

East Coker Cricket Club Annual General Meeting 2009



Date: 7th September 2009 ~ 8:00pm

Venue: Foresters Arms, Holywell, East Coker

Attendees: Chris Kilbee Nick Dwyer
 Luke Ridger Simon Rees
 Neil Pilton Paul Morton
 Mark Woolmington Martin Kearvell

An agenda was prepared by the Secretary and the following topics discussed;

1. Review of 2009

- ***Captain's Report*** - Chris Kilbee stated that overall the first year had been a success. Some very mixed and polarised results and some valuable lessons learned all year had set a good foundation, hopefully, for many years to come.

We have some very talented youngsters at the Club but it is evident that we need to recruit more adult players for 2010 if we are to take the club forward from a playing perspective.

The ground and teas were by far the best in the league and we should be proud of the standard we have set and need to sustain through 2010.

Chris thanked everyone involved with the Club for a great first year.

- ***Treasurer's Report*** - The 2009 balance sheet was presented by the Treasurer.

The initial Club budget set by Paul and Martin in 2008 predicted a break even but due to some club fundraising and extra income from the hosted Wedding match and some Training income we finished with a healthy positive balance.

Point to note - £252 of outstanding revenue is due to unpaid match fees and membership. Martin will write to everyone who owes money.

2. Structure of Cricket in 2010

After prolonged debate about playing competition cricket, it was decided to remain in the Somerset Cricket League, Division VI.

It was agreed that the club needs to bolster it's senior membership, thus occasional friendly matches will be arranged so that everyone gets a chance to play.

3. Membership/Match Fees 2010

Membership in 2010 has been frozen at £10.00 for Adults and £5.00 for Juniors. There are still a number of people who have not paid their membership for 2009.

Match fees will remain at £5.00 per match for Adults and £3.00 for Juniors.

Junior Members are those aged 18 years or under on 31st August in the previous season, consistent with the League's date for Fast bowling and Helmet rules.

4. Constitution/Rule changes

None identified

5. Development Plan review

The Club development plan was created to support the Grant application and to set a course for the club into the future. The majority of objectives have been achieved. The full plan can be viewed on the website

6. Election of Executive Officers

Chairperson: PAUL MORTON
Nominated by M. Kearvell
Seconded by S. Rees

Treasurer: LUKE RIDGER
Nominated by P. Morton
Seconded by N. Pilton

Secretary: MARTIN KEARVELL
Nominated by M. Woolmington
Seconded by N. Dwyer

Club Welfare Officer: MARK WOOLMINGTON
Nominated by M. Kearvell
Seconded by P. Morton

Club Captain: Position to be decided at a future date.

Geoff Clarke will continue to be Groundsman and will call on Club members when help is required (see item 7).

7. Ground work

The square and outfield has been fantastic this year thanks to a lot of hard work by a few members of the club.

A dedicated team of ground staff is needed to help Geoff next year and will need to be available at short notice as weather often dictates ground preparation.
Volunteers: Paul Morton, Neil Pilton, James Patten, Simon Rees and Nick Dwyer.

There is some work to do on the square before the end of October. Geoff Clarke will contact everyone to decide a date.

The Parish Council have agreed to pay £150 for the ground maintenance work that the club have paid for this year. It was agreed by the members present to give this sum to Geoff as he has paid for loam and fuel and has spent many hours at the ground.

8. Winter Nets

It was agreed to start nets in February 2010. Martin will establish a venue and contact the council with a view to gaining funding to cover venue hire and possibly the services of a qualified coach.

9. Communication

Chris and Martin both reported their frustration at the lack of a timely response to e-mails and calls. It was agreed that the key tool for communication should be the website. A list of e-mail contacts will be distributed.

Team sheets for the following weekend fixture will be displayed on the website and it must be the responsibility of everyone to indicate their availability promptly.

Paul reported that the teas rota had worked very well in the latter half of the season and will continue to be employed next year. There will be a need to find more tea ladies next year.

Match fees owed are also displayed on the website and it is everyone's responsibility to make sure that money is paid on time.

10. Equipment

A full equipment inventory list is required; the storage shed will be cleared out at the end of season ground preparation day.

Additional requirements for kit and equipment can then be determined and a budget prepared.

Cutting of the outfield was discussed - the cost of a mower versus the cost of hiring a contractor for home games will be investigated.

11. AOB

A disciplinary procedure is to be drawn up to deal with any breach of conduct codes by ECCC members. This will be included on the website.

It is agreed that any breach of the code will be dealt with very seriously.

The meeting closed at 11:10 pm