EAGCC: Minutes of AGM held via Zoom – November 10th 2025 at 8pm

Present

Tim Chambers, Sam Collins, Karen Cutter, Mindy Irven, Rob Lewis, Calum McDonald, Richard Parker, Richard Polley, Jonathan Purser, Mick Purser, Stuart Simpson, Kathryn Spicer, David Stovell, Rachel Watson, Duncan Wyatt.

Apologies

Steve Nunn.

Minutes of 2024 AGM

These had been circulated and were accepted with one correction – our expenditure in 2023-24 was £24355 not £224355.

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Report

Tim Chambers had circulated a written report before the meeting. Among highlights of the 2025 season had been:

- the pavilion project – completed on time to a very high standard – thanks to Richard Parker for masterminding it and Sam Collins for getting important grants;
- the 1st and 2nd XIs finished comfortably mid-table again. The 1sts didn't have enough stand-out performances to challenge for promotion. The 2nd XI suffered at the start of the season from losing players to the 1sts but finished strongly with three wins;
- the Sunday XI were almost league champions again;
- the Midweek XI had good availability but more fun than victories;
- women's hardball – a slightly disappointing season but the possibility of joining the Sunday Two Counties league next season;
- the women's softball team won their league and represented us at the Essex finals at Chelmsford in September;
- youth cricket – we had good numbers of Kwik Cricketers but not really enough players at U14 and U15 level. Wayne Hill was a great help by running training for the older players at Saturday morning training. More help will be needed from senior players/parents if we are going to run U11, U12 and U15 teams next year;
- Cricket Week was a great success – many thanks to Rachel Watson and everyone else who played or helped out in the bar/kitchen;
- Village Festival – hosting the music night with Those Colchester Buskers was a great success
- Pavilion opening and the Boo Cant/David Merriday memorial game – both events were well-organised with plenty of ex-players turning up to support;
- Awards Night – an excellent turnout – great to see Matt Murray made a Life Member.

Tim ended with some challenges for 2026:

- the outer pavilion wall has increasing cracks due to subsidence – this will need possibly expensive remedial work
- how do we attract new players?
- what are realistic goals for the Saturday teams next season?
- what can we do to improve our net facilities?

There was then brief discussion. Stuart updated us on the pavilion wall and a forthcoming video call with a company who may be able to offer a solution. Ollie Licence had suggested trawling PlayCricket for possible players in lower divisions who might like a move up. Rob said that there are plans to establish Tuesday evening as senior training

night. There was a suggestion of delivering a flyer to the new estate – Tim said that we already have articles in the parish magazine which goes to all homes in the village, but a revamped flyer might be a good idea. Karen said her son may be able to help with printing.

Treasurer's Report

David Stovell reported that the full accounts are currently being audited. A simplified version was displayed, which showed income of £26180 (up nearly £6000 from 2024) and expenditure of £28273 (up over £4000 from 2024). Highlights were increased income from subscriptions and bar/event sales, but bar costs had also gone up. The result is a working deficit of £2093. This is an improvement on last year's loss of nearly £4000 but obviously cannot be sustained in the longer term.

Club Safeguarding Officer's Report

Kathryn Spicer reported that 2025 season had passed without incident. She said that she would now be stepping down. She recorded her thanks for the support she has had in her role and the brilliant experience her children Will and Sophie have had at the club. Tim thanked Kathryn for her time and expertise as Safeguarding Officer – he will take over as lead Safeguarding Officer for the time being with Rob Lewis as Deputy.

Carbon Net Zero Report

Richard Parker had circulated a written report which covered various aspects of the club. He noted that we spend a small fortune on the outfield and square but stressed the need to look after the pavilion. He suggested we need someone to take over the looking after of our archives. Carbon Champion work has had to take a back seat while the pavilion project was ongoing – Richard will try to pass on action at club level to a new Carbon Champion while he focuses on the bigger picture locally/nationally.

Subscriptions 2026

Tim said that subscription income had been healthy this year, due to increased number of members at youth and senior level. The Committee were therefore recommending no increases this year. Rates will remain:

- senior men's all-in subscription with no match fees: £230
- occasional player subscription: £120 plus £10 per game
- students/unemployed: 50% reduction
- women's hardball: £60
- women's softball: £30
- youth hardball: £80
- Kwik Cricket: £50

Senior net fees will go up from £4 to £5.

These were approved.

Election of Officers

The following positions were discussed and proposed:

President	Richard Polley
Chairman	Tim Chambers
Secretary	Ollie Licence
Treasurer	David Stovell
Director of Women's Cricket	Karen Cutter
1st XI captain	Daryl Sleeman
1st XI vice-captain	Rob Lewis
2nd XI captain	Sam Collins
Sunday XI captain	Duncan Wyatt
Women's XI captain	Hannah Finbow-Jeffery
Mid-week XI captain	To be confirmed
Bar Manager	Steve Nunn
Clubhouse & Grounds Manager	Mick Purser

Safeguarding Officer	Tim Chambers
Deputy Safeguarding Officer	Rob Lewis
Carbon Champion	To be confirmed
Fundraising Manager	Sam Collins
Additional member	Stuart Simpson
Charity Trustees	Tim Chambers, Steve Nunn, Sam Collins
Auditor	Roy Girard

All were elected en bloc. Proposed by Rachel Watson, seconded by Karen Cutter.

Any other business
Tim thanked those stepping down from the Committee for all their work over many years – especially Rachel Watson, Kathryn Spicer and Richard Parker.

Rachel said that we would need someone to take over her role of organising social events. Richard Parker suggested that it would be good to have some more players on the Committee in due course.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and said that we are already looking forward to the 2026 season with optimism. Karen wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Tim Chambers
November 2025