

## **Sherston Magna Cricket Club**

### **Minutes of AGM on 6th February 2018 at The Rattlebone**

**Present.** JW (John Weeks), JK (James Kutchera), AP (Andy Peggy), LP (Laura Pegg), CD (Caroline Dickenson), AJ (Andrew Jarvis), BD ( Ben Dickenson), AD ( Alan Dickenson), DN (Dave Nelson), NB (Nick Burrage), DFP (David Fitch-Payton), JH (James Harmer), DN (Dave Nelson), SP (Suzie Power), HM (Helen McLeish), CG (Charlie Green), MM (Matilda Matthews), PL (Phil Lamphee), WT (Will Taylor ), PS (Pauline Smith), Chairman( John Matthews)

**Apologies.** Paul Johnson, Victoria Allman, Simon Hulance, Kevin Smith.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the AGM and started the meeting with the election of officers.

Chairman: John Matthews

Treasurer: Caroline Dickenson

Club Secretary: James Harmer

Fixtures Secretary: James Kutchera

Saturday Captain: James Kutchera

Saturday Vice Captain: Ben Dickenson

Sunday Captain: Charlie Green

Sunday Vice Captain: to be decided

Sunday Manager: Caroline Scarlett\*

Digital Media: Andy Pegg

Communications: to be decided

Welfare Officer: John Matthews

Ladies representative: Laura Pegg

General administration: Pauline Smith

Director of Junior Cricket: Andrew Jarvis

Junior Liaison: Pauline Smith

Junior Representative: Suzie Power

Committee members: John Weeks, Dave Nelson and Kevin Smith.

The Chairman announced that Kevin Smith had decided to stand down as Club Secretary. He thanked Kevin for his hard work and great contribution to the Club and said that he was pleased that Kevin would remain on the Committee.

\*Charlie Green will liaise shortly with Caroline Scarlett about her role as Sunday Manager.

### **Treasurer's report**

CD handed out the accounts up to December 2017. She then went through the accounts and answered questions.

The Chairman thanked CD for all her hard work on the accounts which was essential for a small club. He reminded the Clubs captains that the subs should be kept up to date to help CD with the smooth running of the Club.

It was agreed that subs and match fees should remain the same as last season.

### **Captain's report**

Saturday; JK said the Saturday side ended the season mid table. The side started out well, had a lull mid-season and finished well. He said it was great to see the younger players coming through namely Archie Walsh, James Skelton and Patrick Frost. JK said he was very appreciative of all the support he received through the season.

Sunday; AJ reported that the Sunday side had a good season, being able to get sides and playing some good cricket.

Juniors; AJ said the Juniors season went well, the U15s, U13s and the U11s had a side out every week, the difficulty lay in getting sides out for the U9s. JK said he would email the older All Stars to remind them of Junior Nets, which start at Westonbirt school on the 18th of February, which hopefully get them interested in joining the U9s. It was agreed that anyone signing up for the All Stars would get club membership.

AJ reported that all the Junior sides would play in the Wiltshire league this coming season, the sides will play 20 over games on weekdays

The Chairman asked JK to talk to the committee about joining the Wiltshire league, JK told the committee that SMCC had been placed in Division 6 of the league and would play 45 over cricket, there are some rules to adhere to but SMCC had most of these covered. The League is well run and welcoming. The Club is still affiliated with Gloucestershire league through the All Stars. JK said SMCC could look forward to a good season.

The Chairman thanked JK for having managed the transfer so smoothly. JK also told the committee that the club would get an extra point every match that the club provided umpires, with this in mind there was an umpires course for members to attend, and members could email JK if they wanted to be a part of this.

### **Groundforce**

An update on the latest on the ground was given:

- Hydraulic mower, Bradford on Avon cricket side are still interested in the mower and will come and inspect it by the end of the month. Committee will discuss and agree on any offer.
- Mowing the outfield, James Pike will be available to mow the outfield again this season.
- Tony Bowell will sharpen and service the gangs.
- The sheep are on the ground but will be gone around the end of the month
- The Chairman, JW and AJ still need to talk to Ratcliffe's about the other mowers.
- Covers - the covers are looking very tired and a new set of covers will be the club's next expenditure. The Chairman gave his thanks to JW for all his hard work keeping the covers going as long as they have. The Chairman told the committee that the ECB are giving grants for covers, this will have to be looked at before the end of the

month. If we get a grant and put it together with money from the sale of the hydraulic mower the club should have enough money to cover the purchase of new covers.

The provisional date for Groundforce has been set – **14<sup>th</sup> April 2018**. All members were encouraged to come down as there is a lot of work to be done to get the ground ready for the season.

### **AOB**

MM asked if the committee could think of ways to get more people to attend the club's events. Less people attended the Pre season drinks evening and the Presentation dinner had to be cancelled because of a lack of interest, JH as club secretary will expect any good ideas from members about this. Send ideas to [james-harmer@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:james-harmer@hotmail.co.uk), The Chairman wondered if the events needed to be more informal and there was a need to look at the demographic of the club as this may have changed.

BD asked about fundraising and members were asked to email JH with any fundraising ideas. Send ideas to [james-harmer@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:james-harmer@hotmail.co.uk)

DFP said a ceilidh/barn dance and disco in the Village Hall would be a good fundraiser. He said that a subcommittee could be formed to discuss this. Discussion centred on how this could be done during the summer with cricket commitments

The Chairman presented some awards

- Clubman of the Year - Laura and Andy Pegg
- Young player of the Year - Archie Walsh, (NB to present it to him)
- Special Personal Award - James Kutchera

The Chairman again thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

The date of the next committee meeting is still to be decided and committee members will be informed.