

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of
THE BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE
held at Moseley Cricket Club
on Wednesday 27th January, 2016 at 8.00 p.m.**

Present:

All present signed the attendance register – a copy is held by The General Manager.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, **Chairman** asked all present to stand in silent memory of a Past President of the League, A.E. Davis, who had passed away during the last 12 months. **Chairman**, also, welcomed the clubs that had won their County Feeder Leagues in 2015: - Handsworth C.C., Lichfield C.C., Newport C.C. and Pershore C.C.

1. Apologies

R.M. Cox (Halesowen C.C.), A.E. Lea (Himley C.C. & Member of Management Board), T.J.H. Phillips (Old Elizabethans C.C & Member of Management Board) and W.F. Tansell (Barnards Green C.C. & Member of Management Board).

2. Minutes of A.G.M. held on 28th January 2015

The minutes of the 2015 A.G.M. had been available to download from the League website since 13th January, 2016. **Chairman** proposed that they were taken as read and they were agreed *nem con*.

3. Matters Arising

Nil.

4. Chairman's Report

A copy of the report had been available to download from the League website since 13th January, 2016. **Chairman** reiterated his congratulations to the winners of all of the League's competitions and commiserations to the clubs who had been relegated at the end of the season, particularly those who were returning to their County Feeder League. He thanked the President (**J.E. Day**) for an excellent year in office, spoiled only by his club's relegation from Division Three at the end of the season. He finished his report by thanking his fellow Board Members for their support, during the year, as well as the General Manager for his hard work on behalf of the League. **Chairman** asked if there were any questions or comments about his report and none were forthcoming. **L. Vincent** (Kidderminster Victoria C.C.) proposed that the report should be adopted and this was seconded by **N. Khan** (Attock C.C.). The proposal was accepted *nem con*.

5. Hon Treasurer's Report

A copy of the Accounts for the year ending 30th September, 2015 had been available to download from the League website since 13th January, 2016. **Hon. Treasurer** reported that the Accounts showed a surplus of £2,235.00.00 with income recorded at £51,435.00 and expenditure reaching £49,200.00. Income from annual subscriptions, sponsorship and the ECB accreditation fee remained the same as the previous year but the performance related payment from ECB, payable at the end of the season, was slightly less because there was no windfall payment in 2015. Fines for ill-discipline on the field and poor administration rose to £750.00.

Expenditure on the Annual Handbook had fallen, slightly, and he had written-off some items of stock including the League's supply of cricket balls. The Balance Sheet showed a healthy financial position with Net Assets totalling £53,009.00 including £33,000.00 held at the bank. Debtors at the end of the year totalled £5,400.00 and all outstanding monies had been paid. No money was owed and the **Hon. Treasurer's** ideal reserve fund of £50,000.00 had been reached. He will recommend to the Management Board that there should be no increase in clubs' annual subscriptions. 2016 will be the last year of the write-off of laptop computers and printers supplied to all clubs and he confirmed that the Management Board will decide if the ECB accreditation fee should be shared by the Premier Division clubs, in 2016, at its next meeting. **A. Biggs** (Himley C.C. and Member of the Management Board) proposed and **M. Whitehall** (Kenilworth Wardens C.C. and Member of the Management Board) seconded that the Accounts for the Year ended 30th September 2015 were adopted and the proposal was accepted *nem con*.

6. Appointment of Honorary Reporting Accountant

Hon Treasurer thanked J.A. Cox (Walsall C.C.) for his prompt and efficient service. Moreover, he completed this task on a *pro bono* basis and had done so for 16 years. **Hon Treasurer** proposed and **M. Mansell** (Kidderminster Victoria C.C.) seconded the proposal that Mr Cox is re-appointed. The proposal was accepted *nem con*.

