play 3-4 first team players when Wishy had too many was a big help especially Jake Austin hits 194 N/O. He also had others who stepped up and youngsters coming through which didn't look out of place, meaning that they also won promotion back into CD1.

Lastly our 1s, under Wishy for the first full season, didn't disappoint, we once again had our usual senior players but its becoming quite a youthful side, even Wishy is one of the older ones. The league is a real strange one, everyone can beat each other in this league so to finish mid table is a good result. They also managed to win back to back the fair play award, so well done for playing the game in a good manor.

I thank all the captains for their hard work on and off the pitch, as I know a lot of admin is required which is becoming more and more into the game.

We cannot forget all the other help that puts a game on, tea ladies, scorers etc. Our two groundsmen's, Tony Fields, who having had the pleasure to work with last summer is not as grumpy as most make out, unless you forget to put the kettle on and get the sack before I even started. Ron Neil down at Binsted won best improved ground with his efforts and he has done a fantastic job to get that accolade.

It should also be noted two members were recently honoured at the Surrey OSCA Peter Brinsden winning Heartbeat of the Club Award and David Metcalfe was highly commended in the lifetime achiever category.

I would like to finish that we should be proud of what we have in RCC, it's a big beast that is growing and requires more admin then ever and it's not possible without everyone help.

Thanks

Carl Baker  
RCC Chairman

#### **5. To receive, and if approved, adopt the accounts for 2016, with the Examiner's report.**

Lenka Drablow presented the accounts for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and as always kept her report brief, simple and concise:

The key highlights are  
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- **Total income** for the year was slightly lower than 2015 but we need to bear in mind that we did not have any social events in 2016 which could have added extra income to turnover
  - The bar income has improved significantly, well done to Swanny
  - Donations – Haidee has done a fantastic job here, obtaining various grants, to name few, ECB for new covers, Farnham Town Council and Surrey County Council, Waitrose Community Fund
- **Expenses** are slightly up on 2015, with biggest increase in Ground Maintenance with additional spent on top dressing and grass seed and with Binsted materials reimbursements accounting for additional sum.

- **Overall result** is small profit, almost half on prior year but as explained we have spent more on the ground maintenance and had no social event profit contribution we had in 2015.
- **Bank** - Page 2
  - This leaves us with a solid bank position as of 30<sup>th</sup> September even after reinvesting in new equipment, you can see the full breakdown on page 4
- **Project Gold**
  - We have also spent sums this year on Project Gold with further amounts due from Sports England when we are at the Making Good Defects Stage
- **To Sum it up**
  - 2016 was a year of investment in people, facilities and equipment

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our bookkeeper Richard Westaway for helping me with the day-to-day recording and additional ad hoc projects I throw at him.  
 I would like to thank Ben Spittle for taking on the job of an independent examiner and reviewing the accounts at such a busy time.

Proposer to approve and adopt the 2016 accounts - Bill Nichols

Seconder - Jim Marshall

The vote to approve the accounts was carried by a show of hands

#### 6. To elect the President of the Club, upon nomination of the Management Team

Proposer to re-elect Dave Gill as President of the Club - Carl Baker on behalf of the Management Team

Seconder – Jennie Brinsden

Re-election of Dave Gill as President was carried by a show of hands

#### 7. To elect the Vice-Presidents - the following are current Vice Presidents

Andrew Harland	Joe Yates
Ann Mortimer	Karen Hill
Bob Blightman	Rupert Kinnersly
Brian Silver	Shaun Bradbery
Christine Bateman	Shirley Peters
Dave McAlister	Tony Field
Dave Vasey	Wyatt Ramsdale
Dr William Nichols	Jennie Brinsden
Emily Carter	Ruth Ahmed
Ian Carter	Caz Callum
Iris Bursey	

Proposer for re-election of Vice-Presidents en-bloc - Jim Marshall

Seconder – Haidee Goodwin

Re-election of Vice-Presidents en-bloc was carried by a show of hands

Proposer Tony Watts is elected to the position of Vice President in recognition of 35 years of service to the Club - ChrisYates

Secunder – Carlo Bruno

Election of Tony Watts to the position of Vice-President was carried by a show of hands

#### **8. To elect the Chairman of the Club.**

The General Secretary thanked Carl Baker for the hard work he had put into the Club over the past year and for his ongoing commitment to the Club and its position within the Rowledge Community.

The Secretary confirmed that Carl Baker was willing to stand for re-election.

Proposed by the Management Committee Carl Baker is re-elected as Chairman

Secunder - B Wish

Re-election of Carl Baker as Chairman was carried by a show of hands

#### **9. To elect the Management Team of the Club.**

Carl informed the AGM of the decisions of Ruth Ahmed and Dave Royan to stand down paying tribute to these valued members of the management Committee.

**Ruth Ahmed** has worked for many years as one of the Club's Welfare Officers. The role is not an easy one and we appreciate the time Ruth put into the role, attending mandatory and update courses and when handling incidents over the years. Thanks for all your work with us over the years Ruth and best wishes for the future.

Additionally, subject to ratification at tonight's meeting, Carl thanked Christine Bellenger for agreeing to take over this important role in the club.

