

# **THE SHROPSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET LEAGUE**

**Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting held on Monday 28th November 2016, at Harlescott Social Club, Shrewsbury.**

## **Present**

As per Attendance Register, (45 out of 58 clubs).

The meeting was chaired by SCCL Joint President, Clive Smith, who welcomed everyone, and wished to thank the Executive Committee and the officers, for their hard work during the last twelve months

Clive also offered his congratulations to all the 2016 winners, both individual and clubs, especially to Sentinel CC on winning the Premier Division, and being invited to join Division Three of the Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League for the 2017 season

Clive then introduced and welcomed Dave Williams, a director of Henshalls Insurance Brokers the new main sponsors of the SCCL, who commented that his company were delighted to sponsor the league, and echoed Clive's sentiments in congratulating Sentinel CC on becoming 2016 Champions of the Premier Division.

## **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Bomere Heath CC, Tibberton CC and from Stephen Bullin of Acton Reynald CC.

Apologies were also received from Joint President, Peter Wilkinson, and from Management Committee members Mike Jenkins and Martin Murdoch. Darrell Corfield was not present but did not send apologies.

The following eleven member clubs were not represented and did not send apologies: Alberbury CC, Bridgnorth CC, Conover CC, Harcourt CC, Harpers CC, Llanidloes CC, Much Wenlock CC, Oswestry CC, Prees CC,, Welshpool CC and Whitchurch CC.

## **2. Minutes of the AGM held on Monday 30th November 2015**

It was proposed by Brian Gleeson (Forton CC), and seconded by Adrian Evans (Quatt CC), that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

**This was carried.**

## **3. Chairman's Report**

Ladies and Gentlemen, 2016 was once again a very interesting year for the SCCL.

We had new sponsors for our League Competition and we thank Henshalls Insurance Brokers for their sponsorship, and it's great to see Dave Williams here this evening, working hard handing over the trophies to our winners.

We are also grateful to Lynx Trussed Rafter for sponsoring both the Senior and Junior twenty20 Slams.

The League also has a new patron, a new position, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to His Honour Robin Onions. Thank you Robin for accepting our invitation and attending this evening.

Your committee again met regularly throughout the year, and I would like to thank them for their efforts in ensuring the smooth running of the SCCL. I would like to remind you all that when you have a query and feel that the committee are not dealing with it quickly enough, that all are volunteers and as well as serving the SCCL they are on their club committees as well.

Again, as last year, I would particularly like to thank the Secretary and the Treasurer for their unstinting work.

This year saw the publication of our first Yearbook, which was an excellent production, and I would like to thank Vice-Chairman Adam Phillips for all his hard work in producing this.

On the field, the Premier Division was won by Sentinel CC, who have been knocking on the door for the past few seasons and were rightly crowned champions, and we wish them well in the Birmingham League in 2017. Quatt CC were runners-up.

The Senior Slam final was hosted very competently by Madeley CC, who even ordered the best cricket day of the summer, and was won by Sentinel CC who defeated Wem CC in the final. Sentinel CC beat Frankton CC and Wem CC beat Broseley CC in the semi finals.

The Junior Slam was hosted by Wem CC on a lovely evening and was won by Willey CC who defeated Harcourt CC.

Lynx Trussed Rafters have decided to end their sponsorship after two seasons, and we are extremely grateful to them for their support. The league are looking for a new sponsor for the Twenty 20 competitions, and if anyone knows of any company interested in entering into sponsorship, then please let any member of the committee know.

The Junior competitions finals day was held at Pontesbury CC, and the winners were: Under 11s, Whitchurch CC and, Knockin & Kinnerley CC under13s and under 15s were winners in their respective age groups.

The Birmingham League issue remains unresolved, and we are actively involved in the ongoing negotiations, and will of course keep you updated/involved in any developments.

That concludes my report.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report & adoption of the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.**

The Treasurer had circulated copies of the accounts, and reported as follows (summary of accounts attached):

With the financial support of our new League sponsors, Henshalls Insurance Brokers, & T20 sponsors, Lynx Trussed Rafters, your Management Committee have been able to continue to fund trophies for Player of the Month & Players of the Season, umpire & scorer training, a new yearbook, an improved website and assistance in the provision of affordable quality cricket balls during the 2016 season.

In addition, SCCL's agreement with the Shropshire Cricket Board (SCB) to jointly fund a small grant scheme (SGS) to help finance facility improvements for our smaller clubs, who are not readily able to access other grant funds, entered its 3rd year in 2015/16 & the remaining £3,000 of the original £6,000 grant fund has now been allocated for a range of facility improvements. Discussions are now progressing with the SCB to extend the SGS into 2016/17 & beyond.

With the support of our League & T20 sponsors your Management Committee embarked on the above initiatives with the intention of reducing our reserves to a

figure around £7,000 & posted a deficit of £1,523 during 2015/16, thereby reducing our cash reserves as at 31/10/16 to £7,006.

However, as our T20 sponsors of many years standing, Lynx Trussed Rafters have decided not to proceed as sponsors for the 2017 season we are now looking for a replacement. So if you are aware of any potential future sponsors please let us know so that we can continue to support these exciting competitions.

Following the increase in annual subscriptions to £50 per team at the 2015 AGM I do not propose to make any further increases in subscriptions for the 2017

season & so we will retain our position as the League with the lowest annual subscriptions of the BPL feeder leagues.

It was proposed by Bill Hopkins (Trysull & Seisdon CC) and seconded by Dave Ralphs (Ellesmere CC), that the Treasurer's Report and the accounts be adopted.

**This was carried.**

## **5. Election of Officers and Management Committee**

### **a). Officers**

All current serving officers had indicated their willingness to stand for re election for a further twelve month period.

There being no other nominations, all current officers were unanimously re elected en bloc.

### **b). Management Committee (1/3<sup>rd</sup>)**

There were five places to be filled. The nominees are as follows:

#### **i). Retiring members wishing to stand for re election:**

Will Clarke (Shifnal CC)

Tim Barber (Pontesbury CC)

Bill Hopkins (Trysull & Seisdon CC)

Lesley Hopkins (Trysull & Seisdon CC)

Matt Jones (Cound CC)

**ii). Other nominations received**

Oliver Griffiths (Calverhall CC)

Tom Lea (Iscoyd & Fenns Bank CC)

As seven nominations had been received for the five available places, a ballot was required, and this was duly taken, resulting in Will Clarke, Tim Barber, Matt Jones, Oliver Griffiths and Tom Lea being duly elected to fill the five vacancies, for the three year period up to the 2019 AGM.

At this point, the Chairman thanked Bill and Lesley Hopkins for their contribution to Shropshire cricket over many years.

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Upon the conclusion of this item, the Chairman declared the formal part of the meeting closed, and invited the floor to raise any issues for discussion etc.

A brief discussion ensued about when the 2017 fixtures would be issued, and the new registration requirements relating to overseas players for the 2017 season.

there being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm,

**Presentation of Trophies/Buffer**

In the second part of the evening, Jamie Dowley together with members of the Awards Sub Committee, organised the presentations of the season's awards, which were made jointly by Dave Williams of SCCL sponsors Henshalls Insurance Brokers, and the SCCL Honorary Patron, His Honour Robin Onions.

Finally, in concluding the evening's proceedings, the Chairman recorded his thanks to Brian Clarke from Kidz in Focus for organizing the photography, and to Harlescott Social Club for hosting the event, and also to Jacqui Whitley for providing an excellent cold buffet which he was sure, would be very much

appreciated by everyone present.