**ARKLEY C.C. A.G.M. 2017**

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

17th November 2017 and was chaired by Parmodh Sharma.

Those present:

Parmodh Sharma (Chairman), Ben Candy, Clive Townsend, Paul Townsend, Phil Knappett, Phil Jones, Nick Anson, Rakesh Patel, Phil Pennicott, Kiran Chaudhuri and Mervyn Lack.

Apologies received:

Khalid Burney, Jon Holland, Kamal Shah, Anay Patel and Chris Trebilcock.

Matters arising from 2016 AGM:

All relevant matters covered in the previous minutes had been resolved.

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

Little to report this year - no births, marriages or deaths. Just another very financially successful quiz evening in October enjoyed by forty-nine members and guests. The quiz, fish and chips supper and general ambience made for a very pleasant social evening, hosted, as usual, by the Oakleigh Park Lawn Tennis Club.

The trip to Barbados did not materialise due to lack of support.

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

Paul reported that finances and cash flow are healthy with an end of year balance of nearly £6,000, as shown on the end of year accounts, largely thanks to the continuing success of the Annual Quiz Night. There is a further £735 still to come from the proceeds of the auctions.

The match fee was agreed to remain at £10 (£5 for juniors) for the 2018 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 felt that the season generally had been a good one, as shown by the results, P19, W7, D1, L9 with two abandoned.

There were some exceptional performances – a fifty and 5-5 for Kiran amongst others – but also many personal bests were achieved during the season.

The younger members performed well, if only they were more regularly available.

Overall a great recommendation for the coming seasons and the well-being of Arkley Cricket Club.

**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.

Kiran suggested the use of “What’s App” to communicate and he has volunteered to investigate and implement its use to the club.

**Fixtures Secretary (Clive)**

Clive reported that there were 19 games played with three further games not considered due to the inability to raise a team.

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

Probably would wish to avoid playing Bovingdon, other opposition still acceptable, could widen our playing area, maybe venturing more into Hertfordshire or Essex, some very attractive grounds.

It was generally felt that there should be an attempt to avoid having TBA on the fixture list as this seem to discourage members from making themselves available if no game is scheduled on a specific date.

A small committee would be established to ensure that every effort was made to ensure the securing of a fixture, and team, where there are unavoidable blanks on the fixture list.

The issuing of a printed fixture was deemed an archaic system due to the easy availability of online information.

An earlier start time (1.00) was considered but will remain on hold subject to further investigation. Starts will generally remain at 1.30 pm.

The match against Roving Reporters is scheduled for 23rd June and it is hoped that an additional game can be arranged against them at Harlow Town at the end of the season.

First match in 2018 – Saturday 28th April.

#### GROUND REPORT

PK and Nick had had a very successful meeting with representatives of Barnet Council to discuss the possible maintenance and improvement of the pitch at Chandos. Arkley made various proposals and these were well received and counter-proposals were discussed. The outcome being that a rapport appears to have been established by the two parties and the way forward looks promising. Further discussions will take place, plans will be put in place and hopefully implemented during the coming months.

The proposed redevelopment at Chandos is progressing, albeit slowly, and as yet there has been no indication of a timescale of events. There are many problems, not least access, to be resolved before action can commence.

Further information, on both matters, will be forwarded to members as it becomes available.

**NETS**

Nets have been arranged on Thursdays, 9 to 10, at Finchley.

13 sessions commencing 4th January through to 29th March.

Contact Nick for availability and details.

#### 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 2017 season. The first three are based on most post match votes received.

The BOB PURNELL batting award

Winner **Paul Lewis** (second Nick Anson, third Ben Candy)

The MERVYN LACK bowling award

Winner **Phil Knappett** (second Phil Jones, third Jake Sittampalam)

The PETER TAIT fielding award

Winner **Kamal Shah** (second Nick Anson, joint third Jake, Ben and Phil K)

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

Winner **Nick Anson** (many others received a mention)

The YOUNG PLAYER award (awarded to the young player of the year for their contribution in runs, wickets, catches and appearances – very complex formula)

Winner **Jake Sittampalam** (special mention to Kiran, Anay, Akash and Yash)

(Jake has been awarded a club cap, inscribed “Young Cricketer 2017”, for his efforts – well done Jake.)

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

Winner **Kiran Chaudhuri** (see separate summation for the award)

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Club kit is to be purchased, through Serious Cricket, to encourage a club identity and uniformity on the field.

Initially the plan is for caps and sweaters to be obtained but other kit is readily available.

The cable knit sweaters are not available in strict club colours (maroon and blue) so there may be a preference for the microfibre sweaters with just maroon trim. Members are free to choose.

The sponsorship we had hoped to obtain has not been forthcoming however the club is willing to make a contribution (£10 per player), to the purchase of kit, from our healthy bank balance.

Please liaise with Mervyn for any kit you may wish to obtain.

Kiran is looking at an incentive scheme for players and will report further.

Ground Force next year will need to consider some serious repairs to the sightscreens. Phil K will contact Roger prior to the event.

As always additional playing staff is to be encouraged to join the club.

There being no further business for the deliberation of the members, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.18pm.

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