

Cherwell League 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 23rd November 2017 at Bicester & North Oxford Cricket Club, Akeman Street, Bicester.

Management Committee Present

Len Payne -Treasurer, David Beck - League Secretary, Mike Dove, Gary Murton, Neilson Hinks, Jim Howe, Ian Murdoch

Apologies

David Warner, David Pryor, & Brian Standish

Len Payne apologised on behalf of BNOCC for the inconvenience of getting in.

David Beck presented Matt Shepherd (Bletchley CC) with the 2017 Wicketkeepers award (Joint winner)

The League Secretary chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

38 Clubs had registered their attendance. Representatives from Charlbury CC and Eynsham CC were present.

Minutes of 2016 Meeting

No questions were raised

Proposed acceptance of Minutes Bledlow Village CC

Seconded Buckingham Town CC

The meeting unanimously approved the Minutes

Chairman's Report. Circulated in his absence.

It was noted that the reference to 40 over cricket was there because of ECB comments and was not on CCL Management Committee immediate agenda. There were no questions from the floor

Treasurer's Report

The Management Committee had budgeted for a loss which fell within expected range. The loss of £4300 could be mainly attributed to the planned reduction in the charge on the cricket balls.f cricket balls.

Recommendation for next year source balls from Tibex to return to previous figure and clubs pay £15.00 a ball. League pay 70p a ball.

Total £43,653.81 about £1000 more than 2016.

Thanks were made to the accountant.

The Treasurer requested that the accounts be approved and adopted, Seconder - Wolverton – the meeting did this unanimously.

The Treasurer proposed that Subscriptions (at £125 for two teams etc.) be held at the current rate.

League doesn't invoice for Subs/ subs to be paid by 31/01/18. Seconder –Pete Cooling, Croperdy the meeting did this unanimously.

Questions from the floor

Wolverton – worry £29,000 assets doing nothing – league doing anything to reduce it?

Treasurer – These are some contingencies for legal expenses. Money is available for use by the clubs for a loan system we have for equipment.

Buckingham – Please clarify Cricket Balls

Treasurer – 2016 clubs paid £11.00 per ball and the League £11.20 per ball at a cost of £90.00 for box of 6. Treasurer proposed we source the balls from Tibex and we return to previous system £15.00 each to be paid by the clubs. The balls cost of £11.70. Profit helps fund league. Seconded Stockenchurch. 21 for/ 10 against/ 3 Abstains. Proposal passed.

G. Brickhill – No sponsorship for 3 years, would committee consider sponsorship for balls.

Didcot – Club forum, balls gone down in standard has this been taken up with providers. Treasurer suggests we pay the higher price get the quality of 2015.

Thanks to Len for doing accounts.

Voting on election of Management Committee and election of Eynsham CC & Charlbury CC and re-election of Chearsley CC

Voting papers were distributed for voting on the above.

All MC have been properly proposed and seconded. There will not be a vote for president.

All clubs have been correctly proposed and seconded.

Error on voting paper, clubs need 66%

All proposed members received more than 66% so List is as is

Clubs who applied and re-election received more than 66%

Leagues will be live December 8th 2017 at earliest.

Voting on Constitutional and Rule Changes that had been circulated to the Clubs prior to the Meeting.

Constitution Amendment – For 38/ Against 0 / Abstain 0

- 3.e

Currently

All applications for membership of the league shall be considered by the Management Committee. All Clubs which meet the criteria for membership, as laid out in the league rules, shall have their applications put forward to a vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Those successful clubs (accepted at the AGM) will be eligible to participate in The League competitions with effect from the season following their acceptance.

Replace with

All applications for membership of the league shall be considered by the Management Committee. All Clubs which meet the criteria for membership, as laid out in the league Playing Rules (clause 12), may have their applications put forward to a vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The application must be proposed and seconded by two separate existing Cherwell League clubs and requires to be passed by a majority of over 66% of the voting clubs at an AGM. Those successful clubs (accepted at the AGM) will be eligible to participate in The League competitions with effect from the season following their acceptance. The same rules apply to clubs seeking re-election to the League as a result of a breach of playing rule 3.4 (Failure to Fulfil Fixtures).

Constitution Amendment – For 38 /0 Against/ 0 Abstain

- 3f (iii)

Currently

Member Clubs will only be eligible to participate in the leagues fixtures or competitions if all monies owing to the league are paid by the last day of February.

