**LONDON MACCABI VALE CRICKET CLUB**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AT 8PM AT ROWLEY LANE ON TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2018**

1. **Present:**

Alex Haffner, Terry Hyman, Danny Caro, Adam Brand, Ben Lederman, Neil Lederman, Steven Allweis, Simon Barnett, Rafi Saville, Jeremy Harris, Tony Wise, David Marks, Jonathan Freedman

1. **Apologies for absence**

Roy Solomons, Michael Okin, Ben Kohler, Joseph Greenwall-Cohen, Rayno G-C, Sam Clarfield, John Galloway, Jon Daniels, Russ Corin, Mark Landau.

1. **1st XI Captain’s Report**

Neil Lederman reported that the the 1st team did a good job, more than holding their own in Chess Valley Division 1. At full-strength they were a match for anyone, as always the challenge was getting a full strength team out.

It was particularly pleasing to see Rayno G-C and Sam Clarfield, both youngsters, holding their own which bodes well for the future.

1. **2nd X1 Report**

David Marks reported that the 2nd team “experiment” was an undoubted success, with 4 matches played and 1 rained off. Of the games played, 1 was won and 3 lost, which was more a reflection of the strength of the opposition. The major positive was that youngsters from the colts section got a chance to play senior cricket which can only help their development.

Next year the 2nd team should play more matches with the continued aim to bring kids through the club.

1. **Colts Report**

Tony Wise reported on what was undoubtedly the most successful season ever for the Colts. 44 members signed up which was a record number, playing in 3 teams (U11s, U13s and U15s).

The U11s won their league easily (7/8 matches won) and no matches were cancelled by LMV due to player unavailability with the U13s and U15s also recording excellent seasons.

Sunday morning coaching sessions were an undoubted success and special thanks were due to Ben Lederman and Grant Reingold, ably aided by members of the 1st team (an excellent idea to have them more involved).

The big issue going forwards was succession planning. A real effort needs to be made to persuade parents to get involved in the running of the teams given that Tony, John Feigenbaum and Danny Caro’s kids will all be too old to play colts cricket in the next 1-2 seasons.

Special thanks were due to John and Danny for all their efforts in managing the U13s and U15s.

1. **ECB Clubmark & Welfare Officer Update**

Jonathan Freedman reported that LMV had put in its Clubmark application on time (an improvement on previous years) and all was generally in hand as regards child safeguarding issues, bar some permissions which needed updating.

1. **Treasurer’s Report & the setting of subscriptions for 2019**

Terry Hyman presented the club accounts to the AGM. The general position was a healthy one given that costs had increased (eg Rowley Lane now cost £4,000 per season). Sponsorship income had largely offset those increases. However, the club could not necessarily count on the same sponsors each season and efforts would be needed going forward in this regard.

Terry proposed that, for next season, subs for adults should stay at the same level (£200, or £75 for students). As regards colts, he proposed a small increase to £190 for the season which was still extremely good value and well below the subs charged by other clubs. This proposal was unanimously accepted by those present.

1. **Chairman’s Message**

Alex Haffner reported on his first 12 months in the post and reflected on what had been an excellent year from his perspective, particularly in view of:

* the success on the pitch at Colts and Senior level,
* the advent of the 2nd team after a significant period without one, and
* the Club Fun Day which was very well attended and represented all that LMV is trying to achieve in creating a single club – as opposed to Colts and Senior sections acting independently of one another.

Undoubtedly the highlight had been the Inter-faith festival in which the Archibishop of Canterburry’s X1 and an Afghan Refugee team had graced Rowley Lane and a well attended dinner was put on with the assistance of Marta and her team. Alex was particularly pleased that this event had helped further cement the important relationship with Rowley Lane and the Trust.

He ended his report by expressing his enormous gratitude to all those who had (and continue) to keep the club going, notably those on the Committee and the Colts Managers and Coaches.

1. **Club Awards**

Alex Haffner presented the following awards:

Alan Shapiro Contribution Award – Tony Wise

1st team player of the season – Neil Lederman

Young player of the year – Rayno Greenwall-Cohen

Champagne Moment – Rafi Saville (taking his first 1st team wicket)

1. **Election of Officers**

**The following officers were duly elected to serve for the next 12 months:**

Chairman: Alex Haffner

Vice Chairman: Adam Brand

1st team Captain Neil Lederman

1st team Vice Captain Steven Allweis

2nd team Captain Gideon Gale

Treasurer Terry Hyman

Fixtures Secretary Russell Corin

Media & Comms Officer Steven Alweis

Club Welfare & Clubmark Jonathan Freedman

Head of Colts Tony Wise

Fundraising & Sponsorship Rafi Saville

1. **Any other Business (AOB)**

A few items were raised under AOB, including:

* *Relationship with Rowley Lane*: in response to questions raised by several members, Alex Haffner explained that meetings had taken place with the Trustees of Rowley Lane who were very supportive of LMV. He hoped to continue to build on that going forward.
* *Future of the Colts*: Simon Barnett emphasised that it was vital to undertake succession planning over the next 12 months in view of the current reliance on messrs Wise, Feigenbaum and Caro.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.