

Stewart's Melville Cricket Club

Minute of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 27th November 2018 at Inverleith at 7.30pm.

Present:

J Archer (President) in the chair, B Barclay, J Crispin, R Wilkinson, D Sharkey, G Bissett, E Robertson, L Reilly, S Kerr, A Veitch, A McHoul.

Apologies:

K Richards, F McLeod, V Coltherd, D Gibson, C Wilson, N Leitch, G Ruthven, J Foster.

President's remarks

John Archer gave his report on the past year's activities before he stepped down as President. He said the club was one of the most successful in promoting junior cricket and thanked David Gibson and all the others he involved in the many aspects of the section and that the senior section was benefiting from the participation of juniors coming through. He thanked retiring 1st XI captain Greg Ruthven for getting the team into the top league and managing to keep them there, 2nd XI captain Euan Campbell for his team achieving better than expected results, James Crispin and Euan Robertson for their captaincy of the 3rds and 4ths both of whom had varied results but with good spells each and Jamie Campbell for looking after the Trojans who had a pretty full fixture list. He offered thanks to the administrative team of Secretary Bert Barclay and Treasurer James Crispin and Alan Veitch as scorer and historian and to Willie and Colin in preparing the ground and Denise for making the teas look more appetising than they maybe first appeared.

Minutes of Previous Year's AGM

These had been made available to meeting and were approved. There were no matters arising not otherwise covered on the agenda.

Secretary's Report on Season

Bert Barclay delivered the report on the season's playing activities (attached at Appendix I).

Treasurer's report and Accounts

James Crispin reported that the accounts were broadly similar to the previous year. A small deficit of £132 had arisen against a surplus of £1,635 last year. Total income was £30,234 against £30,384. Adult subscriptions and match fees were up from £3,944 to £6,033 (more games were played with prolonged good weather for the major part of the season). Colts subscriptions were down slightly £7292 to £6,300. Donations and ball sponsorship was similar at £4,583 compared with £4,926. The junior summer camps were a factor source of income again, £7,686 against £7,019. Item sof expenditure were very similar to the previous year £30,366 against £28,749. Expenses for the professional were up by £2,370 due to more expensive flights and some periodic Border Agency costs, but accommodation costs were reduced by £1,630. Reserves totalled £13,177 against £13,309.

Alan Veitch noted the bar distribution figure of £1,425 and queried its basis compared with a total distribution of £9,000 in the FP Club accounts. Bert Barclay advised that the proportions distributed to rugby, cricket and hockey were based mostly in relation to FP Club's view of each club's relative

contribution to bar revenues. The cricket club's share had been increased two years ago but most of the amount generated by the sports sections was attributable to the rugby club and at least until the ladies hockey matches transferred to Peffermill and water based pitches the cricket club would have contributed rather less than the hockey club. Of the total bar revenues a significant proportion was unrelated to the sports clubs activities. It was open to the cricket club to make a case for a greater distribution if ever we thought we could justify it.

Subscriptions

It was agreed to keep subscriptions at existing levels (they were increased last year).

Players: Seniors £160 (including match fees), Reduced rate (students etc) £80.

Colts: Summer season £70, Winter practice £40

Non playing: £10 (mostly collected with ball sponsorship monies)

Election of Office-Bearers:

Honorary President – Mrs Linda Moule (Principal of ESMS)

Honorary Vice-Presidents – J R Wilkinson, E I Adam

President - L Reilly

Vice-President – G Bissett

Secretary – R W Barclay

Treasurer – J R Crispin

J Crispin indicated that he would be taking up a new position in The Hague in Holland with his work from February 2019.

Committee Members:

Captain 1st XI – S Parker

Captain 2nd XI – D Sharkey

Captain 3rd XI – E Robertson

Captain 4th XI – F Laidlaw (Deputy – M Allan)

S A Kerr (Child Protection Officer)

D A Gibson (Junior Convener)

A McHoul

E Campbell

M Miller

It was agreed to elect David Gray, former Principal of ESMS as an Honorary Life Member. On the suggestion of A Veitch it was observed that there were other long serving club members who might appropriately be accorded the same status.

Independent Examiner:

Victor Coltherd was confirmed in this position.

Other Business:

EPL AGM. B Barclay reported on main issues from the recent EPL AGM – (1) coloured clothing not approved for present. SM, Watsonians and Grange preferred whites. Only Carlton had an express preference for coloured gear. The chairman of the EPL advised if a sponsor arrived on the scene (none in prospect) then they may wish to re-visit this but in any event good notice would be given. (2) No change to playing with pink cricket balls. Some said it was difficult to pick up the flight of the ball on the field and that there were issues relating to quality. (3) The competition rules were changed so that the non-fulfilment of a fixture would result in full points being awarded to the opposition. (4) John Blain of Grange asked if the committee had considered re-structuring the league. His suggestion was 8 teams playing two blocks of seven fixtures with four weeks of T20 in between. The chairman said that would require a proposal to the committee and a subsequent vote by the clubs.

East League AGM. B Barclay and J Archer reported on the recent East League AGM. (1) The experimental rule in Division 5 of bowling overs in blocks of 10 would not be extended or repeated. The evidence obtained suggested it did not lead to any material reduction in playing times. (2) The rules would be more stringent in limiting the time of tea intervals to 30 minutes and drink intervals would be banned – drinks would have to be placed on the boundary for access by individual players. (3) A suggested experiment in using pink cricket balls was not endorsed. (4) The participation of teams up for re-election was approved in all cases. (5) The 3rd XI won the fair play award for their league.

Some discussion took place on the merits or otherwise of using the hockey pavilion for teas for matches taking place on the arti.

