

ABERDEEN EVENING CRICKET LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting 2008 - Minutes

The A.G.M was held on Tuesday 8th April 2008 at Mannofield (6.30p.m.).

Present:	John MacKenzie	Inn at the Park (AECL Secretary /Treasurer) *
	Mike Shepherd	Dutchmill (AECL President)
	Stephen Hall	MCC (also AECL www focal point)
	Chris Bell	Chevron
	Luigi Govil	Grammar 98
	Chris Law	Grammar 98
	Guneet Singh	DeC Rebels
	Sahil Minocha	DeC Rebels
	Mudassar Kazi	Inn at the Park
	Bill Caffyn	Inn at the Park
	Peter Hope	ATSSC

* Originator of Minutes

1. Apologies.

Hugh Stewart	Caledonian
Syd Stephen	ATSSC
Ross Wade	Ellon
James Williams	Grammar Hockey

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 summarising last season.
- b) **Secretary's Report.** John MacKenzie thanked Stephen Hall for his continued efforts with the AECL website. All outstanding pitch fees from last season (in excess of £500) have now been settled with Aberdeen City Council. AECL results will only be accessible on the AECL website (no longer in the P&J). The procedure for the payment of pitches will be revised for season 2008 (see below).
- c) **Treasurer's Report.** Cash in hand as of 31-12-07 was £184.15.

A number of subscriptions (£75.00) remain uncollected from last season. The AECL bank account details have been updated over the winter. General outgoings increased in 2007 due to the inclusion of two new awards (tankards for Batsman and Bowler of the Year and associated engraving).

4. Elections

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

5. Membership Changes

Toco Sport has withdrawn from the AECL and will be replaced by Grammar Hockey.

6. Competitions

There will be one league in 2008 consisting of 12 teams. The league will commence on 6th May 2008 with the Oxy Cup final being played at Mannofield provisionally on 12th August (to be confirmed with Aberdeenshire CC closer to the time).

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

7. Main Matters Arising

- The Aberdeen Evening Cricket League (AECL) procedure for the payment of pitches will be revised for season 2008 following consultation with Aberdeen City Council. The League will no longer identify a 'Home Team' responsible for paying the full pitch fee directly to Aberdeen City Council. Each team will be responsible for paying 50% of the pitch fee directly to Aberdeen City Council prior to the match. All pitches (including Sheddocksley) will be covered by the new procedure.
- The pitch fee would increase by 10% to £17.20 for 2008 (£8.60 per team per night). The Secretary is still to receive feedback from Aberdeen City Council on the proposal of a separate fee for an Evening League fixture.
- All present at the AGM endorsed the proposal from Mudassar Kazi and Bill Caffyn of IATP to once again allow IATP to play all their matches at Duthie Park. This is due to the Hotel providing sandwiches for the team and their opponents each Tuesday.
- The Rules for 2008 to be updated that in the event of a tied match in the Oxy Cup competition a bowl out must take place on the night. The bowl out will consist of 10 balls per side; 2 balls per bowler.
- An acknowledgment of 'fair play' will be introduced this year and announced at the end of season prize giving (no prize). Each team will be invited to nominate the opposing team that in their opinion showed the best behaviours / sportsmanship over the course of the season.
- All teams are expected to give regular AECL players every opportunity to play in the Oxy Cup competition and in particular the Oxy Cup Final at Mannofield. The 'About Us' section of the AECL website will be updated to reflect this expectation.
- The Secretary at the next Cricket User's meeting will highlight concerns raised over the standard of pitches at the Shed.
- The Secretary confirmed that an insurance policy that covers the league as a whole was not practical. Clubs participating in the Aberdeen Evening Cricket League do so absolutely at their own risk. The AECL cannot accept any responsibility for any loss, damage or injury caused by participation in the league. Clubs may wish to take out insurance to cover them for any losses

8. A.O.B.

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