



# Princes Risborough Cricket Club

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## MINUTES of Annual General Meeting held in the Pavilion on Friday 26 October 2007

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The meeting, attended by the Chairman, President and 3 other members, was opened and immediately adjourned after unanimously agreeing the following motion:

*'That, in view of the proximity of the Annual Dinner / Dance, it is appropriate to defer the main business of the Annual General meeting to a later date. This meeting will therefore be adjourned and resumed at 8.00 p.m. on Friday 16 November 2007 when the remainder of this agenda will be considered.'*

### Friday 16 November 2007

**Present:** S Greaves (Chairman), M Witney (President), Mrs R Witney, C Williams, A Sheldon, F Spencer, R Griffin, G Pitt, K Dodds, N Thomas, P Bhattacharya, A Hitchcock, M Fields, R Nunn & J Bushby

1. **Apologies for Absence** A Morton, G Bushby, J Witney

2. **Minutes of the 2006 AGM:** minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 October 2006 were confirmed and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:** there were no matters arising.

4. **Executive Committee Report:** the report was accepted.

#### 5. **Hon. Treasurer's Report**

Statement attached to minutes. The Chairman reported that once again finances were satisfactory. Particular points mentioned were:

- The balance sheet included a creditor of £1,750 for post-season ground work done but not yet invoiced to the Club

- Bar sales were down because of the prolonged atrocious weather during a main part of the season.

The overall margin achieved (a gross profit rate of 53%) was higher than the previous year. The Club owed thanks to Mike Witney for taking over responsibility for ordering and controlling the stock.

- Although expenditure, at just over £12,000, was higher than in 2006 the increased was planned and included payment for a large amount of fencing, new gates and replacing the rear door and windows to the pavilion.

The report was adopted.

#### 6. **100 Club Report**

Frank Spencer reported that following the sad death of Don Dexter the 100 Club had been restructured and it was now starting to make money after introducing a rollover of prize money. Membership was now at 68 and it was thought that the optimum would be about 75-80 members.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Frank for taking this on.

#### 7. **Bar Report**

Mike Witney reported that the figures were good despite wastage of draught beer caused by the poor weather. He was now stocking more locally produced draught, which was available in smaller containers, and this should reduce the problem.

There was a need for more assistance with the bar on match days and it might be worthwhile resuming the practice of a bar duty rota.

#### 8. **Cricket**

(i) **Report of Captains:** The 1<sup>st</sup> XI had struggled partly because the bad weather had tended to affect matches against the weaker teams in the division. A very pleasing development was the return of Paul Strong who had taken the batting trophy.

Despite finishing low down the list the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI policy of playing the better youngsters as far as possible was starting to show pay off.

(ii) **Junior Cricket:** It was pleasing to report that both the numbers and quality were good.

- Our team in the U-13 league was essentially made up of under-12s and so would have most of its players for 2008. They had played 5 (of 7 scheduled) and won 1.

- For 2008 Andy Hitchcock was looking to run 3 groups if possible

- One nominee for Bucks U-10 did not make the final squad although 4 had gone into the district squad.

- The President commented that it was pleasing to note the number of members who were obtaining ECB coaching qualifications, encouraged by the Committee.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Andy Hitchcock for his work in organising the juniors.

#### 9. **Ground Report**

Andy Sheldon reported that the ground had done very well considering the dreadful weather conditions encountered in a large part of the 2007 season. All close season work had been done, but it was clear that the wicket covers would need new wheels.



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Established before 1837

Chairman: S Greaves

Affiliated to The Club Cricket Conference, The Buckinghamshire County Cricket Board, The Bucks County Cricket Association and Members Of The Oxford Times Cherwell League

## 10. Hon Fixture Secretary's Report

In the absence of the Fixture Secretary the Chairman reported a satisfactory year. Over recent years the pattern had changed with most fixtures dictated by the League and Sunday fixtures usually arranged once sufficient availability was likely.

The Club had made the ground available for 3 Bucks colts' games (2 played) and feedback from Bucks CB rated us highly. The Club was looking to stage a match for an older age group; Bucks CB was in favour although this would be a 2-day match and we needed to ensure that we could make the necessary arrangements.

For the first time this year we had also hosted a Bucks Over-50s match and they too were keen to return in 2008.

## 11. Welfare Report

John Bushby reported that, although arrangements were generally working well and there had been comparatively little activity needed in 2007, the ECB requirement that clearances be renewed every 3 years had caused some problems, as the forms had not always been issued automatically. Changes in the system were on the horizon and these should make things less bureaucratic.

Although all this administration was a chore the Club had to do these things properly as there would be severe consequences if things went wrong with our juniors and we had not taken all reasonable steps to limit the possibility of this happening. All members were asked to cooperate to do this.

## 12. Election of Officers:

The following were elected en bloc:

|   |              |                          |                |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>President</b>                          | Mr M Witney  | <b>Chairman</b>          | Mr S Greaves   |
| <b>Hon Secretary</b>                      | Mr D Wallace | <b>Hon Treasurer</b>     | Mrs M Spencer  |
| <b>Bar Secretary</b>                      | Mr F Spencer | <b>Fixture Secretary</b> | Mr G Evans     |
| <b>Membership &amp; Welfare Secretary</b> | Mr J Bushby  | <b>Colts' Secretary</b>  | Mr A Hitchcock |
| <b>Social Secretary</b>                   | Mr K Dodds   | <b>Ground Secretary</b>  | Mr A Sheldon   |

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| <b>Captain 1st XI</b>       | <i>Vacant – to be filled by Committee.</i>  |
| <b>Captain 2nd XI</b>       | Mr M Fields   |
| <b>Captain (Midweek)</b>    | <i>The Committee recommendation that these positions be left vacant to allow a number of players to gain experience of captaincy was adopted.</i> |
| <b>Captain Sunday XI</b>    |   |
| <b>Executive Committee:</b> | Mr G Pitt; Mr D Rutland; Mr N Thomas, Mr P Green  |

## 13. Election of Hon Life Members and Vice Presidents

In recognition of his services to the Club, Mr D Wallace was elected to Honorary Life Membership. It was also agreed that Mr T Franks be invited to become a Vice President of the Club and that other existing Vice Presidents be re-elected.

## 14. Subscriptions and Match Fees:

The Executive Committee recommendations as follows were agreed:

### Subscriptions

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| Senior Playing Members: £75 [If paid after 31 <sup>st</sup> May £90]; | Students over 18 years           | £25  |
| Associate Members: £20;   | Junior Playing Members up to 18: | £5 † |
| Non Playing Members: £10;   | Family Members                   | £15  |

**Match Fees** Senior Playing Members £7.00 (2<sup>nd</sup> game same weekend £3.00);

Junior Playing Members £2.00 † † charges for juniors playing in adult matches

## 15. Any Other Business

- Indoor Nets - The Chairman reported these would run for 10 weeks commencing 10 February, 2 hours with the first hour reserved for colts.
- League Cup – the Cherwell League had mooted a cup competition for 2008. This had not been thought through
- Annual Quiz would take place on 1 March – J Weston needed someone to co-ordinate arrangements for that day.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)