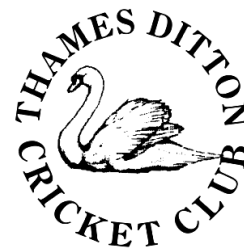


THAMES DITTON CRICKET CLUB

Founded: 1833

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2021 Autumn Annual General Meeting

Minutes from Sunday 28th November 2020, 12.00pm at the Clubhouse and via video conference

Present

Club Officers:

President: St. John Farley (SF)

Chairman: Pat Kennedy (PK)

Honorary Secretary: Geoff Dryden (GD)

Honorary Treasurer: Geoff Opie (GO)

1st Team Captain: Chris Dixon (CsD)

Club Captain: Andy Lessiter (AL)

Colts Manager: Jonathan Sealy (JS)

Colts Deputy Manager: Jon Buckley (JB)

Fixtures Secretary: Oliver Park (OP)

Bar Manager: Mike Dixon (MD)

Amenities Manager: Chaz Dixon (CzD)

Trustees:

Geraint Morgan (GM)

13 other Club Members:

David Morgan (DM), Francois Piriou (FP), Nad Ahmed, Mak Gill, Matt Smith, Steve Chalk, Aiden Miller, Al Wright, Daniel Kennedy (DK), Eddy Hogg (EH), Jilesh Patel, Rob Cleote (RC), Dave Haizelden (DH), Sampad Sengupta (SS).

Open the Meeting

GD opened the AGM and thanked Club members who had attended in person or online.

PK asked the membership to stand and observe a minute's silence in remembrance of the Club members who have passed in the previous year.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Edwin Glasgow (Trustee), Sue Clarke, John Mottram, Andy Cassie, David Swaine and Jonathan Annable.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 2020 Autumn AGM were circulated in advance of the meeting and agreed as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by David Morgan, seconded by Chris Dixon, and unanimously accepted by the AGM.

Matters Arising

None

Address from the Club Captain

AL thanked the committee and players for their assistance since he had taken over the Club Captain role mid-season following Justin Pretorius moving away from the area, and presented outgoing 1st XI captain Chris Dixon with a memento in recognition of his successful time in the role.

AL talked through the respective seasons for each of the senior sides, and announced the changes to team captains for 2022 as already agreed with senior playing membership. Jonny Annable will take over as 1st XI captain, Sampad Sengupta as 3rd XI, and Mike Dixon as Sunday captain. Amrik Natt and Mak Gil remain as 2nd and 4th team captains respectively.

AL read out a statement from Jonny Annable who was unable to attend the AGM, and spoke about proposed sending for the 2022 season. This will include Verti Draining to improve the quality of the outfield, new covers and new ropes and posts to protect the square, and the provision of senior coaching from Rikki Clarke's academy which would be included with the annual subscriptions fees.

MD asked about the possibility for kit bag storage areas at the Club to help keep the changing rooms clear and clean, and AL confirmed the committee intend develop facilities to provide that in the coming seasons.

MD thanked AL for his efforts and success as Club Captain since stepping in following Justin's departure.

Address from the Colts' Manager

JS explained the current set up of age groups and teams in the Colts' section, which now has a membership of 440 players, and noted that much of this success has been reliant on the planning and organisation of Jon Buckley. PK also thanked JB on behalf of the Club for scale of the role he has taken on.

JS and congratulated Jilesh Patel for his success running a very large group and winning their age group competition, which included teams from some of the strongest clubs across Surrey. JS also thanked all the age group managers, Mike Dixon for the successful running of Friday evening bar which are very popular with Colts' parent, Fiona Rassenburg in her role as Colts Membership secretary Gavin Stern for all his help running the Club website.

Main issue for the Colts' further development remain sourcing sufficient space and pitches for training and matches, but noted that Winter nets were already in progress, and the Club's Girls' teams are expanding and improving. Overall it has been a very successful year for the Colt's section in what has remained a difficult operating environment post-COVID restrictions.

CzD asked if the Club has a female coach. JS reported not currently but that it would be desirable and is an area for further development and investment for the Colts' and General committees.

MD also added that he had received a message from contacts at another local club commenting on how well the TDCC colts development has been running.

