

Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club



Minutes of the Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club AGM held at the Vine Pavilion 23rd February 2018

Item The meeting began at 20:05

In the chair :- Andy Richardson

Present :- There were 21 members in attendance – meeting declared quorate in accordance with the Constitution

Apologies:- Brian Richardson, Udo Eppinger, Mike Hibling, Miles Richardson, Doug Morrison, Guy Hollamby, Tim Smith, Harry Robinson, Andy Akerman, Karl Pearson, Mike Paterson, John Bowden, John Hornsby

Deaths Joyce Spelman – from the floor?
1 minutes silence observed

Gavan Burden, asked that any information regarding deaths be promulgated to the membership as soon as know. AR acknowledged this.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Matters Arising Nil

Minutes Adopted Proposed by: Byron Cooper-Fogarty
Seconded by: Omar Iqbal

Correspondence Nil

Committee Report It is reasonable to say that 2017 turned out to be a tougher year than we might have imagined going in. After a good preseason, including strong winter nets training programme and the addition of a few new players to the squad, there was a strong sense of optimism as the season commenced for all 3 of our league sides. Unfortunately, circumstances throughout the season including: some administrative failings!!!, injuries to key players, player non-availability, loss of form etc meant that our 1st XI lost games they maybe could have won and throughout the season were to be found struggling in the relegation zone.

However, in the run in to the seasons conclusion, the character of the squad came to the fore and 3 wins from our last 4 fixtures: Bexley (last over heroics from Olly Howick), Hartley and Blackheath (where the skipper found form when most needed) meant that when the dust settled, SVCC had survived the drop, retaining Premier League status by the narrowest



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of margin of 4 points. Remaining the only Omni present Premier League side a cause for celebrations yes, but too close for comfort and with a win percentage nearing 40% one might be wondering why it was so tight. Regardless, the 1st XI squad pulled off the “Great Escape”, proving the adage that it’s not where you start but were you finish the race that counts.

The 2nd XI, suffering in part from the knock on effects of the challenges within the 1st XI and the resultant ever changing team sheets week on week had a mixed season but with a win ratio of 50% completed the fixtures a very creditable mid table.

On the positive side, and whilst at times selection was a challenge, it provided an opportunity to test some our youngsters in the cauldron of senior league cricket and it is fair to say they all stepped up to the plate with distinction – something to build upon.

Outside of the SNKCL sides, the Vine continues to run a Sunday Development team, who had a very successful season, as well as the Old Oaks side and we continue to grow our Juniors Section where boys and girls of all abilities from 6-17 can learn about and play cricket whilst being coached by some of the best coaches in the county. A very positive addition to our activities was our appointment as an All Stars Cricket Centre. An ECB initiative to provide a gateway for 5 to 8 year olds who might not otherwise ne attracted to the game. The club ran its session on a Friday at our Orchard Field ground with 60 youngsters registered and more often than not 40+ in attendance. The programme, very well supported by our coaches and parents, was a great success. Time will tell how many of those youngsters have got the bug and will stay with cricket, either at the Vine or other local teams, but we look forward in anticipation to the 2018 All Stars programme. The prospects for the Sunday Development team, under the captaincy of Harry Robinson, looks strong for 2018 with 8 league games arranged and one off fixture vs Holmesdale Development XI set for 15th July.

The committee has worked hard to advance the club after the incorporation (CLG, VAT and CSAC) and a not insignificant changes in committee membership. Some new initiatives have been tried across all aspects of the club some with I must confess mixed success. Our PCA event despite the very hard work of Ian Sykes in particular, although an event success, did not realise the returns we had imagined in our planning – maybe a measure of the tough times on the High Street . Our focus has been and must remain, in the short term, the growth of membership and membership based revenues.

As ever, we are indebted to our supporters and sponsors, not least Savills who in 2018 will have been the clubs primary sponsor for 25 years. Their enduring support of Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club is truly appreciated

Comments

Ian Sykes commented that a move to correct the balance between corporate revenue and membership driven revenue would require a significant culture shift within the club – a point not lost on the committee.

