**Cricket AGM Meeting minutes**

**Date- 25th March 2019**

**Time- 19:30**

**Location- Mersham Sports Club**

**Current Committee-** Dick Fagg (DF), Nobby Southern (NS), Ian Fagg (IF), Matt Fagg (MF), Kevin Burton (KB), John Cunningham (JC), Stephen Darlington (SD), David Harman (DH), Matt Burchett (MB), Jemma Coales (JCo), Luke Stoner-Lewis (LS), Sam Hackney (SH), Bet Hughes (BH)

**Attendees:** Dick Fagg, Ian Fagg, Matt Fagg, Stephen Darlington, Kevin Burton, Sam Hackney, Abi Panda, John Southern, Steve Edge, Ben Edge, Jemma Coales.

**Apologies** – John Cunningham, Bet Hughes, Brad Sharpe, Kyle McAlistair, James Moss, David Fagg, Kerry Morris.

* + - * **Minutes of last AGM meeting and matters arising** - Unfortunately, these were not available for the meeting as not provided by the existing Secretary.
      * **Chairman’s report** – From a Chairman’s point it’s been a fairly quiet but challenging year. As cricket clubs and the game of cricket are changing, it is important from a club point of view to continue moving with the times and try different ways to improve the club and continue to increase membership.

With lots of clubs around the area either folding or reducing the cricket they play it’s important that we continue to make our cricket enjoyable for all, which may include lots of changes (ie. Ladies teams, Shorter formats and making sure that players get as many chances as possible to get involved in the game.

We’re gone through a lot of changes in the past year where we had skippers come and go, Secretaries come and go, Fixture secretary resigning, but we always seem to come out the right side thanks to a strong committee and plenty of meetings and I would like to thank all those involved.

Hopefully later in the meeting we can fill some posts and get some stability back in the driving seat.

The early part of this season will see the club moving to focus the club with the Clubmark set up and hopefully being accepted – Thanks to Matt & Ian for sorting that out.

I’m pleased to say that indoor nets are going well with all the costs being covered and reasonable numbers showing up. Finally just a quick thank you to Tony Adams for sorting out sponsorship from HRGo.

* + - * **Treasurer’s report** – On behalf of Bet, Dick shared the accounts which have recently been audited by Jane Fagg as Club Treasurer. These were all in order. Accounts do not include membership as this is paid directly in the Club’s Bank Account via ClubPay. In summary, Cricket section took in approximately £9300 during last season, with approximately £6200 in expenditure. This allowed the section to pay £3000 to the Sport Club, leaving a working balance of £1526.61.

No issues were raised from the accounts and the committee thanked Bet for her continued hard work and support.

* + - * **Secretary’s report** – Since Stephen has been covering the role since October 2018, no issues have been reported which require any attention.
      * **Fixtures secretary’s report** – Dick advised that all League fixtures have been arranged and confirmed on Play Cricket. A couple of friendlies still need to be finalised, but the season fixtures are almost completed. It was also reported that the Sunday KVL matches are down to 10 teams, following some clubs dropping out.
      * **Saturday’s 1st team captain’s report** – In David’s absence following his resignation, Stephen read out what was recorded back in a previous committee meeting “advised successful season finishing 2nd. Played 18, won 12. He could not recall any issues throughout the season”
      * **Saturday’s 2nd team captain’s report** – Dick advised not much success to report, only that we continued to get sides out and most of the time enjoyed the cricket.

Only once did we have to concede due to the Kent 50 overs Finals day. All other fixtures were played.

We only won twice, but did not finish bottom and we’ve retained our position in the 1B Division and have some nice fixtures in Tenterden 3rds, Sturry, Hythe Green & Folkestone to look forward to.

From a person point of view, I will be standing down as 2nd XI skipper, bad knees and other aches and pains taking their toll. I will be hanging up my boots, having said that probably wouldn’t see the team go out short.

* + - * **Sunday’s team captain’s report** – Sam advised it was an OK season, where no games were conceded. Some games, attended with 9 players, and even 8 for one game, where we even borrowed the opposition’s groundsman who then help us win the game! Teams made up of a number of 13 & 14 year olds, which will help their development as they play more adult cricket.
* **Junior’s report** – Matt advised that the colts had a good season with U11s came 1st & 2nd in their league. U13s finished 1st and 4th, whilst the U15s came 2nd. The U9s reached the soft ball County finals, where they finished a respectable 18th. No U17s this year due to lack of numbers. We also had a total of 61 All Stars in attendance on a Sunday morning.

Even though not a Junior event, we also entered an indoor team at Three Hills on a Sunday afternoon. This was mainly made up of our younger members with only Matt and George, and sometimes Jason being over 20 years of age. This was commented and praised upon by the organizers as most of the other teams were made up by experienced League players. The team finished 4th and reached the Quarter Finals in the Cup event.

* **Women and Girls report** – Kevin Burton advised that the Ladies was progressing well with regular players coming to indoor nets. The club has now entered a team into Kent T20 hard ball league where they will play 8 games (4 home & 4 away). It will be a challenge playing some established clubs, but we have to start somewhere. With more younger players coming through over the next few season, it looks promising for the future.

Dick asked that all ladies members, as well as juniors eligible to play adult mens cricket, are registered on Play Cricket to be available to play all matches.