**Dave Royan** has worked tirelessly over his period of time with us, volunteering huge amounts of personal time in areas ranging from coaching to administration of Youth cricket. His work in successfully integrating the best of our Youth players into the senior sides, formation of the Academy and increasing the number of Youth players attending District and County trials/training camps through quality coaching has made a huge difference to the Club, enabling us to develop and retain our younger players which is a significant benefit to the Club allowing us to compete at various levels of cricket in Leagues and Cups.

Dave has offered to continue to support us with work over the coming season planning to attend the NHYCL fixture meeting to arrange all of our Youth Teams 2017 fixtures and keeping the 'Pitch Availability' macro up to date this summer, fully resigning at the end of the Youth season. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank him for his continued support in this.

Additionally Neil Gregory has indicated his intention to stand down once a volunteer replacement has been identified. Again Carl thanked Neil for all his work with the Management Committee, Youth and Girls Cricket, coaching and the Academy.

**Management Team 2017** - The proposed Management Team Members are willing to stand, and unless there are Members willing to take over the role will be elected en-bloc:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed 2017</u>
General Secretary	Lynley Griffiths	Lynley Griffiths
HonTreasurer	Lenka Drablow	Lenka Drablow
Cricket Secretary	Jim Marshall	Jim Marshall
Cricket Committee Chairman	D Lloyd/Ben Wish	Ben Wish-to attend committee on behalf of D Lloyd
Facilities Manager	Chris Yates	Chris Yates
Youth Manager	Dave Royan/Neil Gregory	Neil Gregory
Junior Manager	Peter Brinsden	Peter Brinsden
Child Welfare Officer	Ruth Ahmed	Christine Bellenger
Marketing Manager	Haidee Goodwin	Haidee Goodwin

Proposer for election of the proposed 2017 Management Committee en-bloc –Carlo Bruno

Seconder – Jim Marshall

Election en-bloc of the proposed members of the 2017 Management Committee was carried by a show of hands.

#### 10. To elect the Captains for the 2017 season

Proposer nominating Captains for 2017 as detailed below – Jim Marshall

<u>Team</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Vice Captain</u>
Mens 1 <sup>st</sup> X1	Ben Wish	
Mens 2 <sup>nd</sup> X1	Steve Martin	Shea Taylor
Mens 3 <sup>rd</sup> X1	Carlo Bruno	Chris Norris
Ladies X1	Vacant	
Village Cup	Ben Wish	

Seconder – Chris Yates

Elections of the Team Captains en-bloc was carried by a show of hands

#### 11. To fix subscriptions for the 2017 season

**Subscriptions** - The Management Committee proposes that the subscriptions for Club membership from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018, due by 1 April 2017 are, generally, slightly increased on the 2016 rate however there is a decrease in match fees, and are as follows:

##### **Senior Section**

- Senior Playing Member - £125
- Senior Ladies/Senior Playing Members 18-24 in full employment - £75
- Student Member or not in full employment - £75
- Social Member - £27

##### **Junior Section age up to 18 years (inclusive)**

- Year Group Reception to Year Group 4 - £50
- Year group 5 to U18 Inclusive - £65 (includes Match fees for Junior/Youth Matches)
- Social Member - £27

##### **Family Membership - £160**

<b>Match fees:</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Senior Playing:	£10	£5 – Village cup free
Senior playing (18-24)	£ 5	£3 – Village cup free
Ladies Playing	-	£5
Ladies Playing (18-24)	-	£5
Youth- (Playing Senior)	£ 5	£3 – Village cup free

*Note: All ages are calculated as at 1<sup>st</sup> September of the previous year.*

*(NB: Parents within the Junior/Youth Section Must include One Social Membership)*

Christine Bellenger queried identification of Senior Ladies/Senior Playing Members 18-24 in full employment and Student Member or not in full employment as separate categories, particularly as the charges for the 2 categories are identical – to be clarified by the Management Committee before the next AGM.

Secunder – Christine Bellenger

Proposed subscriptions were carried by a show of hands

## **12. To elect the Independent Examiner.**

Proposer of Ben Spittle as the Independent Examiner – Lenka Drablow

Secunder – Chris Yates

Election of Ben Spittle as the Independent Examiner was carried by a show of hands

## **13. To consider any other business at the Chairman's discretion.**

Peter Brinsden raised the issue of the ECB's new 5 – 8 year old 'All Stars Cricket' training programme which is being rolled out this season. The ECB's expectation is that all Clubs will sign up to the new programme.

This programmes and expectation presents a significant financial risk to RCC if the programme becomes, as is currently suggested by the ECB, compulsory either as a standalone programme or implementation becomes a part of Clubmark Assessment requirements.

Participants in the programme would pay a £40 fee for 8 -12 weeks of training either collected directly by the ECB or by RCC and the £40 would be forwarded to the ECB. Then for each participant RCC would be given back a £5 grant to cover costs.

Currently the majority of RCC's subscriptions come from junior cricket and the £58 decrease in subs for children in the 5 – 8 age bracket would severely impact on the Clubs finances to a point where the club would continuously run at a financial loss and cease to be a viable.

Discussions are ongoing with the ECB and RCC are not alone in their concern at the development of such a programme with little or no grass roots consultation prior to this development and rollout. Peter Brinsden will continue to represent the Club at ongoing meetings with the ECB and keep the Management Team informed. The Team will inform members and Trustees of developments where appropriate.

**AGM Meeting closed at – 8:50 p.m.**