

Minutes of AGM

Exwick Sports Hub

8pm Monday 26th September 2022

1. Apologies and minutes

- Jamie Withers (covid)
- Barbara
- Phil Byalik
- Paul Knott.
- No minutes from last year provided by Dan when he stepped down as secretary.

2. Chairman's Report

Well, what an amazing season 2022 turned out to be. Firstly, a very big Thank you to Simon, Kate and all those who helped with the 'All Stars' what an amazing effort that was, over 30 children ages 5 – 8 having a wonderful time.

The ladies Softball team had another amazing season, with some great improvements being made, thanks to Paul Mackie in the absence of Steve Forbes (who I am glad to see is now back his normal good self) helped coach the ladies to achieve their goals. I won't mention the P Team!

The Jokers another innovation this season, the mid-week 20/20 friendly games which benefitted everyone in the club, so a big Thank You to Vic Murphy for his efforts.

The 2nds had a mixed season, but still enjoyable and it was good to see many of you improving your cricket and helping out the 1sts when asked.

What can I say about the 1sts that hasn't already been said, a great effort by everyone involved, to go through the season and only lose 4 games was an amazing achievement, not only securing promotion but winning the league as well.

I will cover more on this at the upcoming Presentation Night, which I am sure we are all looking forward to.

We have done a lot for the club this year, acquiring more groundwork kit, and continued in our efforts to keep the club moving forward. Again, a BIG Thank You to Simon, Sean, Tom and everyone who helped with the ground this year. We all benefit from their efforts.

We must not sit on our laurels now, we cannot waste all the good work done this year, I am sure if we can keep the majority of the players we had this season, the 1sts will be able to hold their own and the 2nds will continue to improve.

Finally, from me a Very Big Thank You to Simon, for all of his efforts this year, he has put in mega hours for your benefit, we owe him a great deal.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Presentation Night, where I am sure there will be some surprises & Laughs, it promises to be a great night

3. Secretary's report

- Thanks to all the club members who have made this the best season at Exwick Cricket Club.
- Allstars was a hugely enjoyable success bringing new people into the club and the club to new parts of the community.
- Celebrating with the 1sts (almost) every week has been a terrific boost for the club's morale.
- The seconds have encompassed our inclusive spirit and been a mix of experience and new/developing players
- Jokers has been a fantastic success and brought back former players, youngsters and people who can't play on weekends.
- Last season at the AGM the prospect of losing the 2nd team was discussed.
- This year we have recruited
 - 16 new hardball players
 - 14 social players jokers
 - Ladies have 12 regular softball players
 - We had 6 under 18s playing this season at different time for the first time in a very long time.
- Thank to everyone who helped with the grounds – a real team effort.
- We finished last year as one of the worst clubs in Devon for short sides. The whole season this year we have not has a single short game!
- In the Sustainability Survey we were nearly bottom of the league, we have significantly improved. We are *the* team of the Devon cricket league this year. They are impressed with what we have achieved. We were likely to go out of existence if the decline had continued.

4. Treasurers Report

- Balance £8891.95
- Accounts not audited yet but will be done by Robin shortly. Thanks to Barbara on behalf of the club.

5. Change to Committee Structure

- As the club develops and changes it is important the committee structure is updated to reflect the current makeup of the club.
- Proposed additions
 - Ladies Softball Captain
 - Jokers Captain
 - Media and Marketing Officer
 - 2 x Player Reps, one of Men and one for Women.
 - Taking off the fixtures secretary and making it a subcommittee, becomes a group job,

Adopted

6. Election of Committee

- President - Phil Byalik - happy to stand but will have to resign if we go ahead with the plans for the pavilion at the club. Paul Knott will be in support but will not be able to vote on any planning applications.
- Chair – Ray Lloyd
- Secretary – Simon Hukku
- Treasurer – Barbara Skidmore
- Welfare Office – Kate Le Maux
- Media & Marketing Officer – Michael Nunns
- Mens Player Rep – Keith Warren
- Ladies Player Rep – Lucy Oxer
- 1st XI Captain – Jamie Withers
- 1st XI Vice Captain – Michael Nunns
- 2nd XI Captain – Tom Cox
- 2nd XI Vice Captains – Jamie Rose / Rudi Ellis
- Ladies Captain - Kate Le Maux
- Social Captain – Vic Murphy

Committee officials were proposed and seconded. **Adopted**

7. Safeguarding policy (appendix 1)

- New safeguarding policy created by Kate Le Maux. Proposed by Ray Lloyd and seconded by Lucy Oxe – **Adopted.**

8. Fees

- Match fees – proposed decrease from £6 to £5 for adults and £3 for Youth for ease of payment in cash. **Adopted.**
- Annual Membership - proposed increase on annual membership fees to the following
 - Full Hardball - £50
 - Full Softball - £25
 - Youth Hardball - £25
 - Youth Softball - £10
 - Social - £5