7. Appointment of President:

Chairman paid tribute to **J.E. Day** (Water Orton C.C.) for his valuable contribution during his year of office. **Mr Day** thanked the Chairman for his kind words and said that "It had been an honour and a privilege to serve as President of the oldest Cricket League in the World". He had enjoyed the year very much and believed that, at some stage during his long playing career, he had played on the ground of 39 of the 48 member clubs and had visited 47 of them. President's Day in June had been a very enjoyable occasion and he paid tribute to Knowle & Dorridge C.C. and Bromsgrove C.C. for hosting the Graham Williamson Trophy Final and the (Twenty20) Challenge Cup Finals Day, respectively. He offered his personal congratulations to all the competition winners and said that none of the above would have been possible with the support of the Management Board and the General Manager. The League was run in "a fair and efficient manner" and its management was in good hands. As his club had been relegated to the Warwickshire Cricket League, he was retiring as a member of the Management Board after 17 years. Chairman thanked him for his contribution during that period, most of which time, he had served as Chairman of the Ground & Facilities Audit Committee. In recognition of his service, Chairman presented him with an engraved piece of crystal. He thanked the Chairman and the Management Board for their generosity and, then, presented the President's medal to his successor **P. Radburn** (Kidderminster Victoria C.C.) and wished him all the best for the next 12 months.

8. Appointment of President-Elect

Chairman reported that **R.M. Cox** (Halesowen C.C.) had accepted an invitation to become President-Elect.

9. Election of Vice-Presidents

GM reported that he had not received any nominations from clubs regarding the election of new Vice-Presidents. As a result, **Chairman** proposed and **K.D.W. Lancaster** (Sutton Coldfield C.C.) seconded that the existing Vice-Presidents should be re-elected *en bloc*. The proposal was accepted *nem con*.

10. Election of Management Board Representatives:

The following Management Board Representatives retire, this year, by rotation, and are, all, eligible for re-election for a further three-year term: -

Andrew Biggs (Himley)
Nick Husbands (Bromsgrove)
David Manning (Wolverhampton)
Andy Wheeler (Barnards Green)

The following Management Board Representative will be ineligible to continue in office with one year of a three-year term remaining due to his Club's relegation to a Feeder League: -

John Day (Water Orton)

The following Management Board Representative has resigned with one year of a three-year term remaining: -

Alan Neal (Old Hill)

The following nominations have been received: -

Mohammed Asim (Attock) – One-year term
Andrew Biggs (Himley) – Three-year term
Nick Husbands (Bromsgrove) – Three-year term
David Manning (Wolverhampton) – Three-year term
Mohammed Zabair (Smethwick) – One-year term
Andy Wheeler (Barnards Green) – Three-year term

As there are six nominations for six places on the Board, a ballot will not be necessary and the six members listed above will be elected to serve for the specified term.

Chairman paid tribute to S.A. Neal who he described as “a legend in West Midlands cricket”. He had been a fine player and an excellent administrator, serving as President of the Birmingham & District League, the Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League and the Midlands Cricket Conference. At various times, he had been Chairman of B & DPL and MCCC, as well as Chairman of the Cricket and Umpires Sub-Committees of BDPCL. In recognition of his service since the inception of BDPCL in 1998, in which he had been instrumental, **Chairman** presented Mr. Neal with an engraved piece of crystal.

11. Presentation of Trophy to “Website” Team of the Year:

The trophy, donated by the designer of the League website, David Abell, was presented to the team that earned the most points in League matches over the full season. The winners were Bridgnorth C.C. 1st XI with 397 points and the trophy was presented by **The President**.

12. Presentation of Trophy to the Player of the Year:

The Player of the Year, in 2015, was Kadeer Ali (West Bromwich Dartmouth C.C.) who scored 1,079 runs for his club in the Premier Division at an average of 77.07, including four centuries and five half-centuries. He, also, took 34 wickets at an average of 18.74 (BB 6-48). The Banks's Trophy was presented to his father, Munir Ali, by **The President**.

13. Presentation of Trophy to the Young Player of the Year:

The Albert Birkenhead Trophy was won by Ed Pollock (Barnt Green C.C.) who scored 765 runs at an average of 63.75 including four centuries and two half-centuries. The trophy was presented to P.R. Clarke (Barnt Green C.C.) by **The President**.

