



The Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting of
Cobham Avorians Cricket Club

Held on Friday 25th February 2022 at the Clubhouse,
Convent Lane, Cobham

PRESENT: Mark Barrow (in the Chair), Peter Worth (minutes), Peter Hallam, Steve Umpelby, Dom Worth, Andy Weaver, Ken Murphy, Brett Allenby, Alex Worth, Rhona Barrow, Luke Barrow, Liam Crawford, James Palmer, Ian Elliott, Ashley Golder, Kavinda Nanayakkara, Dhananjaya Tharindu, Simon Fisher, Paul Fisher, Ron Lowe, Matt Ellis.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cameron Allenby

APOLOGIES: Peter Miles, Dick Frost, Steve Frise, Ben Cullen, Mark Holdstock, Barry Duplock, Karen Basley, Steve Davis, Debbie Davis.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.52pm by welcoming all those present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 28th February 2020 were agreed as true record of the meeting. (Pro. Brett Allenby, Sec. Peter Hallam.)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Mark Barrow, presented his report of progress since 2020, a full copy of which is attached – (Doc 1)

The Chairman highlighted the following particular points:

- The 2020 AGM had coincided almost precisely with the onset of the COVID pandemic. For that reason, there was no AGM in 2021 and the normal committee

meetings hadn't taken place as per the required schedule. The Chairman confirmed that "normal governance service" will be resumed with the 2022 AGM, and the new committee will be meeting for the 1st time in March.

- The Chairman thanked all the volunteers who put time into the running of the club, in particular those who have worked hard to improve the facilities over the winter.
- The Chairman highlighted 6 areas of focus from his report:
 1. The support of the two Saturday XI's to continue to be competitive in their divisions.
 2. To fill 3 key posts that are currently vacant:
 - Welfare officer
 - Academy Director / Junior Co-ordinator
 - Membership officer
 3. To continue to invest in and improve the facilities.
 4. To continue to develop our relationship with local schools, Notre Dame, Felton Fleet, St Andrews, Cobham Free.
 5. To re-energise the Academy with a crop of new younger members.
 6. To continue to make sure that the club operates in a way where it is able to both function effectively and invest in its facilities for the good of the wider club.
- The Chairman noted that Matt Ellis was standing down after 7 years as Chairman of Cricket. Cricket was in a much better place now than it was when he took over and the Chairman expressed the thanks of the club for all the effort and energy Matt put into the role.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Umpelby presented the accounts for 2020 and 2021.

They are not attached to these minutes, but they are available for inspection by all members, upon application to the Treasurer.

The yearly results were as follows:

- 2018 - £18782
- 2019 - £9196

The accounts were approved by the meeting (Pro: Ashley Golder, Sec: Rhona Barrow)

The Treasurer highlighted a list of areas where significant investment has been made over the last two years. That list is attached to the minutes – (Doc 2).

CRICKET REPORT

Brett Allenby, Chairman of Cricket Elect, made the verbal cricket report.

The key points were as follows:

- 2021 was a successful season – both 1s and 2s were challenging for promotion and the object will be for both teams to continue to push for promotion from their respective leagues.
- Luke Barrow and James Palmer will continue to captain this year.
- The Sunday side led by Ian Elliot were a good mixed ability team providing a path to senior league cricket. The Sunday fixture list has been pruned and re-vitalised this year.
- We will again compete in the Surrey Slam, and we have entered the Surrey Championship T20 competition as well.
- We have a new clothing supplier, details of which will be circulated. A R Porter will continue to be the T20 kit sponsor.
- The Over 35s beat the Under 35s – and there was a fantastic game, and event, against Grimsdyke CC
- Pre-season nets have started for this year.
- The Chairman of Cricket Elect ended his report by inviting all players to set themselves a specific goal for the season. He believes this will be the best way to drive performance in the club.

There was a question raised from the floor about the possibility of a 3rd Saturday team or a 2nd Sunday team. The Chairman Elect replied that he felt we were not quite there yet, but should we have a surplus of players on any day, we could arrange an adhoc fixture.

ACADEMY REPORT

The Chairman a verbal report on the Academy.

