**ARKLEY C.C. A.G.M. 2015**

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

27th November 2015 and was chaired by Parmodh Sharma.

Those present:

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

Apologies received:

Jon Holland, Brian Andrews and Nic Armitage.

Matters arising from 2014 AGM:

The constitution had been adopted, implemented and appeared to be working well.

The Chairman’s suggestion for an award for ”the youngsters” had not been pursued during 2015 but would be discussed further under Any Other Business, for implementation in 2016.

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

Sadly again this year a number of deaths had occurred;

Chris Trebilcock’ wife, James’s mum – Cindy

Gary Bollers’s mum

Brian Andrews’s mum

Phil Jones’s dad (despite the announcement on the website it was not Phil who had died)

Their passing is noted with deep regret and our thoughts are with those who lost their loved ones.

Other “news” items during the year included;

RR’s stalwart John Blackburn has had heart surgery and is now recovering well.

RR’s veteran Peter Jenkins celebrated his 70th birthday (attended by a few Arkley members, amongst many others).

Club members Jega, Mike, Rakesh and Mervyn had a week’s holiday in Barbados (to see England lose), brilliantly organised by Rakesh.

Northmet old-boy Ken King entertained several guests at his President’s day event at North Mymms in August and will celebrate his 84th birthday on 17th December!

Several Arkley members attended the RR’s end of season event at Panshanger golf club.

The Arkley quiz night was attended by 52 members and guests in September and generated a considerable contribution to the club’s finances (see Paul’s report below).

Ivanhoe CC have asked us to join in their celebration in their Centenary year (2016) at a dinner to be held in the Long Room at Lord’s. We have expressed an initial interest and await further details.

Disappointments of the season;

A record defeat, by runs, of an Arkley team – followed two weeks later by an even heavier loss.

The failure to complete the Roy Watts memorial game against Roving Reporters due to the intervention of an unprecedented downpour.

The cancellation of the visit to Longstowe (Mervyn’s local team) - again due to inclement weather.

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

Paul reported that finances and cash flow are healthy with an end of year balance of over £4,100, as shown on the end of year accounts, largely thanks to the continuing success of the Annual Quiz Night. There is a further £1,000 still to come from the proceeds of the auctions.

The match fee was agreed to remain at £10 (£5 for juniors) for the 2016 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 (Ben)**

Ben presented his first report as captain. This covered the season just passed and his impressions in his first year as captain of the club.

Ben stated that the season started in an average way, progressed through a poor middle section and ended very strongly. Several players made telling contributions, although not always in a winning cause, and he was very appreciative of the contribution of the many youngsters who played, when available. He looks forward to the coming season with hopeful anticipation.

 **Fixtures Secretary (Clive)**

Clive reported that there were 17 games played with two games lost to the weather or inability to raise a team.

It was agreed that we no longer wished to play against Aldenham (too strong) and Old Eastcotians.

The balance of Saturday/Sunday games was felt to be about right.

We would like to play home and away against Monken Hadley.

First match in 2016 – Saturday 23rd April.

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

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Having been duly proposed and seconded, and having expressed their willingness to stand, the following were unanimously elected as officers of the club.

# 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 2015 season. The first three are based on most post match votes received.

The BOB PURNELL batting award

Winner **Ben Candy** (second Khalid Burney, third Jake Sittampalam)

The MERVYN LACK bowling award

Winner **Phil Knappett** (second Gary Bollers, third Akash Patel)

The PETER TAIT fielding award

Winner **Clive Townsend** (second George Coles, third Khalid Burney)

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

Winner **Rakesh Patel** (also mentioned Paul, Nick, Phil P and Chris)

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

Winner **The Four Seasons** (see separate summation for the award)

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nick has booked nets at Finchley, starting on January 7th, for twelve weeks, on a Thursday evening between 9 and 10.

Three players, who had been involved in the statutory two games, were considered for membership but it was felt that they should only be considered full members subject to further scrutiny.

Dilip Raval was removed from the list of current members.

Rakesh, PK and Mervyn are to consider further the scheme to reward and encourage the younger members through their efforts during the season. These three will report back to the committee in due course.

Despite the greater interaction between the players of Arkley and Roving Reporters, and the interest of two new younger players, it was agreed that Rakesh and Mervyn would produce an Arkley flyer, to be displayed in local (Whetstone) establishments, with a view to recruiting additional players to augment the current pool of available participants. A number of examples were distributed to the meeting and it was felt necessary to stress that we played in Whetstone, the age groups we covered and the fact that we held indoor nets. These matters will be incorporated and a suitable flyer produced, and distributed, in due course.

An email about possible small grants, available to the club, had been forwarded by Phil Knappett to the committee members, for their consideration.

There being no further business for the deliberation of the members, the Chairman closed the meeting.

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