

# ALBION CRICKET CLUB Inc.

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALBION CRICKET CLUB INC HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2025, COMMENCING AT 5.35PM

### PRESENT:

Michael Sumner (President), Tony Buchanan (Secretary/Treasurer), Grant Ford, Scott McCormack, Brett Hamilton, Shaun Wheeler, Hamish Rutherford, Jim Todd, Brian Dixon & Jason Marshall

### APOLOGIES:

Richie Buchanan, Josh Cuttance & Tony Branks

It was moved that the apologies be accepted.

Moved – B Dixon/S McCormack – Carried

### PREVIOUS MINUTES:

It was moved that the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 9 June 2025 be taken as a true and correct record with the addition of Tony Branks as being present at the meeting.

Moved – G Ford/S Wheeler – Carried

### MATERS ARISING:

#### *Earthquake Report*

This is still outstanding – Secretary to follow up

#### *Aerial Photograph*

Know the clubroom repainting has been completed, Scott Steel has been contacted and will get this underway

#### *Junior Gear Purchase*

Shaun Wheeler reported this has been completed and we await invoice for payment

#### *Grant Application*

Treasurer reported that the Club had been successful with the application to Lion Foundation for assistance with insurance.

### ***Grant Application***

The Treasurer reported that we had been unsuccessful with our application to assist with the clubroom painting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### ***Inward***

Email from Otago Cricket re Andrew Petrie Give-a-Little Page dated 11 August 2025

Email from Otago Cricket re Minutes Senior Club Meeting dated 18 August 2025

Email from Otago Cricket re U19/U17 players dated 23 September 2025

Email from Cookie-time re Fundraiser dated 28 September 2025

Email from Otago Cricket re PlayHQ Support Sessions dated 30 September 2025

Various emails from Otago Cricket re H&S issue with nets

Email from Otago Cricket re OCA Community Training dated 7 October 2025

#### ***Outward***

Various emails to Otago Cricket re H&S issue with nets

Noting most correspondence is via email and is dealt with at time of receipt by the Club President & Secretary

It was moved that the outward correspondence be approved and the inward tabled for action as necessary.

Moved – M Sumner/S Wheeler – Carried

### **FINANCE:**

The Treasurer presented the financial report for the period ending 30 September 2025 (copy attached).

Clubroom painting was the biggest feature and has reduced the balance in our operating account, but with subscriptions this should be manageable in the short term.

It was moved that the Financial Report be accepted.

Moved – B Hamilton/B Dixon – Carried

### **HEALTH & SAFETY:**

After a short discussion it was moved that Tony Branks as appointed as the Clubs Health & Safety Officer

Moved: J Todd/M Sumner - Carried

Jordan Sheed, junior coach, raised a H&S issue, via the 'Eco Portal' (via QR Code displayed in the clubroom window) regarding the run up in the nets. Michael Sumner has followed this up with Otago Cricket & the Dunedin City Council (DCC) and it is hoped this will be repaired in short notice. When the run up was inspected the DCC also noted an issue in the actual net where it appeared the surface has been damaged (possibly by a tree root) so made the decision to lock this net.

Michael will again follow this up to get some resolution as quickly as possible.

The President asked if there were any additional new H&S issues to be raised – no new issues were raised.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### ***President's Welcome***

Michael Sumner welcomed the Committee, including new members, and stated it was his intention to revitalise the club – particularly in the form of getting players/supporters back to the clubrooms after matches on Saturdays. Michael and a number of the senior Kilda players intend to get to know younger players by attending some club trainings to foster this approach.

### ***Electronic Motion – Kings Nets***

In conjunction with the Club Coach, Senior Captain and Tony Buchanan have scheduled training for the season at Kings - subject to Committee approval. Kings have confirmed these bookings that include pre-season training and then training for the season - this totals 33 hours at a cost of \$70 per hour (plus GST)

It is moved that \$2,310.00 (plus GST) be approved for pre-season and 2025\_26 training at Kings High School Indoor Nets.

Moved: T Buchanan/R Buchanan - Carried

### ***Electronic Motion – Andrew Petrie***

An email was received from Otago Cricket relating to a “Give-a-Little” page to help/support Andrew Petrie and his family as his wife fights cancer.

This email was circulated to committee members and as a result the following motion was put forward

It is moved that the club make a \$200.00 donation to the Andrew Petrie Give-a-Little page in support of his wife and family.

Moved: S Wheeler/N Beard – Carried.

Action: Treasurer

### ***Electronic Motion – Quinn Sunde***

At the club meeting on 4 March the Committee approved spending up to \$8k on an overseas player.

Despite the word going out to a number of contacts, both domestically and overseas, we have had no success. Tony Buchanan has also been working with an overseas recruitment officer and whilst Taylor Cumberland, Kurt Johnston & Tony have reviewed quite a number of players - none actually stacked up to what we wanted (which primarily was a top order bat).