The main points were as follows:

- The focus this year will be on the U10s and below age groups including all stars.
- We will work with Darren Talbot to build numbers.
- The U14s will remail as a team and we hope that they will start to play senior cricket this year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At this point, Mark Barrow vacated the Chair and Peter Worth took the Chair.

For the post of Chairman: Mark Barrow (Pro: Ian Elliott, Sec: Peter Hallam)

There being no other nomination Mark Barrow was elected unopposed.

At this point, Peter Worth handed the Chair back to Mark Barrow.

The rest of the Committee positions were elected unopposed as follows, (Pro: Mark Porter, Sec: Ken Murphy)

Secretary:	Peter Miles
Treasurer:	Steve Umpelby
Chairman of Cricket:	Brett Allenby
Bar & Clubhouse Manager:	Peter Worth
Facilities Manager:	Steve Frise

There is still discussion in the Petanque section as to whether it will be Ken Murphy or Dick Frost as the rep for 2022. The meeting was happy to agree that one of them hold the post – and the Petanque section will decide in due course.

The following were noted as Committee appointed positions:

Fixture Secretary:	Andy Weaver
First XI Captain:	Luke Barrow
Second XI Captain:	James Palmer
Sunday Captain:	Ian Elliott
Groundsman:	Steve Frise
200 Club Organiser:	Peter Burrows
Webmaster:	Peter Worth
Clubhouse & Bar Assistant:	Ken Murphy
Midweek Captain:	TBC
Membership Officer:	TBC
Social Secretary:	TBC
Communications Officer:	TBC

Club Development Officer: TBC

ANY OTHER BUISNESS

Petanque

Ken Murphy gave an update on the Petanque Section

- Numbers have grown to 20.
- 2 league teams this year, one in a “social” league, one in a more competitive league.
- Ken Murphy is the Captain for 2022.

Ground Force Day

The Chairman informed the meeting that Ground Force Day will be the 9th April and encouraged all members to come down and help. There will be much to do after the substantial renovations of the winter.

Ground Report

Steve Frise submitted the following ground report.

(In 2021) We were blessed with fantastic spring weather that enabled us to finalise the ground repairs from the previous autumn and put us in a good position going into the new season, so much so that we were able to match the keenness of our new 2's skipper in getting a game on a week earlier than planned on 17th April. Didn't last long though as it just seemed to then rain non-stop for the summer, making pitch preparations a nightmare!! Bad weather accounted for 6 games being affected, with the 1's having 2 abandonments and 1 cancelled altogether and the 2's losing 2 without a ball being bowled and a 3rd abandoned, unfortunately. However, on the occasions that we managed to get on the ground I think we produced pitches that usually had a bit in it for both batters and bowlers, resulting in some very exciting cricket for both the 1's & 2's, some games going right to the wire, which is exactly what we want.

This year because we have the Astro in full use, we've decided to reduce the number of strips on the square as I found we spent too much time last year looking after pitches that were never used. We now have 4 pitches designated each for the 1's & 2's which should result in even better playing surfaces as we can focus more on fewer pitches, previously we only used 7 centre pitches for league games, with the adjustment made we now have 8. It still leaves us with 3 x 8ft wide strips at the top end of the square for colts & practice as well as a spare strip down the bottom end.

We will be using the same pitch for Saturday/Sunday and The midweeks Slams which will reduce the number of strips being used. will also work better as they won't need to be used so many times.

I think the drain that was installed post season at the top side of the square will help greatly with pitch prep and use as it should divert the rainwater that comes down the bank away from the square.

We've been able to invest in a couple of new pieces of machinery/equipment which should help improve the facilities both on the square and the outfield.

All the machinery we have is in good working order and ready for the season ahead, both rollers have also been run, so all is good there too.

Once again, some wonderful assistance and work especially by SU & PW has greatly eased our pressure, thank you and also thanks to my George for his work in prepping the ground, he's been a great help.

The John Grimwood Trophy

The Chairman presented Andy Weaver with the John Grimwood Trophy for "Clubman of the Year" in recognition of his more than 20 years' service as Club Fixture Secretary.

There being no other business to conduct, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48pm.

Approved as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date