

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of  
THE BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE  
held at Moseley Cricket Club  
on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 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 Alan Neal (W.B. Dartmouth C.C., Aston Unity C.C. and Old Hill C.C.), a Past President of the League and long-serving member of the Management Board, who had passed away in August 2017.

**Chairman**, also, reported that **Bill Tansell** (Barnards Green C.C. and member of the Management Board) was making slow but steady progress after he had suffered a stroke in April 2017. He was, now, back at home and welcomed visitors to see him.

**1. Apologies:**

E.J. McCabe (Warwickshire Cricket Board) and Walmley C.C.

**2. Minutes of A.G.M. held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017:**

The minutes of the 2017 A.G.M. had been available to download from the League website since 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018. **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 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018. **Chairman** reiterated his congratulations to the winners of all 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. One of the highlights of the season for him had been the Final of the Graham Williamson Trophy at Ombersley C.C., where the home club were successful against Berkswell C.C. He commended C & R Hawks C.C. on becoming the first club from BDPCL to reach Finals day of the ECB National Club T20 competition where they were defeated by the eventual winners, South Northumberland C.C. Wolverhampton C.C. had reached the Semi-Final of the National Club Championship where they were defeated by Ormskirk C.C. and it was encouraging to see BDPCL clubs, again, doing well in National competitions. He thanked the President (**P. Radburn**) for a second excellent year in office, which included another very successful President's Day at Kidderminster C.C. He, also, thanked the Auction House Black Country & Birmingham for their title sponsorship of the League. 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. Following a proposal from the **Chairman**, seconded by **M. Zabair** (Smethwick C.C. and member of the Management Board), the report was adopted *nem con*.

## **5. Honorary Treasurer's Report & Annual Accounts:**

A copy of the Accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 had been available to download from the League website since 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Income received (£56,287.00) was slightly higher than the previous year (£55,566.00). Subscriptions from clubs (£24,000.00), the accreditation grant from ECB (£15,000.00) and the administration grant from ECB (£1,500.00) remained the same as the previous year but income from sponsorship rose from £8,061.00 to £10,074.00 and the performance related payment and bonus from ECB rose from £4,100.00 to £4,400.00. Other income decreased from £2,905.00 to £1,313.00 and included £1,210.00 from the sale of cricket balls from stock, £92.00 from the sale of annual handbooks and £11.00 from bank interest. Advertising income from the annual handbook fell from £473.00 to zero and the decision to allow free entry into the (Twenty20) Challenge Cup Competition resulted in a loss of £1,500.00. Expenditure for the year decreased from £58,921.00 to £53,733.00. The majority of this came from the retention of 40% of the accreditation fee payable to Premier Division clubs. £4,200.00 was retained to cover the balancing costs of laptop computers and software supplied to all 48 clubs at the start of the 2015 season. The remaining value of the computers (£4,565.00) has, now, been written-off and appears in the expenditure account as Depreciation. Other significant variations included an increase in cost of £428.00 for telephone and internet and a decrease in cost of £1,440.00 for the website and mobile phone app. £2,000.00 of stock, in the form of cricket balls held by the League, was written off. The cost of staging matches rose from £200.00 to £650.00 which was, entirely, due to the additional cost of hosting the Area Final and the Regional Final of the NatWest Club T20 Competition but the cost of umpires' expenses and match fees fell from £826.00 to £378.00 due to the termination of the exchange appointments with the Netherlands Cricket Board. The cost of engraving trophies rose from £356.00 to £803.00 but all the trophies in the League possession are, now, up to date and the cost should be much less in 2018. The net excess of income over expenditure for the year was £2,554.00 which increased the total net assets to £52,208.00. **Hon. Treasurer** proposed and **M. Whitehall** (Kenilworth Wardens C.C. and member of the Management Board) seconded a proposal that the Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 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 more than 25 years. **Hon Treasurer** proposed and **P. Mitchell** (Shropshire Cricket Board and member of the Management Board) seconded the proposal that Mr Cox is re-appointed. The proposal was accepted *nem con*. **Hon. Treasurer** paid further tribute to Mr Cox and asked him to come forward to receive an engraved cut-glass bowl in recognition of his service to the League over such a long period of time.

