



THE HAMPSHIRE CRICKET BOARD LIMITED

Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 25 April 2019 at the Ageas Bowl.

Present:

John Wolfe (Chairman), Ben Thompson (Cricket Development Director), Geoff Rhodes (Finance Director), Stuart Robertson (Director appointed by Hampshire Cricket Ltd), Jeff Levick, Jenni Douglas-Todd (Non-Executive Directors), Colin Savage (Company Secretary), Rob Pfeiffer, Simon Jones, Mike Pollard (Cricket Development Managers), Emma Cowdrill (Women & Girls Activator), Sam Moss (Wicketz Development Officer). Chris Westbrook (County Pitch Advisor) and representatives of 24 member clubs and organisations.

1. Welcome

The Chairman, John Wolfe, welcomed all those attending the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Company, including Andy Lees, ECB Head of Participation and Growth.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Tony Oxley (Non-Executive Director), Andy Sharp (Treasurer and Administrator), John Cook (Cricket Development Manager), and representatives of 5 member clubs and organisations.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 1 February 2018, which were published on the Board website, were taken as read and agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were none.

5. Annual Report for 2017/2018

The Report was introduced by the Chairman by means of a PowerPoint Presentation, with reference to the printed report of which copies were available at the meeting, highlighting the following:

- A major objective continues to be to achieve an increase in numbers playing the game. To this end the second year of All Stars Cricket was considered to be a resounding success, with 2,200 5 to 8 year old children involved in the programme. The Board are very grateful to the 64 clubs who welcomed and encouraged the youngsters.
- The “Chance to Shine” programme brought cricket to nearly 40% of Primary schools, with the aid of seven Schools Cricket Activators. 60% of children in the All Stars programme came directly from Chance to Shine.



- While the decline in adult men's cricket continues and remains a major challenge to reverse, women and girls cricket provides the best opportunity to grow the game. Last year 21 clubs ran girls' sections, 21% of All Stars cricketers were girls and 35 women's teams took part in festival or league competitions.
- Providing cricket for people with special educational needs or disabilities remains a priority. The Super 1s Programme, for young people with disabilities, is funded by the Lord's Taverners and is provided at six hubs around the county. It gives the opportunity to develop personal skills and to realise potential on and off the pitch.,
- The NatWest Under 19 T20 competition, aiming to help to retain players in the crucial 17-19 age range and assist their transition into adult cricket, is still proving popular.
- Once again the ECB Trust Small Grants Scheme and Interest Free loans assisted member clubs with funding for projects as provision of nets, new rollers and solar panels.
- The ECB and the Board also supported the spread of digital platforms, such as play-cricket, by clubs, Leagues and Districts, saving time for volunteers and improving communications.

In conclusion the Chairman thanked the members of the Development Team for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the year.

The Annual Report was approved.

6. Presentation of Annual Accounts to 30 September 2018

Geoff Rhodes, Finance Director, presented a simplified version of the Accounts – copies of the full Financial Statements, including the Auditors' Report, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet, being available on request.

He assured members that Board finances remain constantly under review, and Geoff expressed his thanks to Ben Thompson, Development Director, and Andy Sharp, Treasurer, for their careful day-to-day management of the Board's resources.

A surplus of £14k was recorded, including a VAT refund from the previous year. The Board's aim was to break even each year.

The main points made by Geoff were

- As reported last year, Hampshire Cricket Ltd has now taken responsibility for the County Age Group squads, the Districts pathway and Junior Coaching activity, so these items no longer appear in the Accounts.



- All Star Cricket: expenditure was on administration and salaries.
- 20% of income from Chance to Shine was allocated to management costs, with expenditure on delivery of coaching.
- Reserves were now close to ECB's recommendation of three month's income.
- During the year the Hampshire Coaches Association disbanded and its assets taken over by the Board. HCB will receive the annual £4 subscription rebate per member from the ECBCA and plan to offer more workshops to members.

The Accounts were adopted, with the Chairman's thanks to Geoff for his presentation and for his help and guidance throughout the year.

7. Reappointment of Directors

Under the Board's Articles of Association, Non-Executive Directors retire after three years and are eligible for re-election. Jeff Levick having duly retired, the Directors recommended his re-election and this was agreed.

It was noted that John Wolfe, Geoff Rhodes, Jenni Douglas-Todd and Tony Oxley will all be due to retire in 2020.

8. Closure

As there was no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.08 pm.

Following the formal business, Andy Lees gave a presentation on "Inspiring Generations", the ECB Strategy 2020-2014, and answered a number of questions from the floor.