Adoption

Proposed by: Shami Iqbal



Seconded by: Alan Smith

Adopted by the meeting

Treasurer's Report

Nigel Taylor presented the treasurers report.

Overview

Financial Performance for the period to September 2017

A significant change to the way the club financially operates took place in 2017, with the creation of the CLG (Company Limited by Guarantee), VAT registration and a CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club).

The SVCC Ltd acquired the assets from the Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club at the beginning of the year; the opening of the new HSBC bank account plus accounting software, we were ready to go.

During the year revenue was up compared to last year by £291 to £115,478, this was driven by the major summer event of the PCA Masters, which brought in an additional revenue of £20,472. Some improved performances were, Sponsorship up £4,705, Non Members up £1,651 due to the increase in membership fees that was set at the previous AGM, Cricket Week up £1,339 and Ground Hire up £1,560. Playing member numbers were down in the season, which had an impact of membership fees, this represented both the senior and junior teams, something that will be addressed in 2018.

Costs were up this year compared to the prior year due to the main summer event as discussed above. The Club had to pay for accommodation which increased the Senior playing expenses by £2,400. The junior section saw an increase in costs primarily due to the shirt deal which cost an additional £4k for the year. Cricket Week saw an uplift in costs mainly down to catering fees and additional marquee hire for health and safety reasons. Ground costs were lower this year due to drainage costs in the prior year at the Otford Ground.

The irrecoverable VAT was £3,491, which meant we could claim about 55% of our VAT input tax incurred.

Overall the Club's cash flow was up year on year by £1,885, compared to a loss in the prior year, although this was down to the exceptional expenditure of the Otford nets. The Board have confirmed that we will maintain a liquid cash reserves of at least £25,000.

As a CLG and CASC registered company, the club are allowed certain exemptions, one being an exemption for corporate tax which is exempt if the turnover from trade (not members income) is below £50,000. We achieved £49,000 in the period!

Looking Forward...



Subscriptions & Match Fees

Andy Richardson advised and confirmed that the Committee remains aligned to the principle of reducing the cost of cricket and will continue to seek such opportunities as the status of club finances permit and opportunities exist.

Subs

Subs and match fees remain unaltered from prior year with the same expectations on payment although the sanction of increased subs and a match fee levy to be dropped as it actually had never been effectively enacted.

Full playing £150

Students / U21 = £60

Old Oaks £60

Non Playing £50 (inc. VAT)

Junior £130

Subs are now to be transacted through the pay subs online portal – Alan Smith provided a brief description of how paysonline worked and why it was being adopted encouraging all to use as the primary means of paying subs but adding that cheques would still be acceptable if necessary.

The committee proposed and recommended that senior players who introduce a new player, who in turn pays a full subscription at the appropriate level, would be eligible for a 50% discount on their subs. This is subject to committee discretion and only for one time per season (not accumulative)

Match Fees

For 2018 season:

1st / 2nd £15

3rd £10

Evening games £6

Student / Unemployed in 1st & 2nd = £10, or in 3^{rds} = £7

In cricket week free for fully paid up members, else £20 per game.

The committee has the discretion to vary subscriptions for those of limited means and people with special needs

The committee proposed and recommended an option for payment of subs and match fees combined £350 for seniors and £200 for students and u21s (lump sum or 3 instalments), Old Oaks would also be included under the same principle but not extended to juniors at this time. This would include all CW, midweek and occasional match fees.



Comments from the floor Gavan Burden challenged the compliance with CASC thresholds on the cost of sport to members. Andy Richardson responded saying that whilst the subs and match fees in the first instance remained flat the option of a lump sum payment was a reduction over prior years and that we would continue to seek reductions where possible in future years. Nigel Taylor stated that in his interpretation our subs and match fees structure was compliant with CASC but that we would double check.

