

ABERDEEN EVENING CRICKET LEAGUE

Annual General Meeting 2009 - Minutes

The A.G.M was held on Wednesday 16th March 2009 at Mannofield (6.30p.m.).

Present:	John MacKenzie	Inn at the Park CC (AECL Secretary /Treasurer) *
	Mike Shepherd	Dutchmill CC (AECL President) **
	Chris Bell	Chevron CC
	Grant Jamieson	Grammar 98 CC
	James Williams	Gentleman Players of Rubislaw CC
	Simon Tomkins	Gentleman Players of Rubislaw CC
	Will Anderson	Aberdeen University CC
	Rene Van Oorschot	Aberdeen University CC
	Guneet Singh	DeC Rebels CC
	Chris Watson	Ellon CC
	Phil Gill	Legends CC
	Richard Gravenstede	Caledonian CC
	Selladurai Nallathambi	Knightriders CC
	Venugopal Ganganeni	Knightriders CC
	Krishna Gundala	Knightriders CC
	Nirmal Asokan	Knightriders CC
	Tarun Dureja	Dare Devils CC
	Rahul Narula	Dare Devils CC
	Chetan Aggarwal	Dare Devils CC
	Dinesh Yadav	Dare Devils CC

* Originator of Minutes

** Minutes checked by

1. Apologies.

Syd Stephen	ATSSC
Ross Wade	Ellon CC
Mush Kazi	Inn at the Park CC
Bill Caffyn	Inn at the Park CC
Kenny Hood	MCC
Stephen Hall	MCC
Jim Stephen	St Ronald CC

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 the on-field events of last season.

League Winners – Inn at the Park
Oxy Cup Winners – St Ronald
Batsman of the Year - Martyn Budd (Grammar Hockey)
Bowler of the Year - Rahul (DeC Rebels)
Oxy Cup Final MOTM - Gaurav (St Ronald)

b) Secretary's Report.

The Secretary thanked all clubs for continuing to report the results (results@aecl.org.uk) in a timely fashion.

A 'Spirit of the Game' guidance document specifically for the AECL was developed by the Secretary and reviewed by the Committee / President. This would be adopted for the forthcoming season and referenced within the AECL Rules.

Feedback received from Aberdeen Council is that the new AECL cricket pitch payment procedure is working well. Still await confirmation of the revised pitch fee for 2009.

The rule that allows postponed matches to be rescheduled before the end of the season requires to be revisited given the unfortunate ending to the 2009 league campaign (Inn at the Park securing the title by playing one match more than the DeC Rebels). Given the nature of the league, some of the AECL Rules appear past their sell by date and require revision.

For the first time in 12 years, the Oxy Cup final (traditionally the last match of the season) was relocated from Mannofield to Duthie Park at the eleventh hour due to Mannofield being unplayable. This was very unfortunate for the teams involved. To provide every opportunity that the final is played at Mannofield each year, the secretary proposed that the final be scheduled a number of weeks before the end of the league fixtures, thus providing the opportunity to reschedule at Mannofield before the end of the season. The Secretary thanked Ian Goodenough and Chris Watson for being neutral umpires at the Cup Final.

The website appeared to be working well with no problems.

c) Treasurer's Report. Cash in hand as of 31-12-08 was £204.15.

A few subscriptions (£25.00) remain uncollected from last season.

4. Elections

a) President: Mike Shepherd (Unopposed)

b) Secretary/Treasurer: John MacKenzie (Unopposed)

c) Committee: Chris Watson, Grant Jamieson & James Williams (replacing Mudassar Kazi)

5. Membership Changes

Methlick withdrew from the AECL. The Legends, Knightriders, Dare Devils and Aberdeen University were accepted into the league, making a league of 15 for 2009. All four new teams confirmed they had sufficient players to compete throughout the season.

Grammar Hockey will now be called 'Gentleman Players of Rubislaw'

The Legends will play all their matches at Allan Park, Cults. Phil Gill confirmed that there would be no pitch fee to pay for opposing teams and that the opposition were invited to the Bieldside Inn for after match refreshments.

Aberdeen University fully expect to be able to play all their matches on the artificial wicket at Kings College. The Secretary will be informed once confirmation is received.

6. Cricket pitches

There were no concerns regarding the number of pitches available. With 7 matches taking place each evening, the introduction of Allan Park and Kings College meant that only one pitch would be required

at Sheddocksley. Two pitches at Sheddocksley would be required on two occasions when the Legends or Aberdeen University had no fixture.

7. League and Cup Competitions

Given the increase in teams in the AECL to 15, the Secretary presented a League / Cup fixtures schedule that showed that it would still be possible to operate a single league within the time constraints of the season. This involved:

- Starting the league campaign on Tuesday 28th April and finishing on Tuesday 11th August.
- Starting matches earlier in April / early May
- The first round of the Oxy Cup being a league / Cup double header
- Oxy Cup Semi finals and Final not taking place on a Tuesday
- Oxy Cup Final in late July to allow for rescheduling at Mannofield (if required) before the end of the season.
- Separate presentation for League Trophy and League Batsman / Bowler of the Year Awards.

The Oxy Cup would be straight knockout with one team receiving a bye to the quarterfinal.

Following discussion, all agreed that the proposed format was the best way forward. Any further increase in numbers is likely to result in league reconstruction.

8. Revision to AECL Rules

- Rule 1 will be updated to reference the AECL 'Spirit of the Game' for further clarification on dangerous / unfair bowling and wides.
- Rule 4 will be updated to reflect that the AECL no longer allows abandoned /postponed league fixtures to be rescheduled and played later in the season
- Rule 7 will be updated to make clear that when calculating the margin, a batsperson retiring on 30 will not count as either a wicket taken or lost, unless the team are all out before the completion of their allotted overs.
- Rule 13 will be updated to make clear a four piece ball must be used.

9. Batsman / Bowler of the Year

All teams are encouraged to support these awards each year each and to nominate a club Batsman and Bowler of the Year.

10. AOB

- Neutral umpires will be provided for both Oxy Cup Semi-finals as well as the Final. The suggestion of providing neutral umpires for all league matches using the players of the team sitting out each week was discussed. It was agreed to leave this to the Committee [Post Meeting Note: The Committee agreed not to take this suggestion any further]