

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of  
THE BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT PREMIER CRICKET LEAGUE  
held at Smethwick Cricket Club  
on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 8.00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Representatives from 23 clubs who will be members of BDPCL in 2020 were present, the only absentee being Knowle & Dorridge who had sent apologies a few minutes before the meeting commenced because their 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain was held up in heavy motorway traffic. Others present included G.H.H. Lamb (President), D. Manning (Chairman), N.M. Husbands (Vice-Chairman), A. Biggs (Finance Manager), N.J. Archer (General Manager), A. Wheeler, M. Whitehall & M. Zabair (Members of the Management Board) & R.M. Cox (Head of Participation & Growth – ECB West Midlands Region).

**1. Apologies:**

A.E. Lea & D.B. Middleton (Members of the Management Board).

Before the business of the meeting commenced, a minute's silence was observed in memory of the following: - R.A.B. Viner (Past President BDPCL, Kidderminster C.C. & Old Hill C.C.), D. Benson (Harborne C.C.) & L.J. Silvester (West Bromwich Dartmouth C.C.).

**2. Presentation of Trophies & Pennants to Competition Winners & Runners-up:**

The following trophies were presented by The President: -

Premier Division One Winners – Berkswell C.C.  
Premier Division One Runners-up – Shrewsbury C.C.  
Premier Division Two Winners – Ombersley C.C.  
Premier Division Two Runners-up – Leamington Spa C.C.  
Graham Williamson Trophy Winners – Barnt Green C.C.  
Graham Williamson Trophy Runners-up – Walsall C.C.  
(Twenty20) Challenge Cup Winners – Berkswell C.C.  
(Twenty20) Challenge Cup Runners-up – Shrewsbury C.C.

The following pennants were presented by The President: -

Premier Division One Winners – Berkswell C.C.  
Premier Division One 55 over Competition Winners – Berkswell C.C.  
Premier Division One 50 over Competition Winners – Berkswell C.C.  
Premier Division Two Winners – Ombersley C.C.  
Premier Division One 55 over Competition Winners – Ombersley C.C.  
Premier Division One 50 over Competition Winners – Harborne C.C.  
Graham Williamson Trophy Winners – Barnt Green C.C.  
(Twenty20) Challenge Cup Winners – Berkswell C.C.

**3. Presentation of Trophy to Website "Team of the Year":**

The trophy was awarded by The President to Berkswell C.C. who earned the most points in the League (389) during the 2019 season.

**4. Presentation of Trophy to Website “Premier Division Team of the Decade”:**

The trophy was awarded by The President to Shrewsbury C.C., whose 1<sup>st</sup> XI over the period 2010 to 2019 had earned more points (3059) than any other club in the top Division. The trophy will be retained by the club as a permanent memento.

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

The Player of the Year is Brinder Phagura (Moseley C.C.) who took 42 wickets at an average of 14.69 and scored 427 League runs at an average of 26.69 in Premier Division One. He was presented with the Banks’s Trophy by The President.

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

The Albert Birkenhead Trophy was won by Adam Hines (Barnt Green C.C.) who took 42 wickets at an average of 15.74 in Premier Division One. He was presented with the trophy by The President.

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

The President presented the Banks’s Trophy for the Umpire of the Year to Jack Shantry. In his first season as an umpire with BDPCL, he had finished top of the list of marks awarded by captains and he had been appointed to stand in the four-day MCCA Final between Berkshire and Staffordshire at the end of the season as a result of his performances on the National Panel.

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

The President presented Fair Play Trophies to Kidderminster C.C. (Premier Division One) and Barnards Green C.C. (Premier Division Two). The trophies are awarded to the teams who have received the highest average mark from the umpires in both divisions.

**9. Presentation of Trophies for Best Pitches & Outfields:**

The President presented the Best Pitch & Outfield Trophies to Chris Longmore, the groundsman at Kidderminster C.C. (Premier Division One) and to Damon Willetts, the groundsman at Harborne C.C. (Premier Division Two). The General Manager confirmed that an additional trophy will be awarded from 2020 onwards to the club with the Most Improved Pitch & Outfield.

**10. Minutes of A.G.M. held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019:**

The minutes had been available to download from the League website since 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The Chairman proposed that they were taken as read and they were agreed *nem con*.

**11. Minutes of S.G.M. held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019:**

The minutes had been available to download from the League website since 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The Chairman proposed that they were taken as read and they were agreed *nem con*.

**12. Matters Arising:**

Nil.

