

HAYFIELD CC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Thursday 9th November 2017

The meeting began by observing a minute's silence in memory of Gordon Hallam, with Huw Davies expressing the Club's sympathies to his family.

Apologies for absence: Peter Easter, Phil Hopwood, Richard Noakes

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Approved. No matters arising.

Proposed: Glenn Reynolds. Seconded: Bill Higginbottom.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Huw Davies reported that although the organisation of the Club was fairly informal the new structure of running the club primarily through 4 sub-committees seemed to be working fairly well, with the senior cricket sub-committee naturally sitting at the heart of this. Comprised of the current captains and vice captains, and senior ex-players, this group was over-seeing such matters as the recruitment and selection of players; transmission of players from the junior to senior teams; and engaging the players in the wider running of the Club.

A notable feature of the 2017 season had been that the Club had engaged its first overseas player, and the Club was indebted to Helen and Bill Higginbottom for accommodating him for his stay in the UK.

On the field, it had been a rather mixed season, with the First XI finishing 5th in the First Division. The first half of the season, in particular, had been very mixed but the team had then won the majority of its matches in the second half of the season quite convincingly, but lost a couple due to the weather.

It was also encouraging to see 7 or 8 home grown players coming up into the Second XI from the junior ranks.

The junior arm of the club also continued to be a great success story in its own right, with a number of both boys and girls representing Derbyshire. The Club was in fact very well represented at County level for one of its size, with over 6 representatives on various County junior teams.

As ever, the Club continued to be indebted to various local businesses for their support, with the season's main sponsor again being Henderson Stocktakers. And for the first time, every single match and match ball throughout the season had been sponsored.

Fund raising was an ongoing challenge, and a highlight of the year had been the fashion shows, for which huge thanks were due to Christine, Sue and Helen for making them such a great success. The Cricket Fest day had also been another major success, as had hosting the Hawke Trophy Final.

The Club was also currently in the running for a potentially significant grant from the Aviva Community Fund into which a number of people had put in much hard work.

The ground itself had stood up well to over forty matches during the year. A new cage had been bought with funds raised by the fashion shows. The pavilion had received a makeover, although there was still more work required on the railings and some other parts of the ground, all of which was an ongoing task.

Overall, the success and continuing existence of the Club was the result of the efforts of many people who continued to support it actively, for which great thanks were due, but to safeguard the Club's future there was a constant need for more people to become involved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the continuing absence of a permanent new Treasurer, Gareth Davies was continuing to look after the club's finances and presented the accounts.

As reported by HD, the fashion shows had been a great success financially raising nearly £1,400. The Sportsman's Dinner had also raised about £1,200 although attendance had been rather disappointing in comparison with previous years.

Looking forward, the Club was set to go into 2018 with funds of about £4,000 in its account but, as ever, there would be various calls on that during the coming year. These were likely to include such matters as the need for either a new electronic scoreboard, or at least refurbishment of the existing scoreboard and hut; a new junior coaching structure; improved playing facilities; and ongoing maintenance and improvement work on the ground and facilities.

BH commented that current income predictions might prove to be rather conservative because the pavilion was being used quite extensively and seemed likely to be an increasing source of income. The accounts overall were approved.

Proposed: Huw Davies. Seconded: Glenn Reynolds.

SENIOR TEAMS' REPORT

Anthony Ebbrell reported that it had been a tough season for the First XI with the availability of players a continuing problem throughout. The team had finished 5th in the First Division but should really have been 3rd to reflect its true ability. It had also reached the T20 Finals but had unfortunately then been defeated. Another low point had been losing twice at Dove Holes.

Despite that there had been many great individual performances during the year, and all the players had contributed to such success as the team had enjoyed.

EB went on to thank Huw and Glenn for all their hard work on the ground, which was a great credit to them and probably the best in the League. Great thanks were also again due to Helen and all the tea ladies, although as ever they were always in need of more help, and to Phil for keeping the bar stocked and all his other work.

Going forward the team was determined to aim higher and improve its results.

The Second XI had unfortunately not had a great season, with only two wins resulting eventually in relegation. It had frequently been necessary to field teams with several junior players, although they had always demonstrated great enthusiasm and skill for their ages, with performances of particular note from a number of individuals.