Election of Club Officers

The following nominations for Club officers were received and duly elected unopposed by the AGM, proposed by Mike Dixon, seconded by Chris Dixon and agreed by the AGM.

Chairman: Patrick Kennedy

Hon. Treasurer: Geoff Opie

Hon. Secretary: Geoff Dryden

Club Captain: Andy Lessiter

Sat 1st XI Captain: Jonny Annable

Head of Colts: Jonathan Sealy

Child Welfare Officer: **Vacant**

The following non-elected officers were appointed.

Fixture Secretary: Oliver Park

Bar Manager: Mike Dixon

Website Co-ordinator: Gavin Stern

Amenities Manager: Chaz Dixon

Deputy Head of Colts: Jon Buckley

Colts Membership Secretary: Fiona Rasenberg

Senior Players / Social Membership Secretary: Jilesh Patel

The position of Welfare Officer remained vacant. SF spoke about the relevance of the role and the essential requirement to ensure it was filled. RC asked if a specification of what the role entails is available, which JS said he could provide.

EH said that some members may not know what individual roles entail, that it may be helpful to clearly define those and offered to help do so.

Club Rules

GD presented suggested changes to update and modernise the Club Rules, with the principal amendment to change the Club's financial year end to 30th September and remove the requirement for a Spring General Meeting to present the Club accounts.

All AGM matters will now be for consideration at a General Meeting to be held between 30th September and 30th November each year.

Acceptance of the amendments was proposed by Chris Dixon, seconded by Sampad Sengupta, and unanimously accepted by the AGM.

Address from the Honorary Treasurer

GO addressed the AGM, noting he had taken over as Treasurer from Paul Carten in January 2020 and the disruption to usual operations due to the subsequent COVID pandemic. As such, income in the 2020 accounts were inevitably reduced by lockdowns and limitations, including the inability to hold a large event like the end of season ball over the past two years.

Despite such difficulties GO reported the Club was able to remain in a healthy financial position. This was in the main thanks to the Club successfully obtaining grants of £10k from both Elmbridge Borough Council and Sport England, and the continued payment of members subscriptions.

Accounts for the nine months to end of September 2021 have been closer to previous years despite the bar not being able to function normally until mid season, since which bar taking have been good. This has overall resulted in net surplus income of £12k after the purchase of a new boiler and television, and completing repayment of the mortgage taken to build the pavilion.

GM asked if the club remained debt free after the additional purchases, which GO confirmed was the case.

PK thanked the committee for the efforts made to keep the Club operating as well as possible in such challenging circumstances. GM added he considers the Club is as well run as ever despite the difficulties that have been faced.

Annual Subscriptions

The following subscription amounts were proposed in the meeting agenda.

Senior Players: £125 if paid by 31st March 2020, £150 from 1st April 2020.

Student Players: £75

Colts Under 5s, 6s and 7s: £120 for families with one playing child

Colts Under 8s to Under 16s: £150 for families with one playing child

£75 for each additional playing child in any age groups.

Social: £30 individual membership, £50 for couples.

FP and MD questioned the rationale of increasing subscriptions when the Club have a healthy bank balance and operating surplus.

JS explained this was to ensure the Club can cover planned expenditure for the coming year, pointing out that the account balance was with the benefit of the £20k received in one-off grants.

JB stated the need to be able to service the development of the Colts successfully with more coaches and pitches required while the cost of both has increased and is expected to continue to do so.

Following a lengthy discussion the AGM agreed a suggestion for AL to follow up with the Club Membership to canvass opinion and agree an appropriate level subscriptions. If not agreed through that discussion a Special General Meeting may be required.

Any Other Business:

OP asked if the Club had plans to have both a Womens' team and a permanent second ground. SF replied these are both important matters for the Club but are of a scale that they would need to be managed as individual medium term projects rather than by the usual function of the General Committee.

DK said that Colts' may not understand the progression from their sides into the senior teams. AL replied that senior team captains would attend older Colts' training, and encourage them to join senior training. DH added it would be helpful for the 'senior Colts' to attend younger age group training to help them understand the development into playing in the senior teams.

MD asked what the terms of the new lease on the Green would be, suggesting running a football team at the far end. PK explained the conditions and that this could be possible.

Meeting Closed:

2.01 pm