**ARKLEY C.C. A.G.M. 2016**

The meeting was held at 30 Green Road, Whetstone, on Friday

25th November 2016 and was chaired by Parmodh Sharma.

Those present:

Parmodh Sharma (Chairman), Clive Townsend, Paul Townsend, Phil Knappett, Phil Jones, Nick Anson, Rakesh Patel, Anay Patel, Phil Pennicott, Chris Trebilcock, Danny Mills, Paul Lewis and Mervyn Lack.

Apologies received:

Ben Candy, Khalid Burney, Nic Armitage, James Franklin and Gary Bollers.

Matters arising from 2015 AGM:

The Chairman’s suggestion for an award to the younger players had not been pursued during 2016 but would be discussed further under Any Other Business, for implementation in 2017.

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

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

The Arkley quiz night was attended by 49 members and guests in October and generated a considerable contribution to the club’s finances but not as much as in previous years.

Phil P and his daughter, Josie, went to the Ivanhoe CC’s Centenary Dinner, held in the Long Room at Lord’s.

The visit to Longstowe (Mervyn’s local team) was again a non-event, due to the inability of Longstowe to raise a team.

This did result in a replacement game against Pacific, which produced an almost record breaking partnership between Ben and Paul Lewis.

Three players, who had been involved in the statutory two games, were considered for membership and duly elected by the committee.

A very warm welcome to Paul Lewis, Danny Mills and Adeel Haque.

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

Paul reported that finances and cash flow are healthy with an end of year balance of over £5,000, as shown on the end of year accounts, largely thanks to the continuing success of the Annual Quiz Night. There is a further £780 still to come from the proceeds of the auctions.

The match fee was agreed to remain at £10 (£5 for juniors) for the 2017 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)**

In Ben’s absence Nick and Rakesh offered their thoughts on the past season. They felt that the season had been a good one, as shown by the results, there were new faces, who all contributed, the younger members were also making a telling contribution, on and off the field, and the team spirit was at an exceptionally high level. Overall a great recommendation for the coming seasons and the well-being of Arkley Cricket Club.

They thanked Ben for his leadership and wished him well for 2017.

**Fixtures Secretary (Clive)**

Clive reported that there were 20 games played with two unscheduled games not considered due to the inability to raise a team.

It was agreed that we no longer wished to play against Old Eastcotians.

Mervyn suggested we didn’t bother with Longstowe next season.

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

We would like to be able to play home and away against Monken Hadley, Mayfield, Pacific and Oakfield Parkonians.

Some teams have adopted the proposed CCC start date for the 2017 season but the majority seem to be ignoring this directive and doing their own thing. This could create major problems in the scheduling of fixtures – home games can be juggled with the team sharing Chandos (currently Whittington) but away games may be more problematic.

First match in 2017 (according to CCC) – Saturday 29th April.

As yet Barnet Council have not offered their view on the start date.

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

**Team Secretary (Phil P)**

Phil expressed his usual concern about the inability of some players to respond to requests about their availability. It is crucial that a quick response be received so that the strength of the side for the upcoming game can be accurately assessed. He requested, yet again, that everyone let him know as soon as possible, by whatever means, whether they are available or not.

#### 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-Captain Anay Patel

Vice-Captain 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 2016 season. The first three are based on most post match votes received.

The BOB PURNELL batting award

Winner **Paul Lewis** (second Ben Candy, third Clive Townsend)

The MERVYN LACK bowling award

Winner **Phil Knappett** (second Jake Sittampalam, third Yash Shah)

The PETER TAIT fielding award

Winner **Nick Anson** (joint second Mike Morgan and Paul Lewis)

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

Winner **Mervyn Lack** (also mentioned Rakesh, Ben, Clive, Nick and Phil P)

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

Winner **Rakesh Patel** (see separate summation for the award)

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There is a firm proposal to make a visit to Barbados in late November 2017. This is with a view to playing a number of games (possibly three) on the island against sides arranged through Sir Garfield Sobers. The intention is that this will be a joint Arkley/Roving Reporters tour, as neither side would have sufficient support to go it alone.

The proposed overall cost would be £1,500 (plus maybe a 10% contingency), to cover travel, accommodation and sundry expenses.

This time a deposit (of maybe £200) would be requested from those expressing an interest to confirm their intent. On the previous occasion the idea was muted several players expressed their keen interest in the idea and then backed out when it came to firm commitment.

Rakesh is looking into the matter further and will report back in due course, via the club committee.

Arkley have made an arrangement, with Serious Cricket, to enable members to purchase kit online. Their range of goods can be viewed on the Arkley website – club shop. Further details will be forwarded shortly.

Rakesh has obtained some sponsorship, with possibly more to come, with a view to members obtaining sweaters and caps at a nominal contribution, with the balance covered by the sponsorship.

Further investigations are under way and members will be kept informed.

There is a scheme afoot to make changes to the buildings at Chandos Avenue – as yet we have minimal detail. This is being investigated further.

It was suggested, and agreed by majority vote, that we would look into the possibility of arranging for improvements to be made to the pitch at Chandos. Although we only play ten home games there, and others would also benefit from these improvements, it was felt that the cost and effort involved, was more than worthwhile. A sub-committee has been formed (Nick, Rakesh, PK and Phil K) to look into the matter in greater detail and report back in due course.

Nick has booked nets at Finchley, starting on January 5th, for twelve weeks, on a Thursday evening between 9 and 10.

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.

There being no further business for the deliberation of the members, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.03pm.

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