## **7. Appointment of President:**

**Chairman** paid tribute to **P. Radburn** (Kidderminster C.C.) for his valuable contribution during his second year of office which had arisen due to the unavailability of the President-Elect, **Richard Cox** (Halesowen C.C.) who had declined the invitation due to a conflict of interest with his job with ECB. **President** thanked **Chairman** for his remarks and presented him with the President's medal as his successor. **Chairman**, who had been nominated as President after announcing his intention to stand down from the post at the next meeting of the Management Board, thanked everyone for their good wishes and said it will be an honour and a privilege to continue to serve the League.

**8. Appointment of President-Elect:**

**President** reported that an approach had been made to Godfrey Lamb (Kidderminster C.C.) who was, still, considering the invitation. He hoped to have more news regarding the position before the next meeting of the Management Board.

**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, **President** proposed and **M. Zabair** (Smethwick C.C. and member of the Management Board) 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: -

Tony Lea (Himley)  
David Middleton (Walsall)  
Tim Phillips (Old Elizabethans)  
Malcolm Whitehall (Kenilworth Wardens)

Tim Phillips has indicated that he does not wish to stand for re-election.

The following Management Board Representative has resigned, after one year of a three-year term:

Will Clarke (Shifnal)

The following nominations have been received: -

Tony Lea (Himley)  
proposed by Himley and seconded by Smethwick

David Middleton (Walsall)  
proposed by Walsall and seconded by Wolverhampton

Bill Smith (Ombersley)  
proposed by Ombersley and seconded by Shrewsbury

Malcolm Whitehall (Kenilworth Wardens)  
proposed by Kenilworth Wardens and seconded by Bromsgrove

Jonathan Wright (Old Hill)  
proposed by Old Hill and seconded by Kidderminster

A ballot was necessary to determine which one of the five members listed above will serve the remaining two years of Will Clarke's term of office and profiles of all five candidates were circulated to clubs for consideration before votes were cast. Following a secret ballot, Bill Smith was elected to serve a two-year term and the other four candidates were elected to serve a three-year term.

**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 Shrewsbury C.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI with 420 points and the trophy was presented by **The Immediate Past President**. Shrewsbury C.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> XI had achieved a 100% record in the 45 over format, winning 11 matches and earning 220 points. In the 50 over format, the side won seven of its 11 matches with two winning draws, one losing draw and a single defeat which earned them 200 points.

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

The Player of the Year, in 2017, was Ryan Tongue (Barnards Green C.C.) who scored 1031 runs for his club at an average of 57.28, including five centuries, three of which came in successive matches in July. Unfortunately, the player was unable to attend to receive The Banks’s Trophy which was presented to Andy Wheeler (Barnards Green C.C. and member of the Management Board) by **The Immediate Past President**.

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

The Albert Birkenhead Trophy was won by Amit John (West Bromwich Dartmouth C.C.) who scored 676 runs at an average of 35.58. The trophy was presented to the player by **The Immediate Past President**.

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

**The Immediate Past President** presented the Banks’s Trophy for the Umpire of the Year to Jonathan Cousins in recognition of his service to the League as its Umpires Reappointments Officer and as a long-serving member of the Premier Division Umpires Panel.

**15. Presentation of Fair Play Trophies:**

Fair Play trophies were presented, by **The Immediate Past President**, to the following clubs: -

Premier Division	-	Ombersley C.C. – 16.88
Division One	-	Tamworth C.C. – 16.57
Division Two	-	Coventry & N.W. C.C. – 16.93
Division Three	-	Stratford-upon-Avon C.C. – 16.52

**16. Presentation of Trophies for Best Pitches and Outfields:**

Pitch and Outfield trophies were presented by **The Immediate Past President** to the following clubs: -

Premier Division	-	Kidderminster C.C. – 37.50
Division One	-	Tamworth C.C. – 33.70
Division Two	-	Harborne C.C. – 36.05
Division Three	-	Worcester Nomads C.C. – 33.59

**17. Any Other Business:**

Nil.

**Meeting Closed**

8.50 p.m.