



Mere Cricket Club Annual General Meeting

09 January 2014

Held at the Walnut Tree Inn, Mere.

9 members present (SH,DW,BY,NR,MC,MP,NW,KW,BS) (Apologies from: S Parton)

	Minutes of the last meeting were not read and checked	
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Introduction</u></p> <p>MC welcomed everyone to the meeting thanked everyone for attending. It was another good season to look back on. We had a full fixture list, with thanks to BY for all his hard work there. Juniors had a middling season results wise, and a reasonable turnout. Thanks go to the coaches and NW. It's also good to see some of them coming through into the adult side. The successful grant application was a big highlight. Also big thanks to DW and BS for their efforts on the golf day, raising a substantial amount. We also had a very successful dinner with a record attendance and we now also have a President and Vice-President in place. MC looks forward once again to another successful year next year.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Secretary's Report</u></p> <p>Not much to report by way of correspondence in 2013. Hazelbury Bryan have withdrawn from the league and the format has changed slightly.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Welfare Officer's Report</u></p> <p>There were no incidents that required attention during the summer. No other processes have changed, and nothing else to bring to the attention of the AGM</p>	
4.	<p><u>Treasurers Report</u></p> <p>BY presented accounts for 2013.</p> <p>The overall balance now stands at £2729.47. Senior membership increased from £465 to £540. Due to improved weather and more matches played senior match fees increased from £762 to £890.</p> <p>Junior income was down to £633, numbers attending were slightly down on 2012. Significant decrease in income mainly as a race night was not held and we did not seek local sponsorship.</p> <p>Expenditure was up mainly due to increased expenditure on trophies, coaching courses and mower servicing.</p> <p>BY expected expenditure to be increased in the area of insurance for the new equipment. BY advised that once the roller and covers were bought we would have very little in the account and needed to build up reserves once more. Fundraising should include as a minimum, local business sponsorship, XMAS draw and a comedy/race night at the Walnut.</p> <p>BY recommended maintaining all adult fees for 2014 at the same level as 2013 (i.e Adult full membership £30 & match fee £5, social membership £15 and match fee £3. BY recommended maintaining junior membership at £5 and training and match fees at £2 (increase on match fees from £1). Adoption of accounts and 2014 fees proposal seconded by KW, all in favour.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Club Captain's Report</u></p> <p>DW enjoyed the season again. Results were middling, won a couple of league games quite convincingly but lost 4 others, which was a shame as it would have been good to win a few more. The highlights for DW included Dave Rutherford's 100 at Compton Chamberlain, WBS catch at Chalke Valley and Matt Wakeling's catch at Milton Lodge. Beating Shaftesbury and Buckhorn Weston were particularly satisfying. DW was impressed with WBS, topping the averages and its good to have George and Danny coming through too. Variety of fixtures was good and thanks to Bryan for his work there. Earlstoke and Chalke Valley of the new games stood out in particular. DW feels we could</p>	

	still do with another 3 players or so, for we still struggle to easily fill 11 spaces for many games. DW concluded by saying he was already looking forward to next season	
6.	<p><u>Junior Section Report</u></p> <p>As MC said in his introduction Juniors had a middling to poor season results wise, and a reasonable turnout, possibly a little down on recent years. Thanks go to all the coaches and NW. It's really good to see some of them coming through into the adult side. Efforts to run junior indoor sessions during the winter months were discussed, the best option being to run a session from 5-6 at Wincanton on Thursday evenings before an adult session from 6-7. DW volunteered to help run sessions. BS will book up. KW proposed coaches next year to be MC(U9) KW(U11) BS(U13) DW & BY(U15). Junior coaching to start from 25/4.</p>	BS
7.	<p><u>Election of Committee for 2014</u></p> <p>After due deliberation the committee was elected as follows:</p> <p><u>Chairman</u> Mark Cassidy (proposed KW, seconded SH)</p> <p><u>Vice Chairman</u> Sean Harkin (proposed KW, seconded DW)</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> Bryan Yeo (proposed SH, seconded NR)</p> <p><u>Secretary</u> Nick Ryan (proposed KW, seconded SH)</p> <p><u>Club Captain</u> Duncan Weir (proposed KW, seconded SH)</p> <p><u>Midweek Captain</u> Last years arrangement of allocating a captain on the day worked OK, but the meeting all agreed it would be better to have a local player have the role, however as there are currently no suitable candidates the position will be left open. The committee may fill this position, however, if this does not happen BY will allocate a captain from the players selected.</p> <p><u>Fixtures</u> Bryan Yeo (proposed KW, seconded NR)</p> <p><u>Head Groundsman</u> Matt Pitts (proposed KW, seconded SH)</p> <p><u>Youth Development Officer</u> Kevin Whitmore (proposed MC, seconded SH)</p> <p><u>Welfare Officer</u> Nicky Whitmore (proposed KW, seconded BS)</p>	
8.	<p><u>Club Development</u></p> <p>Back to Cricket: New players always needed. Suggestion was to target former players coming back to cricket. Need ideas how to tap into this market (flyers, open day etc). NR to organise meeting to come up with ideas and a plan. MC to place an advert in the Blackmore Vale for players – to advertise nets in March.</p> <p>Junior winter sessions – see junior section report</p> <p>Fundraising – see Treasurers report</p>	NR MC
9.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>2014 Fixtures: BY advised new fixtures in place vs Steeple Langford, Coombe Bisset and Chilmark. Unfortunately had to drop Chalke Valley owing to clash with 3CL game. 2 free weekends left to fill. BY has tried to keep to one midweek game per week.</p> <p>Social Events: DW has promised to organise a couple of events eg curry night</p> <p>MP will be attending the groundsman course this year</p> <p>Artificial pitch needs work on it to remove wrinkles – MC</p> <p>All agreed to do the Jewsons account – BY to arrange</p>	DW MC BY

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30