**ARKLEY C.C. A.G.M. 2018**

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

29th November 2018, commencing at 8.03 pm, and was chaired by Parmodh Sharma.

Those present:

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

Apologies received:

Khalid Burney, Jon Holland, Kamal Shah, Phil Jones, Kiran Chaudhuri and Chris Trebilcock.

Matters arising from 2017 AGM:

All relevant matters covered in the previous minutes had been resolved, other than Kiran’s proposed incentive scheme (?).

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

Another very financially successful quiz evening in October enjoyed by fifty-four 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 season was marred by an unprecedented number of injuries to key players. That, and various other unusual distractions, had made raising a team extremely difficult on several weekends.

The only significant personal event was Nick’s marriage to Emily, on Saturday 1st September. Congratulations to Emily and Nick.

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

Paul reported that finances and cash flow are healthy with an end of year balance of nearly £5,500, as shown on the end of year accounts, largely thanks to the continuing success of the Annual Quiz Night, and general good housekeeping.

A slight loss was made on the nets, but this was deemed acceptable.

The loss of a few home games did nothing to help the financial situation.

A contribution to the purchase of sweaters/caps and money for ground improvements were allocated, which led to a deficit in the overall balance from the previous year.

The match fee was agreed to remain at £10 (£5 for juniors) for the 2019 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 poor one, as shown by the results, P20, W4, D2, T1, L9 with four cancelled and one abandoned.

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

Batting highlight was Kiran’s maiden hundred against St Margaretsbury.

Ben acknowledged Phil K’s continued contribution to the team’s efforts with his regular tidy and wicket-taking performances.

The season’s highlight was the win, over Roving Reporters, to become holders of the Roy Watts Memorial Trophy for the year.

(RR’s 142-8, 40 overs, Kiran 2-10 off 8, Anay 2-20 off 6, Yash 2-23 off 4 and good bowling from Ben and Phil K

Arkley 143-7, 38.5 overs, 20’s from Nick, Ben, James, Kiran and Anay

Kiran/Anay partnership of 51 in 29 minutes

Man-of-the-match Anay (just ahead of Kiran))

**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.

The introduction of “What’s App” to communicate with members had proved a very useful and successful tool.

Still ongoing problems with getting a team together, due to injuries and other unforeseen circumstances, but will hopefully prove easier next season, with the return to health of key members.

**Fixtures Secretary (Clive)**

Clive reported that there were 16 games played (one abandoned without a ball bowled) with four further games not considered due to the inability to raise a team.

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

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

Teams played in 2018 who we would like to play again – St Margaretsbury, Battersea Badgers and Hatfield Hyde. Probably Mayfield, home and away, but give Bamville one more opportunity to play at our level and not use their “star” players. (Mervyn to speak to their President during the off-season.) Also think hard about Whittington.

First match in 2019 – Saturday 27th April.

(Kiran had suggested that we play some 20/20 games – this is to be investigated further, maybe play two 20/20 games in lieu one 40/40 against the same team on one afternoon.)

#### GROUND REPORT

The ground improvement scheme is progressing well – Nick has bought several items, both single use and re-usable, to help improve the playing surface. He has already carried out considerable remedial works on the square at Chandos. This is an ongoing exercise, which Nick, and other volunteers, will be progressing over the coming months.

We are concentrating on the top square, which we hope then to use for all home games next season.

The roller does not work, and we are probably going to get it repaired by a “professional” mechanic rather than on an ad-hoc basis.

Please assist where you can – contact Nick with offers of help.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

The Quiz Night continues to be an enjoyable, and financially successful, evening, but with the tennis club proposing an increase in the hire fee, the gradual increase in the cost of the fish and chips and the loss of revenue from the auctions, we are having to reconsider our continued attendance at the tennis club, if we are to maintain the ticket price at the current level.

To assist in reducing costs we are investigating alternative venues. Old Elizabethans, Old Owens, Potters Bar, North Mymms and Finchley are amongst those clubs who may be able to offer us a better deal. These are being looked at and a final decision made in the light of what we discover.

(We put a considerable sum over the bar on the evening, which we trust will appear an attractive reason to do a deal with us.)

**NETS 2019**

Nets have been arranged on Thursdays, 9.15 to 10.15, at Finchley.

12 sessions commencing 10th January through to 28th March.

Contact Nick for availability and details.

(However, Nick will be away, on honeymoon, through January and will require some assistance with the organising of the net attendees. Also, he would like someone to take over the responsibility of the nets in future years. Initially Anay is to be approached to see if he can help.)

**WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

Hitssports have increased their charges for running the website, by quite a sum, but the first increase in the years we have been using them.

It is felt that, although unfortunate, we are probably better off staying with them rather than attempting to change to an alternative provider.

(There had been talk of setting up our own website, but this had proved to be a non-starter.)

**POSSIBLE TOUR**

Another of Kiran’s proposals, that the club consider a tour. After discussion it was felt that Kiran was free to make enquiries for possible venues, and accommodation, and report back to the club with his findings, in due course. Over to you Kiran.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

# Club Welfare Officer Phil Knappett

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Cliveannounced the awards which were presented by the chairman. The awards cover performances and efforts during the 2018 season. The first three are based on most post match votes received.

The BOB PURNELL batting award

Winner **Nick Anson** (joint second James Franklin and Ben Candy)

The MERVYN LACK bowling award

Winner **Phil Knappett** (second Gary Bollers, third James Franklin)

The PETER TAIT fielding award

Winner **Clive Townsend** (second Nick Anson, third Akash Patel)

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

Joint Winners **Nick Anson and Mervyn Lack**

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 **James Franklin** (special mention to Kiran, Anay, Akash and Yash)

(James has been awarded a new trophy, inscribed “Young Cricketer of the Year”, for his efforts – well done James.)

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

Winner **Nick Anson** (see separate summation for the award)

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

Caps, shirts and sweaters have been obtained, but other kit is readily available.

The club contributed, (£10 per player), to the purchase of the new kit, from our healthy bank balance.

Mervyn was thanked for his efforts in ordering and distributing the kit to the members.

Ground Force next year will need to consider some further serious repairs to the sightscreens, even possibly their total replacement.

Roger was thanked for his outstanding contribution, this year, to the renovation of the existing screens.

PK is to contact the younger players with a view to arranging a get-together to discuss the aims and aspirations they have for the future of the club and what part they may wish to play in that future.

The method of deciding the trophy winners was discussed and it was generally felt that the existing post match voting method worked well. Thank you to Clive for his efforts in collecting the votes.

It was felt that it should be stressed that the fielding vote was not just for catches but for overall fielding contribution during the game.

It is intended to show how the voting progresses during the season, to encourage healthy competition, rather than waiting until the end of the year at the AGM. This will be achieved via the Arkley website.

Following the President’s indication that he no longer wished to travel to committee meetings during the winter evenings another means of communicating needs to be considered.

The following alternatives were suggested;

1] hold the meetings without the President – he is also Secretary

2] have conference phone calls – worked before

3] include the President via Skype – could be difficult in a public area

4] hold the meetings before or after games – works during the summer

Any other suggestions?

As always additional players are to be encouraged to join the club.

There being no further business for the deliberation of the members, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.43 pm.

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