Next year there was a need to consolidate and be re-promoted.

Juniors' Section

Richard Noakes reported on another successful year for the Club's junior players. The U11s won 7 of 9 games and finished South Division runners up; the U13s also won 7 of their 9 fixtures, making them South Division champions; the U15s won 4 of 7 and finished 3rd; and the U17s ended up 5th in their League after winning 5 of their 10 games. The U11 and U13 coaching sessions continued to be well attended, with the Friday evening sessions generating significant funds for the Club. The juniors were also providing the Second XI with several players on a regular basis, and a number of players in several age groups had represented Derbyshire County and High Peak District teams.

Girl's Section

Mark Peacock reported that 2017 had been another good year for the girls' section at Hayfield CC with teams at U11 and U13's competing in competitions in Derbyshire and Cheshire. There had been more than 20 girls training every Friday night, and 3 girls had qualified to represent Derbyshire County teams at U13 and U17 levels.

ELECTION OF CAPTAINS AND OFFICERS

1st XI: Anthony Ebbrell was re-elected unopposed as 1st XI captain (*proposed: Julian Burgess; seconded: Steve Farmer*).

George Wood was re-elected unopposed as vice-captain (*proposed: Anthony Ebbrell; seconded: Russ Evans*).

2nd XI: Max Richardson was elected unopposed as 2nd XI captain (*proposed: Dave Aldridge; seconded: Bill Higginbottom*).

Joel Coverley was elected unopposed as vice-captain (*proposed; Glenn Reynolds; seconded: Antony Ebbrell*).

Junior captains

The following were elected unopposed:

U11: **Russell Evans**

U13: **Giles Wyatt**

U15: **Anthony Ebbrell**

U17: **Richard Noakes**

The following officers were elected/re-elected unopposed, with Glenn Reynolds stepping down from the role of President after nine years. In recognition of his invaluable service to the Club, Huw Davies proposed that he be made a Life Member, which was unanimously approved.

President: Bill Higginbottom elected unopposed.

Proposed: Huw Davies; seconded: Antony Ebbrell.

Chairman: Huw Davies re-elected unopposed.

Proposed: Steve Farmer; seconded: Bill Higginbottom.

Treasurer: Gareth Davies elected unopposed

Proposed: Huw Davies; seconded: Iain Fraser.

Secretary: Iain Fraser re-elected unopposed.

Proposed: Huw Davies; seconded: Bill Higginbottom.

Junior Co-ordinator: Richard Noakes re-elected unopposed

Girl's Representative: Mark Peacock re-elected unopposed

Child Welfare Officer: Deborah Shaw

Auditor: Axis Corporate Solutions Ltd to be retained for a further year.

The **Management Committee** for 2018 will consist of the above-mentioned officers and the team captains, plus **Paul Coverley, Dave Higginbottom, and Phil Hopwood**. **Ed Yardley was standing down due to other commitments and HD thanked him for his great contribution to the Club over the years.**

OFFICIAL AWARDS

Henderson's Stocktaking Sportsman of the Year: **Helen Higginbottom**

Ian Wood Performance of the Year: **Gareth Davies and Jim Anderson (shared)**

Arthur Lowe Trophy: **Gareth Davies**

Peter Allen Batting Award: **George Wood**

Ron Heron Bowling Award: **Jim Adamson**

Brian Waddington Memorial Trophy: **Russ Evans**

Hayfield Fielding Shield: **Anthony Ebbrell**

Ian Simpson Cup [Best Junior in Senior Cricket]: **Elliott Brownsword and Sam Bickley (shared)**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tom Miller asked if consideration could be given to moving the defibrillator outside, so as to be accessible to those using the ground when the pavilion was not open. It was agreed that the management committee would look into this.

Ed Yardley asked whether it was intended to recruit another overseas player for 2018. HD explained that this was under consideration and would be discussed further by the senior committee. The general consensus was that the introduction of the Club's first overseas player in 2017 had been a successful first venture.

Julian Burgess enquired about the possibility of occasional Sunday games for those who might be interested in less competitive cricket, possibly playing some of the smaller villages. HD promised that this would be pursued through the cricket committee.

MEETING CLOSED 8.10pm

28 in attendance

Iain Fraser
Secretary