Adopted

All players must be paid members of one sort or another. Socials members may play up to 3 league games during a season to without upgrading membership to a full membership. Suggestion was made to open membership payments early and let members pay in instalments due to cost-of-living crisis. **Simon to Investigate Options**

9. Equipment Update – This year we have gained

- A New Scarifier – Thanks to Mark @Fix247
- New Roller – Thanks to Tony Rowe (£5k) and Mrs Chairman (£1500)
- Two batting cages
- More ground equipment

10. Training Update

- Indoor training at West Exe – this was discussed with Steve and his opinion is he can do more in the hall at West Exe. He has plans for the sessions. Also, as it worked so well for local recruitment last year this will be the plan again. £3 a head for adults indoor training. £1 for juniors. 90-minute sessions include setup and breakdown time. 7 weeks on Wednesday evenings 1945-2115 starting 15th Feb.
- Would suggest if groups want to use the University nets as some have done in the past Sunday morning is a good time and costs about £9 a lane an hour.
- Outdoor training – free group sessions and Steve will be offering more focused 1-to-1 sessions as well.
- The new, more secure batting cage will be on the square next season for us and to be allowed for public use - anyone free in February to come and build it!

11. Grounds Update

- Square has been loamed and reseeded. Green netting is gone. And replaced with a blue rope around it to mark off the square. Thank you for the 6 volunteers on Saturday lugging 1 tonne of loam around and to Nick Forbes for advising us so we know what we are doing! Hopefully will be grassy for next year.
- Ground development. Rugby training lines have been painted too close to the square. We have asked for them to be moved back where they were last year. Ray and Simon sit on the Exwick Sports Hub Advisory Board with representatives from rugby, football, tennis, the council and the college. Ray, Simon and Paul met with Rob Bosworth and Steve Strang from the college. They are keen to support the cricket club and want us to develop. They are planning to knock down old rugby changing room building and replace with a new one. Had planned to include cricket pavilion and balcony but it will be too far away for us as the Environment Agency won't let them build over the flood defence bank.
- Our lease has been approved; the details are almost done now. Our plan is still to knock down the old toilet block and build there. Will probably have to work with the Flow Orchard group with any impacts on the nature garden and bench. We have support from the College, Devon Cricket, the ECB and the Council. Paul Knott is looking at the community hub built at Heavitree and Pinhoe and as we are not on education property, we will be able to have a social bar in the pavilion.

12. League proposals

- Pages and pages of proposals for the league AGM in November. Ray and Simon will attend and report back anything that affects our leagues. Simon can provide the full list of proposals should anyone wish to see them.

13. The future of Exwick CC

- Website – Almost ready.
- App – This year we have persisted with Team App and the Jokers were set up with Pitcheroo. Ladies haven't used Team App really. Next season will use Spond for all teams. More modern app that wasn't available when Team App was launched. Also has the ability to handle payments.
- All Stars will run again
- Dynamos for 8-11 year olds will run for the first time. Likely Friday evening. Would like to get a BBQ and be able to sell burgers and hotdogs etc at these sessions. Will likely require a card machine. Simon to liaise with Barbara for accounting and action.

- Simon has been looking at Membermojo as online membership system. This is the best system, but until we have 100+ members on the books it is not cost effective. Next year will be able to use Spond Club as a membership system.
- Grounds work. Simon is happy to teach anyone who wants to learn skills to help with the grounds work. Gabby is keen to do more again.
- Volunteers are needed for grounds, All Star and Dynamos. Training will be provided!
- Extended the rope around the square to allow a training wicket on the college side of the Astro and a softball wicket on the railway side of the square.
- Ladies Hardball team – some of the ladies softball players would like to be involved in hardball cricket too. Aim to build towards a super 8s hardball team.
- Jokers will play midweek games again which can be more competitive this year while retained the fun nature. Jokers Sunday games will be used as development games to give game time to people not selected on Saturdays, youngsters, new players, ladies who want to experience hardball etc and be fully inclusive and fun friendlies!
- Training area - behind the goals in the hub, in our bit of land, there will be a batting cage and we will cut and roll a strip initially with the plan being to eventually put a permanent strip on it. Steve and Rich Forbes will investigate it and liaise with Simon for the groundwork. Eventually would like two or three all-weather strips and nets there.
- Ladies will play winter league indoor this season
- Question was asked regarding the Astro strip and any plans to replace it. Realistically not cost effective to do so, with plans for pavilion taking precedent. Will be lifted and tightened preseason this year by Countrywide Grounds contractors for the college and will try and get it rolled and flattened first. Simon to seek advice from Regional Grounds Advisor.