### **13. Annual Report:**

The report had been available to download from the League website since 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The 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. He thanked 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. He asked if there were any questions or comments about his report and none were forthcoming. Following a proposal from the Chairman, seconded by The Finance Manager, the report was adopted *nem con*.

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

The accounts had been available to download from the League website since 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The Finance Manager thanked 17 clubs who had paid their annual subscriptions electronically and six more clubs who had paid a cheque directly into the League account. All payments are, now, completed electronically which is more efficient and more transparent and saves time. In 2020, he is striving to complete all transactions by this method. He stated that, due to the re-structuring of the League at the end of the 2018 season, and the reduction in the number of member clubs and competing teams, it was invidious to make comparisons with previous years. The annual income for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 was £30,798.00 but this did not include an expected sum of around £2,000.00 from ECB as a performance related fee payment as it will not be paid until January 2020. In future years, this will be treated on an actual basis so there is no provision for it in these accounts. In 2019, the League retained £3,000.00 from the annual ECB accreditation fee of £15,000.00 to protect its reserves following the re-structure. The administration grant from ECB was £1,500.00. Subscriptions from clubs amounted to £10,800.00 and £3,000.00 was earned from a 12-month title sponsorship agreement with Champion Security Installations which expires on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Another offer of sponsorship did not materialise which is something that the Management Board will have to address as there are very few expenses that can be trimmed without an effect on the efficiency of its operations. Other income was realised from the sale of cricket balls from stock (£451.00) and bank interest received (£47.00). The annual expenditure for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 was £35,918.00 which resulted in a deficit of £5,120.00. The annual fee paid to the General Manager was reduced to £15,000.00 and will reduce further in 2020 to £10,000.00 p.a. £12,000.00 was paid to clubs in Premier Division One as an accreditation grant. Most of the other expenditure fell in line with the reduction in the number of member clubs following the re-structure. Debtors and creditors that appear on the Balance Sheet were settled after the end of the year. All the League's funds have been consolidated into one account including an amount of £4,377.00 which was discovered in the League's name after the passing of the previous Hon. Treasurer. The fund name was the Birmingham & District Cricket League Benevolent Fund and the bank released the money to the Finance Manager even though all the previous signatories had passed away. The amount is ring fenced on the Balance Sheet to be used for a similar purpose to be agreed by the Management Board. The League, therefore, has reserves of £41,506.00 (£45,883.00 less the Benevolent Fund of £4,377.00).

### **15. Appointment of Honorary Reporting Accountant:**

The accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 had been checked by J.R. Cousins (BDPCL Umpire) a Chartered Accountant who had been asked to fulfil the role by The Finance Manager after the previous incumbent J.A. Cox (Walsall C.C.) had indicated that he wished to stand down at last year's A.G.M. The Finance Manager proposed that Mr Cousins should be appointed to the role of Honorary Reporting Accountant for 2020. The proposal was seconded by Mr Whitehall and accepted *nem con*.

**16. Appointment of President:**

The Chairman reported that G.H.H. Lamb has accepted an invitation to serve a second year as President. Due to the re-structuring of the League at the end of the 2018 season, this was a truncated year and he had only served a 10-month term of office. During the first months, he was seriously ill but, happily, he is, now, fully recovered and was able to present trophies at the end of the season and attend several Committee meetings.

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

The General Manager reported that a small working party has been formed to review the current strategy regarding the appointment of The President and The President-Elect and the election of Vice-Presidents. The working party will comprise The President, The Chairman and the General Manager and they will report their findings and make recommendations to the next meeting of the Management Board.

**18. Election of Vice-Presidents:**

The General Manager reported that he has not received any nominations from clubs regarding the election of new Vice-Presidents. As a result, The Chairman proposed and Mr Zabair seconded that the existing Vice-Presidents should be re-elected *en bloc*. The proposal was accepted *nem con*.

**19. Election of Management Board Representatives:**

The following representatives retire, this year, by rotation, and are both eligible for re-election for a further four-year term: -

Richard Evans (Halesowen C.C.)  
Mohammed Zabair (Smethwick C.C.)

The following nomination has been received: -

Mohammed Zabair (Smethwick C.C.)  
Proposed by Wolverhampton C.C. and seconded by Barnards Green C.C.

As there are no other nominations, Mr. Zabair is re-elected for a further four-year term without the need for a ballot.

**20. Any Other Business:**

Nil.

**Meeting Closed**

8.40 p.m.