

NORMANDY CRICKET CLUB
Minutes of the AGM at NCC
At 8.00pm on Wednesday 13th December 2023

Committee Members Present: -

Attendee	Initials	Position
Jill Scott	JS	Chair
Rob Wellfare	RW	Vice Chair
Russell Home	RH	Secretary
Sara Job	SJ	Colts Manager
Andy Hemingway	AH	Treasurer
Tim Page	TP	House Manager
Philip Hodgson	PH	Social Media
Phil Moss	Phil	Bar Chairman
Ali Robertson-Fox	ARF	Membership Secretary

In addition, there were 15 other club members present. A total of 24 attendees.

1. Apologies

Received from Carl Bowen, David Iliffe, Andrew McPherson, George Newton, Peter Scott, Trevor Walter.

2. Summary of Minutes from 2022 AGM

RH summarised the minutes from last year as follows:

Attendees – 15

Matters Arising: – None.

Chairman's Report: -

JS thanked various members and committee for all the hard work and support throughout the year, PS is working on sharing the cricket workload more effectively with clear defining roles. Colts were going from strength again this year. PH has been working hard on finding sponsorship and developing social media. Grants were received from the Parish Council to go towards the building of the FM ground scoreboard, plus a grant from the ECB was obtained for installation of new heaters and energy saving LED lighting. Shelly Jones has stepped down from her role as Vice-Chair.

Treasurer's Report: -

AH reported the club made a loss of £1.1K in 2022 and that our reserves were £57K at the bank. Match fees were increased in 2022 to include teas which were now outsourced for the first time. We also received COVID support in the shape of a final £2.7K government grant.

Bar revenue was very good, with a net surplus of £28.4K.

The largest expense came with the purchase of a new mower.

AH thanked all the committee, club members for their support and Mike Davis for carrying out the audit.

Cricket Manager's Report: -

PS reported the following: -

1st XI – 6th – Premier League

2nd XI – 3rd – Division 1

3rd XI – 3rd – Division 2 West

4th XI – 5th – Division 4 West

5th XI – played 13 matches

6th XI – was fielded for the 1st time

Academy – Tier 2 losing finalists

15 new players were recruited for all XI's, with a view to continuing to recruit at all levels to maintain the best standard of cricket, furthermore, the development and introduction of more colts playing senior cricket in 2022 was heartening.

PS thanked the ground staff, scorers, umpires and coaches for their assistance and help.

Colts Manager Report: -

Sara's report stated that colts fixtures were played with teams from U8's to U19's, including the U9's coached by Andy Macpherson winning their league.

Focus remains on player development, and coaching on Friday evenings continued for All Stars, U8's to U15's, with older colts XI's on Thursdays.

Several colts had taken and passed young leaders and level 1 coaching courses to ease the reliance on external coaches.

Our summer holiday coaching courses were highly successful and expanded in 2022.

Sara thanked PH, the age group managers, coaches, and the committee for their help.

Election of Officers: -

All other committee positions remained as per 2021, except: -

Robin Wellfare replaced Shelly Jones as Vice Chair

Tim Jones replaced Phil Moss as Ground Chairman

Ali Robertson-Fox replaced Tania Bell as Membership secretary

Andy Macpherson replaced Ross Skidmore as Club Captain

Anthony Clarke, Derek Morgan, Mark Rosser and Nathan Sowter were nominated and accepted as Vice President members of NCC for 2023.

Membership/Subscriptions: - These will be decided upon in February 2023 after further financial analysis.

2022 Recommendations from committee: - Replace clubhouse entrance carpet, Fred Mayhead Ground Scorebox/Enhanced social media presence/Solar panels/Bar refurbishment (long term).

Match Fees Proposal for 2024

2023 Match Fees		1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	5th XI	6th XI	1st XI	Academy
Seniors	Home	£14.00	£14.00	£12.60	£12.60	£10.00	£10.00	£14.00	£10.00
	Away	£14.00	£14.00	£11.20	£11.20	£10.00	£10.00	£14.00	£10.00
Juniors	Home	£10.00	£10.00	£9.00	£9.00	£6.00	£6.00	£10.00	£7.50
	Away	£10.00	£10.00	£8.00	£8.00	£6.00	£6.00	£10.00	£7.50
Proposal for 2024 (assuming Colts matches increase to £4.00)									
Seniors	Home	£15.00	£15.00	£13.50	£13.50	£10.75	£10.75	£15.00	£10.75
	Away	£15.00	£15.00	£12.00	£12.00	£10.75	£10.75	£15.00	£10.75
Juniors	Home	£10.75	£10.75	£9.50	£9.50	£6.50	£6.50	£10.75	£8.00
	Away	£10.75	£10.75	£8.50	£8.50	£6.50	£6.50	£10.75	£8.00
No teas Sundays									

Chris Jones raised some concerns regarding the 1st XI paying match fees as this was not consistent across other club's 1st XI's and was particularly frustrating for those players who also incur significant travel expenses. John Scott asked how this compared with other clubs. AH responded the comparison was favourable and gave some examples of other clubs' subscription fees – Farnham £180, Wimbledon £190, Malden Wanderers £240 but recognised that the inconsistency is a challenge and it was a fair point to raise and certainly something that should be looked at.

10. Recommendations from the Committee

- Membership cards must be shown at the bar and all bar staff should ask to see them.
- 2024 budgets will be tightened.
- The utilisation of the facilities must be reviewed to look at ways of increasing revenue.
- Introduction of walking cricket.

11. Recommendations for the 2024 Committee

- John Scott asked the committee to look at other cricket clubs and complete an overall comparison of membership costs/player packages.
- John Stiff raised concerns about the lower ground outfield and the need for this to be fed. Whilst it was agreed this would be good to do it was not a priority and feedback from playing members is that the pitch is one of the best in the league. AH also added that 3-year plans across all areas of the club are being put together.
- John Stiff also asked if a receipt could be obtained for bar purchases. Phil confirmed that a receipt could be obtained if requested.

12. Any Other Business

Fencing – John Stiff asked if a fence could be put up around the lower ground in the woods beyond the boundary rope, and, if a working party could be put together to erect it, he would be happy to fund this. RW advised that this was already listed as an item to do but that the club would need permission from Normandy Parish Council to do this and he would speak to his contact at the council.

In memory – RH remembered Bill Hilsdon, Gary Rigden, Mollie Scott and Cyril Stiff who passed away in 2023.

Thank you – on behalf of all members of the club RW thanked JS for her time as Chair and for the phenomenal amount of work she has done.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.