**ARKLEY CRICKET CLUB**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021 – via Zoom**

**Tuesday 9th November 2021**

**Those participating.**

Parmodh Sharma (Chairman), Ben Candy, Clive Townsend, Paul Townsend, Phil Knappett, Nick Anson, Phil Pennicott, Gary Bollers, James Franklin, Dave Gordon, Dee Hirani, Krish Hirani, Anay Patel, Bhavik Patel, Rakesh Patel, Kiran Chaudhuri, Khalid Burney, David De Klerk and Mervyn Lack.

**Apologies for absence.**

Phil Jones, Chris Trebilcock and Jon Holland.

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

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting and explained the ground rules to be adhered to. He particularly mentioned three new members, David De Klerk (2 games played), Wesley Crellin (1) and Mehfuz Ahmed (0), and hoped they would have a long and happy association with Arkley CC.

**Minutes of the 2020 AGM.**

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to all members.

**Matters Arising from the 2020 AGM.**

There were no issues raised over the distributed minutes.

**Secretary’s Report.**

Mervyn announced that of the 19 games which had been arranged, 3 were won, 7 lost, 8 cancelled (for inclement weather or inability to raise a team) and 1 abandoned.

He also said that the chances of having RVC as our home ground for 2022 were looking optimistic and he would continue to liaise with RVC and North Mymms in pursuit of this coming to fruition.

**Treasurer’s Report.**

Paul’s report, and accounts for the year, had been distributed on the day of the AGM. The current balance of the club, £3,317.52, was considerably down on last year, due to the reduced number of games and the absence of income from the quiz night.

We did receive £50.00 from Highgate CC for the inconvenience caused by the unavailability of a pitch at their home game.

We donated £100.00 to Leukaemia Research in memory of Roger Jones.

The match fees were to be retained as previously, £10.00, including tea, £5.00, if tea not provided.

**Captain’s Report.**

Ben, Anay and Nick reflected on a not very successful season. Reference to the difficulty in raising an eleven was paramount. They all expressed their thanks to Phil P, and the Hiranis, for their efforts in ensuring a full eleven when we did play. Nick announced that he and Emily were expecting their first child in April and this will curtail Nick’s availability and involvement during the early months after the birth. His role as vice-captain will be supported by James Franklin during this period.

**Team Secretary’s Report.**

Phil P reiterated the problem of getting a side together. This was an ongoing weekly problem, sometimes not effectively resolved. He offered special acknowledgement to Dee and Krish for their efforts in recruiting additional players when numbers were below par.

Dee has offered to assist Phil with obtaining player availability next season. Dee’s offer was welcomed with grateful thanks..

**Fixtures 2022.**

Clive reported that there had been a small number of enquiries for the coming season, but a lot would depend on the availability of having a designated home ground. After discussion it was accepted that we would piggy-back with North Mymms over the use of RVC for our home games. The arrangement being that we take the available dates that North Mymms don’t need to fulfil their league fixtures. This should give us nine or ten dates when we can play at home. We would share the cost of hiring the ground with North Mymms, as was originally agreed for the 2021 season, leaving us to arrange our number of home games, as indicated, not on a pick-and-mix basis.

It was felt that Great Gaddesden were too strong a side for us to play against and, despite its splendid setting, we should consider omitting them from our fixture list, or suggest they field a weaker side.

#### 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 James Franklin (see below)

Treasurer Paul Townsend

Team Secretary Phil Pennicott

Fixture Secretary Clive Townsend

# Honorary Secretary Mervyn Lack

# Club Safeguarding Officer Phil Knappett

Social/Communications Officer Rakesh Patel

(James to fulfil this role during Nick’s paternity sabbatical.)

(All officers were proposed and seconded by full members of the club.)

Non-elected officer;

# President Mervyn Lack

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

The awards cover performances and efforts during the restricted 2021 season. The first three are based on most post-match votes received.

The BOB PURNELL batting award

Winner **Nick Anson** Second **Ben Candy**

The MERVYN LACK bowling award

Winner **James Franklin**

The PETER TAIT fielding award

Winner **Bhavik Patel** Second **Ben Candy**

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

To be voted on separately, subsequent to the meeting.

The YOUNG PLAYER AWARD.

Not presented this year. (In abeyance.)

The THELMA LACK MEMORIAL TROPHY.

Not presented this year. (In abeyance.)

#### Any other business.

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. However, it has been indicated that we would not be able to return to Chandos until 2024.

The committee of the club would remain as the existing nine elected members plus input from the Social/Communications Officer as appropriate.

With the problems created by the Covid epidemic, and the loss of Chandos, certain elements of the Constitution will need to be amended to reflect these changes. When agreed in due course the revised version will be available to all club members.

Due to 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 the Social/Communications Officer would pursue this objective.

Personal contact should still be encouraged, a great generator of new blood in earlier years, and can still be very effective.

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

Finchley said that nets were not available. The plan is to hold a quiz night prior to the start of the next season, as a means of generating a team togetherness, which has been missing during the pandemic.

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting and the Zoom meeting was terminated.