Replace with

Member Clubs will only be eligible to participate in the leagues fixtures or competitions if all monies owing to the league are paid by the last day of February. At the Management Committee's sole discretion, and only in special circumstances, extensions may be granted.

Constitution Amendment – For 36 /2 Against/ 0 Abstain

- 7a(v)

Currently

To consider and decide upon Constitutional Proposals properly submitted in accordance with clauses 7 & 8.

Replace with

To consider and decide upon Constitutional and Playing Rules Proposals properly submitted in accordance with clauses 7 (b) and & 7(c)

Constitution Amendment – For 37 / 1 Against/ 0 Abstain

- 7b

Currently

Constitutional proposals from either authorised representatives of member clubs or from the Management Committee shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing no later than 30th September. The Secretary shall give written notice of all such proposals together with an agenda showing all business to be transacted to all member clubs no later than 5 weeks before the AGM.

Replace with

Constitutional proposals from authorised representatives of member clubs must be submitted to the Secretary in writing no later than 30th September and supported by at least ¼ of the member clubs. The Secretary shall give written notice of any such proposals and any Management Committee proposals together with an agenda showing all business to be transacted to all member clubs no later than 5 weeks before the AGM.

Constitution Amendment – For 35 /2 Against/ 1 Abstain

- 7c

Currently

Changes to the playing rules may be proposed by the Management Committee or by a proposition supported by one quarter or more of the member clubs.

Replace with

- (i) The Management Committee is responsible for ensuring that the League Playing Rules are consistent throughout and compliant with the spirit and the laws of the game. To this end, the Management Committee may, from time to time, effect such changes to the Playing Rules as it deems necessary to achieve this, without recourse to membership.
- (ii) Substantive changes to the playing rules will be proposed by the Management Committee for the member clubs' approval. If a simple majority of voting clubs at the AGM rejects the proposed changes, the Management Committee will review and re-present them before implementing. Changes to the playing rules can also be proposed by authorised representatives of member clubs and must be submitted to the Secretary in writing no later than 30th September and supported by at least one quarter of the member clubs. Proposals so submitted can be passed at the AGM by a simple majority of voting clubs.

Constitution Amendment – For 36 /1 Against/ 1 Abstain

- 7e

Currently

Voting at the AGM shall be on the basis of one vote for each member club in attendance at the meeting. A club not represented at the meeting will have forfeited the right to vote. Proposals shall only be carried if they are supported by two thirds or more of the member clubs voting.

Replace with

Voting at the AGM shall be on the basis of one vote for each member club in attendance at the meeting. A club not represented at the meeting will have forfeited the right to vote. Clubs who abstain will be considered as having not voted. Constitutional Proposals shall only be carried if they are supported by two thirds or more of the member clubs voting. Playing Rules proposals shall be decided on as described in clause 7(c).

Playing Rules for 2017 Amendment - For 31 /6 Against/ 1 Abstain

- 1a

In 2018 **for teams in Divisions 1 to 6 only** the season will be structured as follows

The first 5 weeks and the last 4 weeks of the season will be played 50 overs win/lose cricket with strict leg side wide rules (anything passing down the leg side) being applied. These games will start at **12.30pm** with the exception of weeks 17 and 18 when the games will start at **12 noon**. Teams are expected to be in a position to bowl the last of their 50 overs **within 3 hours 10 minutes playing time including normal time allowances**.

Playing Rules for 2017 Amendment - For 21 /11 Against/ 2 Abstain

- 1b

The remaining weeks of the season will be played according to current playing rules. These games will start at **12.30pm**.

Meeting closed at 20:51

A.O.B

Law changes next year – ACO board will hold courses around county. Education sessions at Captains and Umpires meetings.

ECB update on overseas players, read ECB update as home office are involved

Jim Howe (LMC)– Grounds questionnaire has gone out. Thanks to 50% who have filled it out. Just to assure everyone this is to find base with clubs and then offer advice for those clubs who would like to make changes. ourselves and TV have rules – we won't let any of our clubs not progress if they wish too.

Possible few groundsman meetings over the winter into spring.

David Beck – not getting emails – please send up to date details to chairman, treasurer and secretary.

Welcome to two new clubs, they need spare balls, if clubs have spares please pass them to them.