

# ABERDEEN EVENING CRICKET LEAGUE

## *Annual General Meeting 2005 - Minutes*

The A.G.M was held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at Mannofield (6.30p.m.).

<b>Present:</b>	John MacKenzie	Inn at the Park (AECL Secretary /Treasurer) *
	Stephen Hall	MCC (also AECL www focal point)
	Stuart Clark	Toco Sport
	Chris Bell	ChevTex
	Matthew Hays	The Gardeners
	Mike Shepherd	Dutchmill
	Andy Swan	Dutchmill
	Richard Hewison	MCC
	Grant Jamieson	Grammar 98
	Kieran Findlay	Grammar 98
	Philip Grant	Grammar 98
	Chris Watson	Ellon
	Jim Stephen	St Ronald
	Gordon Millar	Crescent

\* Originator of Minutes

### **1. Apologies.**

Hugh Stewart  
Peter Hope (post AGM)  
Kenny Hood

### **2. Minutes.**

The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were reviewed and accepted.

### **3. Reports and Accounts.**

- a) **President's Report.** General report presented by Mike Shepherd. Review of last season.
- b) **Secretary's Report.** No major problems had been reported to the Secretary in 2004. He thanked Stephen Hall for his efforts in setting up the AECL website and all teams for ensuring results were received in time for inclusion in Thursday's P&J. The position of the League with regards to insurance was re-iterated (see below).
- c) **Treasurer's Report.** Accounts were submitted and accepted by the Committee. Cash in hand as of 31-12-04 was £149-78. The Treasurer made all aware that money could be spent (see below). It was noted that a number of subscriptions are still to be collected from last year.

### **4. Elections**

- a) **President:** Mike Shepherd (Unopposed)
- b) **Secretary/Treasurer:** John MacKenzie (Unopposed)
- c) **Committee:** Chris Watson, Grant Jamieson & Stuart Clark (replacing Peter Hope)

## 5. Membership Changes

Two additional teams are joining the league this year, Crescent and Grammar 98.

Woodside will now be known as St Ronald.

## 6. Competitions

There would be one league in 2005 consisting of 12 teams. The league would commence on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2005 with the Oxy Cup final being played at Mannofield provisionally on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2005 (to be confirmed closer to the time).

The Oxy Cup would be straight knockout with one preliminary round.

## 7. Matters Arising

- Aberdeen Leisure had not approached the Secretary regarding unpaid fees.
- Preliminary bookings had already been made throughout the summer for 4 pitches (excluding Mannofield). Start date is 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- The procedure for pitch payment was unchanged, but latest information was that fees were likely to increase by 5% over the previous year. Actual prices would be sent out to each club when available.
- Unless information is provided to the Secretary by Matthew Hays (Gardeners) in the next few weeks, it will be assumed that Mannofield is available each Tuesday night throughout the summer.
- Grant Jamieson will investigate whether Grammar 98 can play all their matches at Rubislaw. If not, it was agreed that two matches will be played at the Links.
- A suggestion was tabled to settle rain-interrupted matches by way of a bowl out on the night; the advantage being that this would avoid having to re-arrange the match to a later date. It was concluded that this would not be introduced, the main reason being that this could introduce an imbalance to the league table. The Rules for 2005 would be unchanged from the previous year (1 point each unless both teams agree to play the match before the end of the season).
- The Secretary explained that the AECL is self-funding (income greater than expenditure each year). The current cash in hand after collecting subscriptions is circa £200 and this money can be put towards an activity that benefits the league. Suggestions are to be made to the Secretary.
- A number of subscriptions remain unpaid from the previous season. The Secretary will collect this as the season progresses.
- It is understood that cricket pitch 4 at Duthie Park (DP4) will be unavailable following a Risk Assessment by the Council. This should not affect the AECL.
- The Secretary has been asked to investigate options for providing Public Liability Insurance. The options include a policy that covers the league as a whole, as well as for individual clubs. Information will be provided when available.
- A more appropriate domain for the AECL website will be sourced by Stephen Hall (address currently uses the Portcullis site). This is a low cost item and agreement was given to go ahead and finalise. The Secretary to re-inburse Stephen once registered.
- Matthew Hays (Gardeners) to confirm whether an automated telephone service will be available at Mannofield to provide details of possible match cancellations etc. If not available, teams should contact Mannofield Groundsman, Ken McCurdy (see contacts sheet) as normal.

- It was agreed that all results should continue to be printed in the P&J on a Thursday.

**8. A.O.B.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.