**ARKLEY C.C. A.G.M. 2014**

The meeting was held at 44 Normandy Avenue, Barnet on Friday

28th November 2014 and was chaired by Parmodh Sharma.

Those present:

Clive Townsend, Paul Townsend, Parmodh Sharma, Phil Knappett, Phil Jones, Nick Anson, Rakesh Patel, Phil Pennicott, Nic Armitage, Ben Candy and Mervyn Lack.

Apologies received:

Chris Trebilcock, Jon Knappett and Khalid Burney.

Matters arising from 2013 AGM:

The idea of Fantasy Cricket was not pursued.

**Secretary's report (Mervyn)**:

Mervyn reported on two emails received offering apologies for non-attendance at the meeting. Chris said that his wife, Cindy, had been taken into hospital the previous day – we offer our best wishes and hope that Cindy makes a speedy recovery. Khalid offered his apologies, agreed with the proposed nominations and thanked Nick for his past efforts as captain. He said that we owed Nick a big debt of gratitude.

A number of deaths occurred during the year;

Roving Reporters stalwart – Roy Watts

Paul and Clive’s dad – Ron Townsend

Brian’s dad – Ernie Andrews

Monken Hadley fixture secretary – Geoff Brown

Their passing is noted with deep regret and Arkley were represented at Roy, Ron and Ernie’s funerals. Donations were also made on behalf of the club to their chosen charities.

#### The club has stopped using the Play Cricket website in favour of own, now well-established, website.

#### Do please visit the site at <http://arkleycc.hitssports.com> to learn all the latest club news and happenings.

**Treasurer's report (Paul).**

Paul reported that finances and cash flow are healthy with an end of year balance of over £3,300, as shown on the end of year accounts, largely thanks to the continuing success of the Annual Quiz Night. There is a further £1,200 still to come from the proceeds of the auctions.

The match fee was agreed to remain at £10 (£5 for juniors) for the 2015 season.

A copy of the accounts was distributed and accepted. Nick and the rest of the members present thanked Paul for his efforts.

**Captain's report (Nick)**

Nick presented his final report as captain. This covered the season just passed and an overview of his time as captain of the club.

Nick drew particular attention Ben’s outstanding batting, James’s maiden century (by the youngest ever Arkley centurion) and to the contribution of the many youngsters who played, when available.

The full report will be distributed separately.

 **Fixtures Secretary (Clive)**

Clive reported that there were 18 games played with three games lost to the weather or inability to raise a team.

The Longstowe game was a reasonable success, despite the weather, and it was hoped that further home and away games could be arranged against both them and Bamville during the coming season.

We will try to play Aldenham (who are quite strong) later in the season when our younger players will be available.

Old Citizens are to be given one further chance to fulfil an agreed fixture.

Some of the tea arrangements left a lot to be desired and this could influence the choice of opposition in certain cases.

As at present the list of games is fairly minimal but will be worked on through the winter months – watch the website.

#### CONSTITUTION

The Arkley Cricket Club Constitution has been a long while in its preparation but the proposed draft had been distributed to club members, for their detailed consideration, a few weeks prior to the AGM. There having been no adverse comments the Constitution was tabled at the AGM for formal ratification by those members present. This was agreed by a vote of 9 to 2 in favour of acceptance.

(A minor amendment had had to be incorporated to allow for the dual role of Vice-Captain – this required the insertion of the letter ‘s’ in two places – officers of the club and team selection committee.)

The ratified version of the Constitution is attached to these minutes and will be available on the website.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were unanimously elected as officers of the club. The only change to the Committee saw the appointment of two vice-captains to help and support the newly elected captain.

# Chairman Parmodh Sharma

# President Mervyn Lack

Captain Ben Candy

Vice-Captains Rakesh Patel / Nick Anson

Treasurer Paul Townsend

Team Secretary Phil Pennicott

Fixture Secretary Clive Townsend

# Honorary Secretary Mervyn Lack

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Cliveannounced the awards which were presented by the chairman. The awards cover performances and efforts during the 2014 season. The first three are based on most post match votes received.

(There was some discussion as to whether the voting method should be retained as the way of making the awards and it was agreed to continue with this system for the present.)

The BOB PURNELL batting award

Winner **Ben Candy** (second Nick Anson, third James Faulkner)

The MERVYN LACK bowling award

Winner **Kiran Chaudhuri** (second Phil Knappett, third James Faulkner)

The PETER TAIT fielding award

Winner **Clive Townsend** (second Khalid Burney, third Ben Candy)

The TED LLOYD trophy (based on outstanding contribution to the club - voted on by members present at the meeting).

Winner **Nick Anson** (also mentioned Paul, Ben and Mervyn)

The THELMA LACK MEMORIAL TROPHY (Mervyn’s personal award for a special contribution to the club)

Winner **Chris Trebilcock** (see separate summation for the award)

#### There was a proposal to have an award (provided by the Chairman) for the best youngster, voted for as above, over the season. This was agreed for implementation next year.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Now that the club is in such a healthy financial situation it was felt that some of the money could be used to the betterment of the club and its players. Among the suggested ideas were the purchase of a sit-on roller, some new kit, financial support for the youngsters but the most popular and pressing requirement was for a new scoreboard. This is to be investigated. Also some money will need to be spent on renovating the sightscreens.

With the success of the quiz night it was felt that additional social events might be held at a time when those at university would be able to attend. Again this is to be investigated.

It has been proposed that our annual game against Roving Reporters be played for the “Roy Watts Memorial Trophy”. There would be a trophy for the winning team and also for the “man of the match”, determined by the Presidents of the competing sides, together with an extended afternoon’s cricket.

Whether this will be a limited-overs or timed game has yet to be determined, although Arkley expressed a preference at the meeting for a timed game.

Nick has booked nets at Finchley, starting in January, for about ten weeks, on a Thursday evening between 8 and 9.

Further details about the trip to Barbados will be circulated in due course. If you haven’t already expressed an interest, but would like to go, please contact Rakesh.

Thanks are offered to PK for the kind use of his house for the evening.