Playing Facilities: Alan Veitch said he was familiar with the school having long term plans for a redevelopment of Inverleith including the provision of an additional hockey pitch. John Archer responded that he had expressed his concern to the school Bursar of any detriment to the cricket club in terms of the provision of cricket playing facilities.

Edinburgh University CC: Alan Veitch expressed his wish that the club follow up a letter from Edinburgh University Cricket Club seeking a partner cricket club in view of the impending loss of cricket facilities at Peffermill (Letter known to have been sent to a number of clubs). Bert Barclay advised that EUCC's letter had been acknowledged and that the club would respond once they had had the opportunity of considering the request.

It was agreed to seek a meeting with the secretary of EUCC to understand better what they might be looking for.

Recruitment of players: Adam McHoul referred to the prospect of Ben Wilkinson joining the club and undertaking a coaching role particularly with the juniors starting with their winter coaching classes. He hoped this might encourage approaches to more younger cricketers and specifically some of those who had played cricket at SMC but were not currently signed up to the club.

Masterton Trophy: Greg Bissett advised that he continued to be a member of the Masterton Trophy committee and that it would be organised again next season on a similar basis to 2018, eight games leading to semi-finals and a final.

Vote of thanks: Ross Wilkinson expressed the meeting's thanks to John Archer for his time as President of the Club and for chairing the AGM.

Close: The meeting closed at 9pm.

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Report on Season 2018 to the Annual General Meeting

For most of the season 2018 will be remembered for what seemed weeks without any rain although the normality returned in time for August.

1st XI

In league cricket the 1st XI played 16 of 18 scheduled matches winning three, one against Carlton at Grange Loan and two matches, home and away against Glenrothes. The second win against Glenrothes assured us of ninth place in the league ahead of Glenrothes who had failed to win any games to that point. In consequence of their impending relegation Glenrothes failed to fulfil their final two matches and all their league results were expunged in terms of the rules, leaving us with officially one win out of fourteen matches. Both matches v Watsonians were cancelled on account of the weather and ground conditions. Stoneywood Dyce take the place of Glenrothes in the league for next season, four other teams lost more matches than won and you would hope that we could be competitive at least all of these teams next season.

The Masterton Trophy was played with all nine competing teams playing each other followed by semi-finals and a final. In the league stages we had wins against Edinburgh Accies and Musselburgh and tied with Edinburgh but failed to win any of our five matches against Premier League opposition finishing in sixth place.

One of our best performances was against Ferguslie in the Scottish Cup in Paisley where we scored 178 for 8 batting first ultimately losing by six wickets to a team that won the Western Union and reached the final of the Scottish Cup.

Three South Africans led the 1st XI run scoring – Shaylen Pillay 536 runs at an average of 23.3; Hayden Sweet 474 runs at an average of 20.6 and Kyle McCallum 342 runs at 26.3. Best of those with a local accent was Kris Steel scored 329 runs at an average of 19.4. The leading wicket takers were Hayden Sweet with 28; Tom Hilton 27 and Shaylen Pillay with 20. Shaylen Pillay was most economical with 3.77 followed by Greg Ruthven 4.79 and Hayden Sweet 4.92.

2nd XI

Of the senior teams the 2nd XI probably exceeded pre season expectations. Having been promoted to East Division 1 last season they won 9 games and lost 8 to finish in fourth place in a very competitive league. The wins included Heriot's who won the league and Marchmont who finished 3rd. They had three outstanding contributors with the bat – Ralph Giraudeau 369 runs at an average of 33.5; Ally Armstrong 338 runs at 56.3 and Mark Burgess 329 at 32.9. Ralph Giraudeau also took most wickets with 31; Vishal Shah had 22; Ranji Augustine 18 and Brad Power 17. Vishal had an economy rate of 2.35 and Brad 2.92.

3rd XI

The 3rd XI in East Division 6 as usual seemed to suffer from call offs in the 1sts and 2nds finishing with 6 wins and 9 losses from 15 games played for 7th place out of nine teams. Victor Coltherd was the leading run scorer with 435 runs at an average of 48.3 - sufficient to make him leading run scorer in the league. Sasi Sukamur scored 294 at 36.8. James Crispin was third with 174 runs at 19.3.

Forbes Bell had the distinction of scoring a rare century for the club this season, 103 no v MDAFS. The leading bowlers were Deepu Sudha with 23 wickets and Ben Jamieson with 17.

4th XI

The 4th XI in East Division 7 won 7 and lost 7 of 14 games played finishing 6th of the 13 teams in the league. Eight players scored more than 100 runs for the 4s, top scorer was Cammy Dean with 373 at 53.2 including 106 v Musselburgh while Ed Kelman in his only appearance scored 129 v Carlton 5s. Raza Hayat was leading wicket taker with 14 at 14.5.

Trojans and Junior XI

In the East Sunday Development league we won 5 out of 6 games played for second place although developing young players rather than achieving a high league placing was the intention of this league.

The Trojans (Midweek team) played 13 matches winning 8 and losing 5 against such varied opposition as the School 2s/3s, the Rugby Club, Eccentric Flamingoes, Whighams Wine Bar, Watsonians and Grange. The defeats included the Rugby Club and Whighams ! For the midweek XI Harry Johnstone had a succession of good scores including a 63, 25 no, 21 no, and 21.

Junior Section

The Junior section had another jam packed season. Between under 12s, under 14s and under 16s 51 matches were played, 32 wins being recorded, 17 losses and 2 matches tied. The under 16s had a 7-2 success record and the under 14Bs an 8-1 success record. Under 10s played in 6 local festivals with a further 4 being rained off either end of the dry spell. In addition 92 boys and girls between 5 and 8 years old registered for "All Stars" cricket and 14 girls matches were played.

Womens Cricket

Lastly, our Womens combination team with Edinburgh South CC in their first season won the Scottish Women's Premier League title with a 4-1 record.