



Mere Cricket Club Annual General Meeting

8 November 2011

Held at the Prince of Wales Social Club, Mere.

10 members present (Apologies from: J Gould, D Weir, G Ings, D Rutherford)

	<p><u>Actions from last meeting</u></p> <p>KW to investigate Ranston League. KW had not spoken to anyone at the Ranston League but was due to be at a meeting with Colin Moore on 9/11 and would find out more then. It appears from what he has found out that there were 2 leagues of 6 this year, meaning 10 midweek games. Some teams were based some way out and travelling could be an issue. Would also mean we would probably have to drop some of the existing midweek fixtures. Most comments indicated that we would prefer not to drop existing teams. KW will report to committee at the January meeting to make a decision then</p>	
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Introduction</u></p> <p>Mark Cassidy thanked everyone for attending. Last year was a successful year results wise in the league and we were well captained by Matt Pitts. MP contribution to the development of the club was appreciated over the 3 years he has led the side and his captaincy would be missed next year as he steps down from the captain's role.</p> <p>Four youth age groups were entered in competition this year and they all seemed to be enjoying their cricket both at matches and in training. Many thanks to all the coaches, Mark, Becky, Kevin, Mike, Mike, Bryan, and to the others who have helped out, Sean, Jason and Nicky for all their efforts.</p> <p>Thanks also to Mike and Nick for scoring and umpiring, having scorers and umpires does make a huge difference to the overall enjoyment of the match for all concerned. Thanks to KW for arranging fixtures and to BY for his fastidious control of the clubs finances.</p> <p>Big thanks to Mark Williams for all his work on the pitch this year, we've seen another improvement in the quality of the playing surface. Final thanks go to the wives and girlfriends for helping out, whether it be with teas or clearing up or just watching.</p> <p>MC then looked forward to next year when issues such as sponsorships, bringing in more players for more fixtures, the website, fundraising and continuous improvement would be on the agenda. Now we have completed the initial stages of setting up the club we need to start laying the foundations for the longer terms and ensuring that the youth players we are currently nurturing continue to stay with Mere and play cricket here for years to come.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Secretary's Report</u></p> <p>KW apologised for the lack of committee meetings this year. KW reported that Thornford have withdrawn from the league which will now be 10 teams for 2012. KW has offered Thornford a friendly fixture which they have accepted in principle but are yet to set a date. League fixtures have been set on alternate Sundays from 29 April. Same friendlies are planned as last year adding Sixpenny Handley, Steeple Langford, Compton Chamberlain, Chilmark and Motcombe, all to be confirmed. The Fathers day lads v dads game had a mixed response from the meeting. The idea of getting parents down and involved was good, but it was felt that the game was too unstructured and needed better organising. It was suggested that it might be an idea to have the game on a weekday evening. No firm guidance was given by the meeting, KW will arrange date depending on other fixture arrangements. It was suggested Midweek games against Port Rejects, Witham Friary and Gillingham masters are added to the midweek fixture list. See also comments above re Ranston League. Mike G suggested a team from his old school Christ's Hospital might be available for a game when they visited the area in late June. MG to advise KW of date.</p> <p>It was suggested we should try and organise some juniors games during the summer holidays, KW to look into.</p> <p>KW reported that with regret owing to work commitments and living out of the area John</p>	

