**ARKLEY CRICKET CLUB**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020 – via Zoom**

**Friday 27th November 2020**

**Those participating.**

Parmodh Sharma (Chairman), Ben Candy, Clive Townsend, Paul Townsend, Phil Knappett, Nick Anson, Phil Pennicott, Gary Bollers, Phil Jones, Chris Trebilcock, James Franklin, Dave Gordon, Dee Hirani, Krish Hirani, Akash Patel, Anay Patel, Bhavik Patel, Rakesh Patel, Kiran Chaudhuri, Scott Duke-Giles, Khalid Burney, Mike Morgan and Mervyn Lack.

**Welcome and ground rules for the meeting.**

The Chairman, joining late, welcomed the members to the meeting and explained the ground rules to be adhered to. The meeting was being recorded for accuracy of voting and comments made.

**Matters Arising from the 2019 AGM.**

The Secretary reported that our search for a new home ground had eventually decided upon the Royal Veterinary College at Brookmans Park, which, in the event, we were unable to use due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Also, due to the pandemic, our net arrangement had been curtailed and arrangements for the annual quiz had had to be abandoned.

The club had purchased a defibrillator, which was to be kept with the club kit, and would be available at every game.

Members requiring additional club kit should let Mervyn know their requirements and a bulk order can be arranged.

(The Treasurer’s report and accounts, the Secretary’s report and “roles and duties of officers of the club”, had been circulated in advance of the meeting.)

**Overview of how Zoom meeting will work.**

Nick ran through the principles of how the Zoom meeting would work, the methods of voting and how each member could indicate their wish to speak. The raising of a hand would indicate that a member had a verbal contribution to make.

**Summary of Arkley CC “What is the future?”.**

Nick took the members through his presentation of where the club was headed, what we wanted to achieve and how these wishes were to be fulfilled.

This led to considerable discussion, most of the members expressing their views, which led to the following decisions being arrived at as to what was required to improve the prospective games and general enjoyment of the cricket we wanted to play. (The voting was, in each case, by a majority vote of those members present.)

RVC were still unable to give any decision as to the availability of their ground for the 2021 season. Any change in these circumstances will be notified to members in due course.

On the assumption that RVC would be unavailable for fixtures during 2021, did we want to try and find another home ground? No.

Were we prepared to travel further in the hopes of arranging better fixtures? Yes.

Were we prepared to include more Sunday fixtures to improve our chances of arranging fixtures with established clubs? Yes.

**Proposed New way of Managing Arkley Games.**

The proposal is as follows: -

“The Manager is to take full responsibility for arranging a number of fixtures, dates to be decided by mid-December spaced around the months May to Mid-September. These may be on a Saturday or Sunday.

He will organise and respond to all requirements pre-match to confirm arrangements.

He will be responsible for getting availability for all members and selecting them for the fixture, in conjunction with the Team Secretary. Getting any additional players as necessary, appointing a captain and vice-captain for the fixture.

Providing stumps, match balls and umpire’s coats, if necessary.

Collecting subs, paying teas and determining future availability.

Confirming with the Secretary, results for entry to website.”

This proposal was put to the meeting and agreed as a way forward, for half the games to be arranged.

This may entail appointing more than one manager but that can be agreed in the future.

The remaining fixtures will be arranged and played as the club has traditionally done in seasons past.

**Recruitment of new players.**

With the current difficulty in encouraging enough members to be available each week it was felt that additional playing members were needed. The methods used in the past, flyers and personal contact etc., had not proved totally effective and it was felt a stronger method of encouraging new blood was by means of social media.

This may have a cost, but the club can afford it and, hopefully, will prove to be money well spent.

To further this aim, it was agreed that a Media/Marketing Manager would be appointed to pursue this objective.

(It was indicated, by the younger members that they, and probably any new young recruits, were motivated to play competitive cricket with a definite result. To this end they preferred to play limited overs games rather than timed matches. The idea of playing league cricket may also be something to be reconsidered, if new blood is to be encouraged, although this would not be possible without the availability of a home ground.)

#### Election of Officers.

Without other nominations being proposed, the following were duly elected as officers of the club.

# Chairman Parmodh Sharma

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

# Club Welfare Officer Phil Knappett

Media/Marketing Manager Rakesh Patel

Non-elected officer

# President Mervyn Lack

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

The awards cover performances and efforts during the restricted 2020 season. The first three are based on most post-match votes received.

The BOB PURNELL batting award

Winner **Nick Anson**

The MERVYN LACK bowling award

Winner **Gary Bollers**

The PETER TAIT fielding award

Winner **Dee Hirani**

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

To be voted on separately.

The YOUNG PLAYER award.

Not presented this year.

The THELMA LACK MEMORIAL TROPHY.

Not presented this year.

#### Any other business.

The match fees were agreed to be as indicated in the Treasurer’s report.

The existing sponsor’s advert to be removed from the website. (If another sponsor could be found this would be encouraged.)

There has been no official contact with the council as to how the works at Chandos Avenue are progressing or what the future of the ground might be, as far as Arkley are concerned. Clarity is to be sought.

The committee of the club would remain as the existing nine members (the officers of the club but excluding the new role of Media Manager).

The quiz night and nets are to be held in abeyance until such time that the pandemic has been resolved and “normality” returns.

The attendance for the meeting was very encouraging and bodes well for the future of the club.

There being no further business for the deliberation of the members, the Zoom meeting was terminated.