Proposed by: Keith Makin
Seconded by: Chaz Hornsby
Adopted by the meeting

CLG & CASC Status

HMRC approval received

NT explained implications for the club and specifically Gift Aid on donations

Election of Officers

For SVCC Ltd

Chairman: Andy Richardson
Finance Director : Nigel Taylor
Byron Cooper- Fogarty

Proposed by : Rick Parsons
Seconded by: Chaz Hornsby
Adopted by the meeting

Election of President (Non-Executive)

Lord Sackville
Proposed by : Gavan Burden
Seconded by: Martin Bowden
Adopted by the meeting

Vice Presidents

None proposed by the Committee

Election of Chairman

Andy Richardson

Proposed by: Shami Iqbal
Seconded by: Rick Parsons
Adopted by the meeting



Directors & Officers

The committee propose the following nominations for officers of the club:-

Election of CWO

Club Welfare Officer Caroline Piper
Deputy CWO Sue Baxter
Proposed by: Shami Iqbal
Seconded by: Chaz Hornsby
Adopted by the meeting

Board of Directors & operating sub committees

Chair of the Management Committee	Andy Richardson
Financial Director	Nigel Taylor
Secretary	
ClubMark Coordinator	Harry Robinson
Chair of Cricket Committee	Tom Parsons
Head of Selection	Karl Pearson
Chair of Grounds & facilities	
Club Coach	Rick Parsons
Commercial Director	Ian Sykes
Events Coordinator	
Media Coordinator	
Senior Membership Secretary	Alan Smith
Head of Juniors	Omar Iqbal & Catherine Procter
Junior Membership Secretary	Alan Smith
Fixture Secretary & Ground Hire	Karl Pearson
Club Historian	Richard Clout
Match Fees	Andy Akerman
Club Captain	
Pavilions Manager	

Proposed by Peter Smith
Seconded by Omar Iqbal
Adopted by the meeting



Captains

1 st Team	Olly Durell
Vice-Captain	
2 nd Team	Piers Robinson
Vice-Captain	Greg Adams
3 rd Team	Mike Martin
Vice-Captain	Freddie Elliot
Sunday Development	Harry Robinson
Old Oaks	Charlie Compton
Midweek XI	Shami Iqbal

Proposed by Tom Parsons
Seconded by Alan Smith
Carried unanimously

Amendment to the Constitution

Following discussions with KCC we have elected to retain the Constitution alongside the Articles of Association. Where any conflict may exist the Articles will prevail

Club Caps

The committee proposed the following:

Harrison Smyth

Tom Coldman

Forthcoming Attractions for 2018

NatWest Cricket Force week end 7th & 8th April

ASC – 8 week programme commencing 11th May at the Vine (pending car parking issue resolution)

VPs day will be 23rd June – 1st XI fixture vs. TW

Cricket Week is Friday 6th July to Friday 13th July; there will be a beer festival again on 6th, 7th & 8th July.



Dads vs Lads and ladies day under consideration

Past Players lunch – TBA – Mike Hibling will coordinate

The Dragons fixture is confirmed as Thursday 16th August

SVCC golf day – provisionally August Bank Holiday

The Summer ball is Saturday 14th July after 1st XI fixture with Blackheath at the Vine

**Any Other
Business**

Byron Cooper Fogarty proved an overview of August 13th incident when a young lad, riding his bike across the Vine at dusk became entangled with the square barrier rope and impaled his lower left leg on a metal road pole. A claim had been made by the family but had been rejected late last year by our insurers appointed solicitor and we had heard no more. He further advised that Risk Assessments for the 2018 would have an expanded scope beyond those previously considered reasonably adequate.

POS capability – already discussed in treasurers report comments

Vine Waste status – Andy Richardson advised the status of discussions with STC re the use of Vine Waste as an overflow car park during the execution of the Buckhurst Hill project and such mitigations that have been agreed with the intent to permit parking on match days without cost to the membership and visiting players and officials.

There being no other points the meeting closed at 21:30 hrs