Whilst this has been unsuccessful, Kurt has done a tremendous job (and spent a good deal of time) working on other options. To this end we have secured Quinn Sunde from Auckland (who comes south to try his luck and has been included in the Otago A training squad) - Quinn

scored 4 centuries in Auckland Premier cricket last season, is an opening bat and also a quality keeper - after discussion Taylor, Kurt & I have agreed to confirm he will be our keeper (which is a priority for him) as well as open the batting, he will be here for the full season. He was going to Taieri but they mucked around re the keeping role so when we confirmed this he decided to come to us. Obviously subject to Committee approval we have offered him \$1,500 to assist with his relocation and a 'free' sub this coming season.

It is moved that \$1,500.00 be paid to Quinn Sunde to assist with his relocation to Dunedin, plus a "free" subscription for the upcoming season.

Moved: T Buchanan/T Clout - Carried

***Electronic Motion – Sithum Niluninda***

Senior Coach Kurt Johnston has been working with Sithum Niluninda who is a Hawke Cup opening bowler for Southland (he took 5 x 5 wicket bags last season in Hawke Cup) and is wanting to progress his career, hoping to be part of the Otago A setup - he will travel from Invercargill to Dunedin each Saturday and will be available for the full season, except when Hawke Cup prevents this.

It is moved that to provide Sithum Niluninda with a \$50 petrol voucher per game he plays for Albion, plus a "free" subscription for the upcoming season.

Moved: T Buchanan/T Clout - Carried

***Electronic Motion – Hugo Bogue***

Hugo is a Queenstown based player and whilst already a member of the Club, he is keen to travel and play for us each week, except Hawke Cup games and until he starts University will travel each week. Connor MacLeod has a spare room and has offered this to Hugo

It is moved that to provide Hugo Bogue with a \$50 petrol voucher per game he plays for Albion prior to his permanent move to Dunedin.

Moved: T Buchanan/T Clout – Carried

***Electronic Motion – Glenavy Visit***

It was moved that \$350.00 be allocated for food for the Glenavy visit on Saturday 4 October 2025

Moved: S Wheeler/M Sumner - Carried

***2025\_26 Club Subscriptions***

The Club President stated that he had looked at other cricket club's subscriptions and found ours to be reasonable in line with others. In addition, he felt that as the club was in a good financial position that this was not the time to raise subscriptions.

After a short discussion there was general agreement that this is the approach, we will take in setting subscriptions.

It was moved that the 2025\_26 Club Subscriptions remain the same as last season and be set as follows:

- Adult Players – subscription \$230.00, reduced to \$200.00 for Senior/Second Grade players if fully paid by 6 December 2025. Reduced to \$190.00 for Third Grade players if fully paid by 6 December 2025.
- Junior Players (set by Junior Committee) – see below
- Full-time University, Polytech and Training College Students – subscription as per Adult Players, however for those who are 'Out of Town' over summer break \$100.00, reduced to \$80.00 (Senior/Second Grade) and \$70.00 (Third Grade) if fully paid by 6 December 2025.
- Secondary School Students – subscription set at \$0.00
- Casual – for players playing five or less games, subscription set at \$50.00
- Supporters/Social Member – subscription set at \$35.00

Moved – M Sumner/J Todd - Carried

It was moved that Junior players subscriptions be set as follows:

- \$105.00 for Hard Ball cricket (Section 1-4)
- \$95.00 for Soft Ball cricket (Section 5-6)
- \$65.00 for Year 8 players who finish at Christmas
- \$60.00 for any new player commencing after Christmas
  
- An additional player \$55.00 (soft ball) and \$65.00 (hard ball) for each additional player from the same family

Moved – S Wheeler/T Buchanan - Carried

### ***Bar Prices***

Michael Sumner stated that we needed to look at bar prices with the aim of achieving 40% above cost. To this end, along with Brett Hamilton, they will look at the prices and make adjustments as required. However, individual item costs will be in full dollars for ease of operation.

It was agreed that large bottles will remain at \$10.00 each.

It was further agreed that there will be a 'Happy' Hour' each Saturday at a time to be determined each week by the Club Captain.

### ***Team Entries***

It was confirmed that the club will enter three teams in the adult competition (Premier, Second & Third Grade) and at this stage 12 teams in the junior competition (seven hardball & five softball)

### ***Junior Season Launch***

Shaun Wheeler stated that the junior committee wish to hold a season launch on Wednesday 12 October from 5.15pm. As with last year they wish to have a BBQ and soft drinks for players. This is also an opportunity to assist with PlayHQ registrations and answer any other queries parents may have.

It was moved that approval be given for the purchase of sausages and soft drinks for this event.

Moved: S Wheeler/M Sumner – Carried

Action: S Wheeler

### ***Sponsorship***

Michael Sumner indicated he would head this – he had some ideas regarding new sponsors and will also approach current sponsors regarding continuing their association with the club.

When individual sponsors are confirmed details to be passed to the Treasurer to raise invoices as appropriate.