14. Presentation of Trophy to the Umpire of the Year:

The President presented the Banks's Trophy for the Umpire of the Year to Keith Little, who, despite his youthfulness, is the longest serving official in the League with 27 years' service. He has, also, stood in many County 2nd XI and other representative games during that period.

15. Presentation of Fair Play Awards:

Fair Play awards were presented, by **The President**, to the following Clubs: -

Premier Division	-	Barnt Green C.C. – 16.88
Division One	-	Old Hill C.C. – 16.90
Division Two	-	Eastnor C.C. – 17.13
Division Three	-	Astwood Bank C.C. – 16.43

16. Presentation of Pitch and Outfield Awards:

Pitch and Outfield awards were presented by **The President** to the following Clubs: -

Premier Division	-	Kidderminster Victoria C.C. – 35.82
Division One	-	Harborne C.C. – 35.11
Division Two	-	Coventry & N.W. C.C. – 36.25
Division Three	-	Aston Manor C.C. – 33.10

17. Any Other Business:

17.1 League Sponsorship

GM confirmed that the Management Board had secured title sponsorship of the League for seasons 2016 and 2017 with an option to extend for a third year from The Auction House Birmingham & Black Country.

The League will be known as "The Auction House Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League" and clubs were asked to refer to it as such in all literature such as fixture cards and letterheads. The sponsorship will commence on 1st April, 2016 and advertisement boards will be placed at selected clubs throughout the League. The company will contact clubs direct to arrange delivery of the boards.

17.2 Club Insurance

Wes Griffiths (Halesowen C.C.), an Insurance Broker, made a presentation, informing clubs that they should consider taking out personal accident cover for players. Standard policies do not include this kind of cover and his company is in a position to advise clubs on suitable cover, including damage to outside equipment such as covers, sight screens and nets. **GM** will circulate details of this policy to all clubs with information from other companies for comparison.

17.3 Electronic Scoring

GM advised that, just before Christmas, TCS had been purchased by CricHQ. The Managing Director of CricHQ is Gus Mackay, a former player with Barnt Green C.C. and West Bromwich C.C., who was well-known to GM and other members of the Management Board. A deal has been secured with CricHQ which will allow the four new clubs to the League to purchase a TCS licence and Live Scores licence, at no cost, and permit the other 44 member clubs to upgrade to TCS 8.0 and upgrade their Live Scores licence, in 2016, at no cost to the club. Information regarding the purchases and upgrades will be issued in due course. Laptops and printers were issued to the four new member clubs and a number of training courses will be run before the start of the season. One of the courses will be aimed, specifically, at the new clubs and those clubs that didn't activate their licence in 2015 and refresher courses will be organised for other clubs. It will be mandatory for all clubs to use electronic scoring and DLS in 2016.

17.4 (Twenty20) Challenge Cup Finals Day

GM reported that the above event will be held at Bridgnorth C.C. on 24th July, 2016. Offers to host the day had, also, been received from Fordhouses C.C., Kidderminster Victoria C.C., Moseley C.C., Oswestry C.C., Shrewsbury C.C., Walsall C.C. and Wolverhampton C.C., as well as regular hosts Bromsgrove C.C. It remained the Cricket Sub-Committee's intention to spread the event around its member clubs and all the above clubs will be considered in future years if they wish to bid, again.

17.5 Results Service

The Results Service will operate in 2016 as it did in 2015 but a review will be undertaken at the half-way stage of the season. If Live Scores are operated, successfully, by all clubs, during the first half of the season, the requirement to telephone 1st XI scores to The Central Results Service will cease. However, if any club encounters problems with Live Scores, after that point, they will be required to confirm the result to The Central Results Service, as in previous years.

17.6 Re-Structure of the League

M. Robinson (Oswestry C.C.) asked about the Management Board's recent proposals to re-structure the League. **Chairman** replied that, since the meeting with Division Three clubs in December, 2015, nothing had been decided and feedback from that meeting will be discussed at the next meeting of the Management Board on 1st February 2016. Clubs will be informed of any developments as soon as they are confirmed.

Meeting Closed:

9.05 p.m.