	<p>Gould would be unable to continue in the fundraising role. JG had also said that he would hand over the website details as required.</p> <p>KW is prepared to stand again as Secretary but would happily stand down.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Treasurers Report</u></p> <p>BY presented accounts for 2011.</p> <p>Income totalled £2330: Junior income was down on the previous year, numbers were slightly down and no match fee was charged. The biggest missing item was the racenight which meant we missed out on £1630 compared to the previous year. Walnut Christmas draw raffle added £244, thanks to Mark for running that. Expenditure came in at £3481 with exception spending on grounds equipment and juniors kit. Overall the balance went from £1950 to £798.</p> <p>The forecast for 2012 showed the club could break even if student and social membership increased to £15, we charged students for playing in T20 matches and charged £1 for juniors playing in matches. MC said that the football club charge juniors £2 per match and no-one has a problem with paying this.</p> <p>All agreed BY's proposals for 2012 funding be approved namely:</p> <p>Senior membership fee: £30</p> <p>Student/Social membership fee: £15</p> <p>Junior membership fee: £5</p> <p>Sunday Senior match fee: £5</p> <p>Sunday Student match fee: £3</p> <p>Twenty20 Senior / Student £3</p> <p>Junior match fee: £2</p> <p>KW proposed acceptance of the accounts and recommended changes, seconded by MC.</p> <p>MW presented costing for a reconditioned roller at £5,000. The costs range from this to £8,000. It was agreed the club should investigate grants for a potential purchase. AGM agreed to delegate this to MC/BY/KW to research grant options.</p> <p>MW to talk to bowls club re borrowing a vertical spiker.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Club Captain's Report</u></p> <p>Results-wise this was the best season for Mere in the league to achieve 3rd out of 11 and to beat the two teams who finished 1st and second, so morally we won the league. The fielding this year was a vast improvement on previous and we had some spectacular games, especially the game against Buckhorn Weston which was something else. Duncan Weir came in and made a big difference this year making big runs when it mattered, a class act. It was also nice to beat our near neighbours Kilmington. MP confirmed he will not be standing as captain for 2012 and wished to thank everyone who has played over the last few years.</p> <p>MP finished by adding his thanks to NR and MG for scoring and umpiring this season.</p> <p>MG commented that he felt MP had done a fantastic job and was a great skipper and ambassador for the game</p>	
5.	<p><u>Junior Section Report</u></p> <p>Under 9's MW: Their first season was good fun, if sometimes tough trying to keep them interested. PotY Cameron Heard</p> <p>Under 11's BY: Run very competently by Becky they had an excellent season finishing 3rd in their league. Games were played in a good spirit and the team has several good youngsters. PotY Danny Harkin</p> <p>Under 13's KW: Great team efforts in every game where even the less able players always contributed. Always fielded well as a team and the batting had a bit more steel in it than in previous years. Almost always were able to compete with the opposition. BatotY George Cassidy, BowlotY Danny Harkin</p> <p>Under 15's MG: Proud of the lads that they managed to put out a side every week and always tried really hard, even though they were sometimes really heavily beaten. Short on talent, but more than made up for it with enthusiasm. MG also wanted to thank the parents who also showed great spirit and attitude. MG finished by saying the one kid who really stood out was Adam Brocklehurst who turned out for every game and practice. KW added that special notice and praise should be noted for Michael Catley who helped to draft players in for the side, and Adam who not only captained the side but also did all the ringing round and organising of the team, making sure everyone knew where to be, and also ran training sessions when MG was not able to be there. For a 15 year old he</p>	

	embraced quite a lot of responsibility, and without their efforts there would not have been an under 15 side this year.	
6.	<p><u>Election of Committee for 2011</u> After due deliberation the committee was elected as follows: <u>Chairman</u> Mark Cassidy <u>Vice Chairman</u> Sean Harkin <u>Treasurer</u> Bryan Yeo <u>Secretary</u> Kevin Whitmore <u>Club Captain</u> No nominations – AGM agreed to allow new club committee make this appointment. It was suggested that Duncan Weir and Bryan Yeo would both make good captains. Duncan may not be able to commit to the full captaincy job, but may prefer a on the field captaincy role whilst selection is carried out by others. MC to speak to DW. <u>Midweek Captain</u> Mark Williams <u>Head Groundsman</u> Mark Williams <u>Youth Development Officer</u> No nominations: to be arranged by the new committee. <u>Fund Raising</u> A sub committee of Mark Cassidy, Bryan Yeo, Lewis Wood and Sean Harkin was established to carry out the fund raising work. <u>Welfare Officer</u> Nicky Whitmore</p>	
7.	<p><u>Tour</u> KW reported that KW/BY/Kev Tealey had agreed to organise the tour for 2012, KW doing fixtures, KT doing accommodation. We proposed to arrange a trip to Newquay area of Cornwall. It was agreed not to set up a 'saving club' for the tour.</p>	
8.	<p><u>AOB</u> <u>Nets</u> MP asked if there were any viable alternatives to Warminster given that time slots available are not great. Suggestions of Port Regis, Claysmore (too far?), Bruton, Wincanton were offered. MP will investigate, organise, and advise when he's booked something. <u>Fundraising</u> Race night is a must for 2012. MC/BY/LW/SH will organise and start the ball rolling before Christmas. Gouldy has informed KW that he is happy to pass on details of the sponsors he has been in contact with. MC requested prizes for the Christmas draw the Walnut is running which the club may benefit from. <u>Website</u> MC will talk to Gouldy and the person who developed the Walnut's site to see how best to take this forward.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50