### ***Appreciation – D McCall***

Tony Buchanan spoke of the continued support Dion McCall was providing with the financial side of club activities, even though he has lived in Tauranga for a number of years.

It was moved that Dion be provided with a \$100.00 Countdown Voucher in recognition of his ongoing support to the club.

Moved – T Buchanan/B Dixon – carried

Action: Secretary

### ***Grant Application***

Tony Buchanan outlined the purchase of cricket balls to support all teams for the upcoming season was in the top two expenditure categories facing the club and that support of a trust was vital for this expenditure.

It was there moved that application be made to the Aotearoa Gaming Trust for \$8,000.00 (GST exclusive) to assist with the purchase of cricket balls for the upcoming season.

Tony Buchanan and Michael Sumner are authorised to make this application.

Moved – M Sumner/J Todd – Carried

Action: Club Secretary

### ***Food at the Club***

A general discussion was held and it was felt that the club needed to ensure it fully complied with its Bar License with regard to the provision of food.

The Club will increase its food offerings by the addition of hot chips and chicken tenders – each to be sold at \$5.00. Pies will continue to be sold at \$5.00 and Macaroni & Lasagne will also remain available.

In order to prepare the chips & tenders the club will purchase an air fryer. there will be a small increase for this season – so a rate of \$5.00 was recommended.

It was moved that \$155.00 be approved to purchase an air fryer.

Moved: T Buchanan/M Sumner – Carried

Action: T Buchanan

### ***Bar Managers***

Currently the club has three approved Bar Managers. Michael Sumner suggested that we need to increase this number so we always have a Bar Manager in the Club on duty. To this end the following members agreed to undertake training to obtain their licence:

Shaun Wheeler  
Jason Marshall  
Brett Hamilton  
Jim Todd  
Scott McxCormack

Michael Sumner also agreed to assist with this training.

It was moved that the club pay for the bar licences for the above-named members.

Moved: M Sumner/T Buchanan - Carried

### ***Club Opening Night***

It was agreed that the Club will hold their opening night on Saturday 1 November 2025 with a BBQ and Happy Hour.

It was moved that food for the BBQ be purchased for this event.

Moved: T Buchanan/B Hamilton - Carried

### ***Junior Coach Developer***

Shaun Wheeler stated with last year's Developer (Kurt Johnston) having been appointed as Club Coach this position is vacant.

Members of the Eagles Squad will be asked if anyone is interested with the final decision sitting with the Junior Committee.

Tony Buchanan will put a message out to the Eagles Squad to gauge interest.

### ***Junior Hoodies***

Shaun Wheeler indicated that last season this option was popular and he would like to make an offering for the upcoming season.

Tony Buchanan will contact Dynasty for pricing and ascertain a cutt-off date that will allow delivery before Christmas. When this information comes to hand Shaun will take orders thur the junior section.

Action: T Buchanan & S Wheeler

### ***Cookie-Time Fundraiser***

An email was received offering this as a fund raiser. Tony Buchanan stated this might be something suitable for juniors? Shaun Wheeler agreed, but stated there had recently been a cookie-time fundraiser conducted so felt this might be something for the New Year.

Action: S Wheeler

### ***PlayHQ Support Sessions***

Tony Buchanan indicated Otago Cricket had sent the Club correspondence regarding these sessions. It was agreed they should be advertised to members via club website and facebook.

Action: T Buchanan

### ***OCA Community Training***

Tony Buchanan stated correspondence from Otago Cricket requesting a date/venue for them to hold this umpire training session for club members.

After a short discussion it was agreed that Wednesday 12 November 2025 from 5.30pm in the clubrooms was suitable.

Action: T Buchanan

### ***Third Grade Bye***

Scott McCormack requested that Otago Cricket be approached requesting that Albion Kilda have a bye on 8 November 2025.

Action: T Buchanan

### ***Club Security***

Michael Sumner stated that Bottle-O had an analogue security system that he was prepared to donate to the club to help increase club security. Michael stated he will speak with AEC regarding installation and setup of this equipment.

Action: M Sumner



**Grant Application**

The Albion Cricket Club (Inc) Committee resolved to apply to Grassroots Trust Ltd for funding towards team affiliation fees for 12 junior cricket teams and three adult cricket teams for the amount of \$10,000.00 (GST exclusive)

No Committee member declared any conflict of interest in this motion.

Moved: T Buchanan/G Ford - carried

**Club Historian**

Brian Dixon stated that he wished to move forward on the recording and decision making regarding memorabilia and other items that may be passed to the Hocken Library.

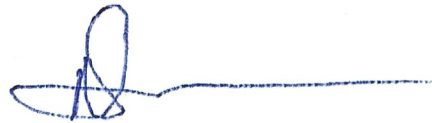
Brian requested some assistance with this – Jim Todd stated he would help.

There being no further business, the Club President declared the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

The date of the next committee meeting will be advised in due course.



Tony Buchanan  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Albion Cricket Club



Michael Sumner  
President  
Albion Cricket Club

Dated: 13 - 10 - 25