* **Groundsman’s report** – Ian advised the square looks good for the season ahead, with the majority of the outfield standing up well following the number of football matches played throughout the winter.

Grant for new netting and matting has been received and purchased. These will need to be put up during the NatWest Work force weekend of Friday 5th April. Members to arrive from 10am onward on all three days. Any help would be much appreciated.

* **Welfare Officer’s report** – Quiet season. A couple of comments from Junior parents with regards playing time for their kids, especially when playing in strong successful teams, but in general, nothing to report.
* **Election of Officers.**
* *Chairman – Dick Fagg prepared to continue stand. Proposed: Stephen Darlington. 2nd: Kevin Burton.*
* *Treasurer – Bet prepared to continue to stand. Pro: Stephen Darlington. 2nd: Matt Fagg.*
* *Secretary – Currently Darren Pugh, however Stephen been covering. Stephen happy to stand. Pro: John Southern. 2nd: Dick Fagg.*
* *Fixtures Secretary – Nobby has resigned. Dick offered to undertake. Pro: Matt Fagg. 2nd: Ian Fagg.*

The Committee would like to pass on their vote of thanks to Nobby Southern for undertaking the role for the last 14 years.

* *Welfare Office – Ian Fagg to continue. Luke Stoner-Lewis has agreed to be his assistant with Matt stepping aside and being the Club’s Welfare Officer.*
* *1st Team Captain – David Harman has resigned. Matt Fagg offered to stand. Pro: Dick Fagg. 2nd: Ab Panda.*
* *2nd Team Captain – Currently Dick, but looking for someone to take over. Panda offered to stand. Dick also advised that Brad Sharpe was happy to stand, whilst Stephen also offered to captain the team next season. Matt Fagg advised that he hoped that Panda would be playing 1st this coming season, whilst he also wanted to use Brad in the 1st, which may put the 2nds in a similar position as last year with the 2nd team captain not being available for some games, meaning no consistency. It was mentioned with Stephen’s connections with the junior section and playing almost all the league games, the players in attendance felt that Stephen should be given a go. Pro. Kevin Burton. 2nd. Matt Fagg.*
* *Sunday Captain – Sam prepared to continue stand. Proposed: Matt Fagg. 2nd Panda.*
* *Ladies Captain – New role. Jemma Coales prepared to stand. Pro: Kevin burton. 2nd Matt Fagg.*
* Subs and Match fees – Following last week’s Sports Club AGM, Club membership was frozen at £30 per adult member and £15 per Juniors / Students in full time educations. These should continue to be paid via ClubPay.

At the last Cricket meeting it was recommended that Senior match fees which involve Cricket teas be increased by £1 to £8 adults and £5 Juniors. This was challenged at the meeting as this increase could put people off playing both days, therefore we should look at some incentive to get more players playing both days. It was therefore proposed that players wishing to play both days, Sunday fees would be £5. The Committee acknowledged we should try something new, therefore this proposal was seconded and approved. Juniors match fees would remain at £5 for both days.

For Senior matches not involving a cricket tea (ie. T20 games), it was agreed that the match fee would be £5 per adult, £3 per Junior.

As no one could confirm the set up for the Ladies T20 games, whether they include teas, it was agreed that these be set at a later date.

Junior training & matches fees to remain unchanged at £35 for the season, paid again via ClubPay.

* **Development Plan / Clubmark** – Matt Fagg told through the Development plan which has been put in place for the cricket section which should help to achieving Clubmark.

Clubmark visit is scheduled for 12th June 2019.

Matt Fagg also advised that a survey was recently sent out to all cricket players and Junior parents. There were 33 responses with some of the highlights:

Training dates & times appropriate – 75% strongly agreed.

Cost affordable – Training 96% Matches 82%

Training enjoyable – 96% Strongly agreed

Coaching friendly / knowledgeable – 100% in agreement.

Enough opportunities to play – 82% in agreement, however one comment was around their child only playing five U13s games. Unfortunately with fewer teams, U13s did have limited opportunities and with a strong section of players, there were occasions when game time was limited. Club hoping to address this in the coming season, by trying to make the two teams more equal.

68% in favour of playing more T20 cricket.

Appropriate standard of cricket – 85% in agreement.

Other comments included, Better communication, understanding club’s / teams’ aim prior for season (ie. Stay in League, push for promotion). How many games available (ie: only 5 U13 games).

* **Cricket Week** – This is scheduled for week commencing 19th August 2019. Committee has agreed that the same format will apply once again this year. Golf day on the Wednesday, which is all booked; Colts day on the Thursday; then the Friday being Rob Wilson’s Memorial Club day. We then have Touring side on the Bank Holiday Monday. Committee to discuss with the Sports Club Social committee what to plan on the Bank holiday Sunday. However it was pointed out that the Bar will be required to close by midnight.
* **A.O.B** – Matt read out an email which John Cunningham asked to be raised at the meeting. This was around Coaches Association Membership Fees and incentives for coaches. This was discussed at length at the AGM, however it was proposed that this be a takeaway for the coaches to discuss at their next coaches’ meeting and bring to the committee their proposal and recommendations.

Matt also advised that he had been approached by a Dutch touring side to possibly play a game around the end of July, beginning of August. Will review dates and confirm back if we can accommodate them.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was closed at 21.05.