



Worthing Cricket Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 7.30pm – Manor Ground Pavilion

1. Apologies

Andy Lutwyche, John Kaye, Debs Kaye, Louise Fuller, Adrian Swift, Shane Felton, Chris Felton

2. Minutes of 2022 AGM

These were approved and officially signed off.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Secretary's Report

Tim Dunn, Hon Secretary, delivered a report with a summary of the season. See appendix 1.

5. Treasurer's Report

Hannah Dunn, Hon. Treasurer, provided detailed income and expenditure report to which nobody had any questions. An increase of £10 on the annual subscription for 2024 season was confirmed across the board to all categories of playing membership but will not apply to our junior U10's.

6. Election of Officers

Chairman – President Terry Burstow nominated that Dominic Clapp be proposed to continue as Chairman for 2024 and this was seconded.

The following positions were elected on block as the current people remained in situ:

- Hon Secretary – Tim Dunn
- Asst. Hon Secretary – Julian Simpson
- Hon Treasurer – Hannah Dunn
- Asst Hon Treasurer – Andy Lutwyche
- Club Welfare Officer – Iain Watkins
- Compliance Officer – Yolanda Hinton
- Head of Junior Cricket – John Kaye
- Hon Fixture Secretary – Tommy Simpson
- Sponsorship & Fundraising Secretary – Debs Kaye
- Social Secretary – Claire Westlake
- Media Officer – Tommy Simpson
- Head of Senior Cricket – Darryl Rebbetts (the position of Head of Elite Cricket has been removed to create a single position. Glenn Harris was thanked for all his hard work as Head of Senior Cricket over the past few seasons)

The role of Junior Co-Ordinator remains vacant.

Adam Bastable has stood down from his position as membership secretary and from the committee and he was thanked for everything he had done for the club over the years. He has been replaced by Louise Fuller who becomes **Membership Secretary**.

Michael Cane has stood down as **Club Development Officer** and from the committee and this position remains vacant. Mike was thanked for all his previous hard work in this position and on the committee.

7. Election of Committee

Nadine Whitehouse was elected to the Committee.

8. Any Other Business

- The audience was informed that the club were looking to potentially purchase an outfield mower for which we have received a council grant of £3k. What we buy and how we house the machine is in discussion.

No other business and the meeting closed at 8pm.

Appendix 1

Worthing CC – Secretary's Report 2023

Reflecting on my first year as Secretary of Worthing Cricket Club, I remember not only how much it rained this summer but also how much we achieved as a club and how far we have come.

On the playing side, our 1st XI led by Harry Dunn, achieved promotion to the Sussex League Premier Division, making us now one of only 10 teams out of over 370 in the entire county, and the biggest cricket league in the world, to achieve this level of playing standard.

Our 3rd XI, led by Iain Watkins continued to power on with back-to-back promotions and winning their division and playing some brilliant cricket along the way.

Our 4th XI led by Tim Hicks, provided cricket for a whole host of younger players who along with a handful of senior players performed superbly and conducted themselves admirably.

Our Sunday side, organised by Tommy Simpson, put on cricket every Sunday, and enjoyed some wonderful social cricket.

Our under 14 team also became the Sussex Champions pulling off a wonderful victory at Hove in September. Our junior section is becoming bigger and more successful every year and the amount of work John Kaye, and the junior team puts into this is immense and mostly unseen.

Unlike many other clubs we also have umpires and scorers who turn out every week to help these teams do what they do and without them the captain's life would be far harder, so we must say a massive thanks to all of them.

Off the field, the committee led by our new Chairman has worked incredibly hard raising funds, attracting new sponsors and bringing members new capital projects, a subsidised bar, food on a Saturday evening and social functions amongst many things.

Yet, we cannot rest on our laurels and face challenges to maintain position of the premier club in the area.

We want to establish ourselves in the premier league, get our 2nd XI closer to the standard of the 1st XI so players can more easily make the step up, bring on a 5th XI so more youngsters can play weekend cricket, grow our junior section to bring cricket to more girls and boys and provide them with quality coaching so they can enjoy the game and maybe become 1st XI players in the future.

All the money we raise, from subs, match fees, social functions, bonus ball, etc go towards making this club better for its members.

Going forward we need to continue to make money to take more control of our ground, look after our pavilion, pay for quality coaching, have first class practice facilities, run a subsidised bar, put on social events and more.

We are close to the top of the mountain but want to make sure we continue to move forward. I urge members to be proud to be a member of this club which is about much more than just turning up on a Saturday and playing. Whether you play 18 games or just 1 game, you are a member of the club, the payment of your subscription is vital to the growth of the club and enjoyment of every member.

My thanks to all the committee and members who contribute to make this a fabulous club.

Tim Dunn

Hon Secretary Worthing CC